

## BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Passing on Our Faith

Text: Psalm 78:1-8 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Introduction: Each generation has memories, stories and values it wants to pass along to the next generation; this especially includes the spiritual values of our faith – and we don't want their faith to be dropped after they leave the home. However, there are some myths about passing on faith to the next generation:

**Myth #1: It happens by osmosis** – that our children and grandchildren will catch our spiritual values by simply being around the parents and the Church. While it is true that values are more caught than taught, if we are not intentional about teaching the WHY behind the value, they may not understand why faith matters. And let's be honest as parents, our children don't always see our best side. They may catch the wrong values displayed in our moments of weakness.

**Myth #2: It's the job of professionals** – that's what the church is for. Some parents and grandparents take themselves out of the game, feeling as if their lack of knowledge or their prior mistakes disqualify them from being the primary spiritual influence in their child's life. However, if you know enough of the Gospel to believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you know enough to begin influencing your children to believe Jesus, too. And the reality is that you are present much more in your child's life than any church leader can hope to be.

**Myth #3: It's not worth the effort.** It is true that adolescence is a season of transition into independence, which can bring "push-back" and rebellion against a parent's wishes. But, we must recognize the long-term impact of allowing a spiritual vacuum to exist in your house. Young adults will struggle to make wise decisions according to God's desires. It is indeed worth the effort. (*The Good Book Blog*, David Keehn, September 10, 2014) So, let's make every effort to pass on our faith to our children and grandchildren. How can we pass on our faith to the next generation? Simply put, by teaching God's Word.

Where would we be today if over the centuries the remnant of Jewish spiritual leaders had not preserved the Scriptures for us! Until the New Testament was completed near the end of the first century, the only Bible the early church had was the Old Testament. It was God's law that each generation of Jewish people pass on God's Word to the next generation and this law applies to us today. As parents, we must teach our children and grandchildren the truths of God. Let's consider five ways to teach the Bible to our children and grandchildren drawn from Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What are the five ways?

- I. We must teach them \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. We must teach them \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. We must teach them \_\_\_\_\_.
- IV. We must teach them \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. We must teach them \_\_\_\_\_.



# Honoring Parents

## Parent Child Dedication

Sunday, June 7, 2020

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

**Parent Child Dedication (10:30 Service)**.....Larry Gipson

*Eleanor Elizabeth Head*

Daughter of Micah & Lauren Head

*Collin James Todd*

Son of Corey & Dixie Todd

**Songs of Praise and Worship**

Worthy of Worship  
I Exalt Thee

**Message in Song**.....Shepard Sargent

This is My Father's World

**Welcome**.....Gary Morgan

**Message in Song**.....Celebration Choir

Build My Life  
Doug Smith, soloist

**Message**.....Larry Gipson

**A Time To Honor**

Passing on Our Faith

Psalm 78:1-8; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

**Time of Commitment**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Closing Comments/Prayer**.....Larry Gipson

**Postlude**.....Celebration Band

Worthy of Worship

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

are in memory of Dr. Charles Payton  
placed by Anne Payton and Family

**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Scripture for the week of **June 7-June 13**

1 Kings 5:6-8:2, 2 Chronicles 2-7, Proverbs 16-24, and Psalm 136

**SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION TRIP**

We are taking a group to Chanku Waste Ranch on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota July 24-August 2. If you are interested, there will be an informational meeting **today** immediately after the 10:30 service in the fellowship hall. See Bro. Larry for more information.

**GRASS MOWING**

If you would like to volunteer to help mow the grass around the church property, please call the church office or email Andrea at [andrea@oneontafbc.org](mailto:andrea@oneontafbc.org). A weekly schedule will be created.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING**

Thank you for giving \$1,762.70 to the Alms and Benevolent Funds.  
Your faithfulness is appreciated!

**THANK YOU NOTES**

have been received and placed on the bulletin board from Carolyn Mitchell and Ernie, Renay, Erin, & Nathan Carroll.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS**

If you are planning to attend Samford University this fall and are a member of FBC, you could be a recipient of the Armstrong Memorial Scholarship.

Applications are available in the church office. Entry deadline is June 19, 2020.

**COFFEE CUPS**

There are First Baptist coffee cups on the table outside the office. Feel free to take one. Donations are appreciated and may be placed in the box on the table.