



**b) That we know Him.**

We need (desperately) to develop a relationship with Him.

Folks, absolutely no pressure here, but how you express such things as Unconditional Love, Forgiveness, Grace, and Faithfulness (commitment, loyalty, stick-with-it-ness) is exactly how your children and the unchurched around you will view Jesus in their own lives.

Why is it that we are producing a generation that is abandoning the Church? Could it be because they have not seen a connection between "church going parents" and "Christ loving parents?"

Don't fall victim of giving your children the "God shot." You know what a Flu shot is – a small amount of the flu virus is injected into the body to build up immunity to the real thing. We expose our kids to small amounts of God on Sunday but they see little of our relationship with God Monday through Saturday. What we may be doing is, instead of giving them a full dose so they really "get it," perhaps we are immunizing them against it. Perhaps we need personal devotions as well as family devotions.

**3) ... Right Lessons are learned. (verses 6-9)**

Your home needs to be your children's primary classroom. Not Sunday School and certainly not public school. Our homes are to be where children learn the life lessons of compassion, forgiveness, acceptance, and love. Our homes are to be where they learn how to use Godly control more than the remote control.

If our children are to learn how to function successfully in society we must lead them through three life lessons:

**a) Parental control.**

Parental Control - Teaching kids what to do. Today there is a style of parenting that concerns me. It's the style of "choice" where children are given various options and they have the power to choose which they think is best. Really? And people think that's a good idea? Rather than giving clear direction on what is right and what is wrong, choices that may or may not be good are given to children and they have the authority to choose what they want. To me it should be called "Behavioral Roulette."

How about Moms and Dads try this choice: Tell your children "do as I say or suffer the consequences." Well, you're still giving them a choice, aren't you?

Moses said "teach these [words] diligently to your children. The words were to love the Lord with all your heart, soul and strength. It's a command – not a suggestion. Anything less would lead to dire consequences, ultimately death.

**b) Self control.**

Let's talk about Self-control for a moment. Our society is characterized by self-gratification and immediate gratification. These are not elements of self-control. Here are some thoughts:

- \* Teach your children self-control and it will keep them from Police Control.
- \* Teach them how to be a God Pleaser and they won't be so inclined to Peer Pressure.
- \* By the way, while you teach them Self Control, go ahead and teach them the other 8 traits of fruit from Galatians 5 that exemplify a Spirit Filled life: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness Goodness, Faithfulness and Gentleness.

**c) God control.**

God Control means yielding themselves to the Lordship (ownership) of Christ in their lives. Parents, when say that they don't want to impose their beliefs on their children, in effect, they are saying:

1. What parents believe is not significant enough to make for a life changing experience in the hearts of their children.

2. Faith in God is optional and therefore not necessary in consideration for the eternal state of their children.

God instructed the Hebrews in Deuteronomy to "Teach them," that is, to influence your children in such a way that they can make the only right choice for themselves in their lives.

It's like when Paul admonished the Roman church in Romans 12, to present themselves to God as a "living sacrifice." Think about that for a moment. A sacrificial lamb is captured, killed, and is offered as a sacrifice. Once that lamb has been caught, in effect, it no longer has control over itself. Yet it now will be used for the highest purpose of all, the worship of God Almighty. We are to be "living sacrifices." Once we are caught with the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we no longer have control over ourselves. We are now to be used for the highest purpose of all, the worship of God Almighty. Scripture teaches that you can't really find yourself until you've lost yourself fully in the fullness of who He is. The bottom line: It's only when you give control of your life to God, do you really gain control of your life.

### **Conclusion**

At the Lane home we do not have cable or dish, but we do have the internet. Recently Ellen and I have been watching an HGTV show on Netflix called "Fixer Upper" with husband-and-wife team Chip and Joanna Gaines. If you've not seen the show, He's a real estate and construction pro who knows how to turn an affordable but "blah" house into a sparkling gem, and she's a designer with an eye for shabby chic flea-market finds. Together, they own and operate Magnolia Homes — while raising four children. If you haven't already, you might want to watch Chip and Joanna help families purchase and renovate their dream homes into heartwarming masterpieces.

Couples, parents, parents to be, single mom's and dad's, empty nesters, the message for today is do not despair. If a carpenter can take a dilapidated house and raise it up again, don't you think that Jesus Christ, the Lord of all life, can take a dysfunctional home and completely re-construct it?

He is, after all, the Master Builder and Chief Cornerstone. Let's Pray.

### ***Be A Family Fixer Upper!***

## ***The Eternal Kiss***

What is the most powerful institution on earth? It's not the United State Congress or the Supreme Court for that matter. And it isn't the Presidency, the World Court or the United Nations.

Although such institutions are singularly powerful and no one individual would ever wish to come up against any of them alone, there is no man-made institution more powerful than the first institution created and the one that has remained with us for the longest — the family.

When God created the family He did so with purpose and plan. This was not to be an institution that would last for some time; it would be an institution that would last for all time. Able to withstand the mightiest pressures of economics, politics and society, like a cedar planted on Lebanon's hills, it had to be enduring, a bulwark of strength and a bastion of security. God had a plan when He blessed Adam and Eve with children and that plan did not include failure.

What is it that empowers the institution of the family and perpetuates it? Is it something more than a divine idea? Is there a tangible force within it that both confirms and enables it?

At age 16 Andor Foldes was already a skilled pianist, but he was experiencing a troubled year. In the midst of the young Hungarian's personal struggles, one of the most renowned pianists of the day came to Budapest. Emil von Sauer was famous not only for his abilities; he

was also the last surviving pupil of the great Franz Liszt. Von Sauer requested that Foldes play for him. Foldes obliged with some of the most difficult works of Bach, Beethoven, and Schumann. When he finished, von Sauer walked over to him and kissed him on the forehead. "My son," he said, "when I was your age I became a student of Liszt. He kissed me on the forehead after my first lesson, saying, 'Take good care of this kiss--it comes from Beethoven, who gave it to me after hearing me play.' I have waited for years to pass on this sacred heritage, but now I feel you deserve it." (Source Unknown)

In Genesis 27:33-37 the patriarch Isaac bestowed his blessing, his "kiss" upon his son Jacob. It was not a mere act of emotion or of pride. Isaac was passing along something of value, of importance and great power. He was serving as a conduit through which the *Eternal Kiss*, divinely planted on the forehead of our first parents, has passed down from generation to generation. This tangible evidence of God's love, possessing a power that has never been or ever will be equaled upon this earth, dwells within your family and mine. As parents we possess an awesome weapon, one that no institution on earth can equal. We possess the power of the "Eternal Kiss." Now, it is our job to make sure that the power planted within us by our parents is passed on to our children and the next generation. It all began with a kiss and so it continues with us. Just a simple kiss.

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan

## Opportunities For Service

### Living out Your Spiritual Commitment... and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

#### Sunday, May 15, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough, Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

#### Wednesday, May 18

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

#### Thursday, May 19

O Team..... 6:30 pm

#### Sunday, May 22, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel, Ken Kirkpatrick, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

#### Wednesday, May 25

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study .....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

#### Thursday, May 26

W Team.....6:30 pm

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**May 15 — Business Meeting and Luncheon at Noon**

— Food Pantry Collection Day

**May 22 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**May 23 — Sunday School Workers Meeting 6:30 pm**

**May 30 — Memorial Day**

**June 8 —12 Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip**

**GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Nights**

We will have Sunday Evening Service here tonight. Plan to attend!

**Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

**Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting  
Today, May 15  
at Noon**

Please plan to attend and fellowship with us as we conduct the business of the church.

***Funeral Dinner List Update***

We are needing an updated list of those who can help by preparing food for any funeral dinners that we host here at the church. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

**Diversicare  
Nursing Home  
May 22, 2016 at  
2:30 pm**

Please join us as we minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

Sunday School  
Workers Meeting  
Monday, May 23  
6:30 pm

Today is....

## Food Pantry Collection Day!

You may place your non-perishable items in the basket in the hallway at any time.

Thank You!

### *For the Record-*

#### Attendance: May 8, 2016

Sunday School.....	47
Visitors.....	1
Total.....	48
Contacts Made.....	6
Morning Worship.....	73
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Sunday Night .....	N/A
Wednesday Night .....	N/A

#### Financial Record:

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 2,669.00

#### Offering Received by Mail:

#### May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

#### May Van Driver:

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am if you need a ride.

#### May Member Birthdays:

03... Vicki Long  
11... Hannah Schottel  
12... Rev. A. B. Brown  
17... Arlette Duty  
20... Pam Eldredge  
20... Erin Molloy

20... Mike Green  
26... Isaac Waters

## **May Anniversaries**

**Russ and Nancy McCamy**  
May 22, 1982

**Tim and Joyce Izer**  
May 24, 1975

## ***Prayer Requests ...***

Joyce and Tim Izer—pray for healing  
Robbie Hutcherson, Loleta's son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter  
Pat Puckett—strength  
Mike Green—recovery  
David Schottel—recovery  
Ken Nice—surgery recovery  
Alicia McKinnon—healing  
LoLeta Middleton—eye infection  
Maxine and George Ferbert  
Betty Anslinger—surgery recovery  
Sue Higgins—regain strength  
Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew  
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—  
    Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law  
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sisters  
Grant Schottel—advanced training  
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister  
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew  
Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health  
Bob Barquist           Kathryn Beavers  
Louanne Laurence   Keon McKahan  
Allen Jennings       Ann Riddle  
Jim Winans           Jozy Winans  
Nellie Reynolds      Leona Reynolds  
Kevin Duty           Kenny Duty  
Madeline Swink      Bobby Griswold  
Bill Haskins          Debbie Sands  
Brenda Burgess      Judy Anderson  
Carolyn Houts        Roscoe Lane  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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## **Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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## **Five More New Families...**

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