



DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter July 7, 2017

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Mentors

Dear Friends,

Over the past few days it seems like the topic of mentors has come up again and again in conversation. A mentor is an experienced and trusted advisor – someone who can counsel you in a particular area of life. In my own life I have often sought out others to mentor me in various areas – family life, ministry, personal health, music, etc. Mentorship is not something that one typically seeks out. Rather, it is something for which a person is chosen. I, for example, might ask someone to mentor me in a particular area. Sometimes a mentor relationship simply develops over a period of time. One day I might come to realization – “Oh – they are my mentor!”

We all need support in achieving our various life goals. Perhaps our goal is to be an excellent parent. Perhaps our goal is to be a loving spouse. Perhaps our goal is to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Perhaps our goal is to be a person of honesty and integrity. Or maybe our goal is something more specific like running a 5-K or saving \$1000. There are people who have been there before who can help guide us in our pursuits.

Our children need to see that we have mentors. This will enable them to be more open to the idea of having a mentor in their own life. The church is a great place to seek out and shape these relationships. We have an instant community in the Body of Christ but our relationships won't take shape without some effort on our part. Why not pray this week about the goals that God would lead you to and the people that God might bring into your life to help mentor you towards achieving those life goals.

To God be the Glory!

Robert

UPCOMING STUFF—SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School

VBS is July 10–13. The church will be filled with over 140 children and lots of youth and adult helpers. Please keep everyone in prayer as we enjoy this wonderful week together!

Summer Sunday Sundaes

7:00pm on the Gwen Appleyard Patio
(outside of the Student Center— RAIN PLAN—Student Center)

BRING YOUR HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SPECIALTIES

WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE ICE CREAM
The Fellowship Ministry will provide toppings and drinks!

SUNDAYS: July 16th, and 30th

Partner With us in Nicaragua and Kenya

Our Kenya Team is preparing to travel July 13–25. If you would like to follow our Travel Blog, sign up at <https://dcpcmissions.shutterfly.com>. Contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org if you have questions. As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

- **Kenya Team Members:** Anne Alexander, Robert Alexander, Alice Bragg, Catherine Bragg, Kyra Hurst, Paisley Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Claire Melton, Franny Millen, Pat Millen, Mark Muchane, Mary Muchane, Mur Muchane, Al Sudduth
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HABITAT – next DCPC work day is July 29th!!

Things are going smoothly at 9915 Psalms Street in Cornelius. Homeowner Fabiola and her four children will be thrilled when they move into their new home. Come join us to help make this dream a reality. **All those age 14 and up** are encouraged to help.

Please click the following link to sign up for one of our work days – <https://volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.asp?o=138>. If you would like to make a donation toward the house – write Habitat House in the memo line of your check or in your online gift. Thank you for your generosity.



If there are concerns or joys that you would like to have listed here please email me at ralexander@dcpc.org so that we might keep one another in prayer.

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