



DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter October 13, 2017

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Letter from Robert

Time Keeps on Ticking

Dear Friends,

I don't know whether you like the Steve Miller Band or not. I have often puzzled over their song lyric "Time keeps on slippin'...into the future." I worry more about time slipping into the past! Especially with my children. As our DCPC Preschool Director and church member Kristin Clark always says - "The days may seem long but the years are short! I mean, hey, we only have so much time - 525, 600 minutes each year! (OK - another music reference).

In this week's chapter of [Parenting Beyond Your Capacity](#) we are challenged to think about how we use our time at home with our children. How much time do we spend on technology? How much time do we spend sleeping? How much time do we spend focusing on sports? How much time do we spend in the car? How much time do we spend in meaningful conversations? How much time do we spend arguing? How much time do we

spend at the table? How much time do we spend with God and in focusing our energies on the things of God?

We are challenged to be intentional about creating a rhythm in our family life that includes focusing time on the things of God. What would it look like for God to be a part of your family's regular daily/weekly rhythm? In the chapter, the authors look at a teaching of Moses from Deuteronomy where parents are encouraged to speak of God when you wake up in the morning, when you are the table, when you are traveling, and when you go to bed. Those things are part of every family's rhythm. What would it look like to be intentional about inviting God to be a part of those times? There are some great practical suggestions in the chapter for us to consider!

Join us Sunday evenings at 5:30 in the DCPC Parlor for **Parent's Group** where we have space to share with one another, challenge one another, and join together in our journey of parenting. Hope to see you there!

To God be the Glory!

Robert

UPCOMING STUFF-SAVE THE DATE!

Faith Building Opportunities

Blythe Partnership

One child. One hour. Once a week. These are the key components of the North Star Reading program at Blythe Elementary, Blythe needs 42 tutors who are willing to commit one hour a week to helping second graders improve reading skills. Reading is a system-wide emphasis this year, based on the knowledge that without reading skills, not much other learning is possible.

If you can commit one hour a week to the life and success of a Blythe second grader, please contact Rosemary Klein at klein924@earthlink.net or 704-439-7864 or Catherine Bragg at catherinebragg68@gmail.com or 704-617-9905.

CROP HUNGER WALK-Charlotte, NC-October 14th

We are leaving the Congregation House at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning to go to Charlotte and walk the 4.1 miles with hundreds of other people. Hope to see you there!

Day of Service-November 4th

[**CLICK HERE**](#) for our Day of Service Sign-up Genius. The best way to make a difference is to do something!! So sign up and come help us! We are still in need of some **Project Leaders**. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org.

Join us for Wednesday Night Live!

Our midweek programs are off to a great start! Join us each **Wednesday for Kid's Club, Children's Choirs, and Wednesday Night Live Dinners and Devotion!** It is a great way to spend your Wednesday evening. This year, children of all ages can benefit from [**homework help**](#) from Davidson College Students. [**CLICK HERE**](#) to RSVP for dinner! We can't wait to get started! See you then!

Stephen Ministry is for FAMILIES too!

Parenting can be a lonely and difficult job. There are sleepless nights, sticky messes, constant requests, endless meals, schedules to keep, and high expectations. The daily work of parenting is often coupled with additional challenging circumstances: a job loss, death or illness in the family, additional pressure from work, a traveling spouse, a new baby, financial stress, or general anxiety. Whatever your circumstances, if you'd appreciate someone to journey with you for a bit (you decide how long), DCPC Stephen Ministers are ready to offer confidential, Christian, one-to-one support (men with men, women with women). Would some encouragement or listening make a difference for you? Email stephenministry@dcpc.org or talk to a pastor for additional information.



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

Jennifer Holden and family – Jennifer's father, Steve Hager, recently passed away. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Harry and Mary Jo Johnson – The Johnson's are friends of Barrett and Astri Kollme. The Johnson's daughter, Katie (age 22) died unexpectedly of an epileptic seizure this past week. Prayers for this family are appreciated.

Lee Martin – Lee is the brother of Jon Martin. Lee is undergoing another round of chemotherapy.

Congratulations to Alex and Kelly Schneider on the birth of their son Wesley Scott Schneider on September 13th. Kelly is the daughter of Marty and Lynn Metzker.

Congratulations to Kevin and Lindsey Price on the birth of their son Grayson Lee Price on September 26th.

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