



DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter September 29, 2017

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Letter from Robert

The Main Thing

Dear Friends,

You may remember that scene from the movie *City Slickers* when Billy Crystal's character Mitch talks to Curly (played by the late Jack Palance) about the "one thing" that is most important in life. If you want a refresher here is a YouTube link to the scene – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOjV_YTSp0I.

Curly tells Mitch that the secret to life is "one thing." Then he proceeds to tell him that he has to figure out what that one thing is. By the end of the movie, Mitch figures it out. The movie is about priorities and focus in life. That is something that we all think about. We are so distracted by so much that we forget what the most important things are and we waste our time and energy and resources on things that don't really matter.

Our reformed tradition tells us that the "one thing" is to "know God and enjoy God forever." (Westminster Catechism – Question #1). The message and life of Jesus tells us that the "one thing" is wrapped up in love – Loving God and loving neighbor (Luke 10:27). You might describe it in different terms. This week's chapter from Parenting Beyond Your Capacity invites us to think about what is most important and how to invest our time

and energy in our relationships with our children by leaving a legacy for them that nurtures “the main thing.” We are encouraged to look beyond the moments that can distract and look to the end goal of our children’s lives in order to keep in mind what is most important. Come join the conversation on Sunday evenings in the DCPC Parlor as our Parent’s Group discusses ways to help our children stay focused on “the main thing.”

To God be the Glory!

Robert

UPCOMING STUFF-SAVE THE DATE!

Service 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

Please plan to walk or support walkers on October 14th as they walk in the Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk. Sign up to walk or donate funds to a walker! The 4.1 mile walk goes through the edge of uptown, the Belmont neighborhood and the Greenway. Local agencies benefiting from the walk are Crisis Assistance Ministry, Loaves & Fishes, and Second Harvest Food Bank. There are over 157,000 people in Mecklenburg County who live at or below the poverty level and are at risk of hunger. Please join us as we walk for them. Contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org or Matt Wiggins at mwiggins@dcpc.org if you are interested or would like more information.

Day of Service-November 4th

We are about to go live with our Day of Service Sign-up Genius. 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!



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.

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

Jerry Neal – Jerry is the father of Jay Neal. He has been in the hospital this past week after a fall and has just been moved out of ICU.

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.

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