



DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter April 27, 2018

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Letter from Robert

Promises and Rewards

Dear Friends,

The other night we finished dinner and everyone went off to do their homework or whatever needed to be done. It is actually pretty rare these days that we are all in the house an entire evening at the same time. This particular night we were, so we told our children that if they finished their homework in time we could all watch something together on TV. When that time came around sure enough everyone was there and we watched one of our favorite shows together. What we forgot was that there was still some work to do in the kitchen.

The kitchen hadn't been cleaned before we watched the show. Had it been, I am sure that everyone would have worked together...there would have been no complaining...only motivation. The

promise of something fun following the work is so much better than the work after the reward.

Maybe it works differently for your family but for us it is better to get the work done first and then to enjoy the reward for the work afterwards. Of course this can be applied to many areas of life. It is even an important part of our faith. There are many places where faithful living is rewarded in scripture. One thing that is always there, however, is God's grace and love. That is always a given. It should always be a given in our homes.

So – I invite you to think about how you implement promises and rewards with your own family. Be consistent, be fair, have integrity, work together, and enjoy the rewards together. And no matter what – make sure that love is always there – not as a reward – just as a given foundation. This helps create and maintain a healthy family. Enjoy!

To God be the Glory!

Robert

UPCOMING STUFF

Youth Sunday–This Sunday

Our youth have been hard at work preparing to lead us in worship. Both 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will be held in the Sanctuary and will be led by the youth. The 8:30 service, led by the pastors, will be in Lingle Chapel. Please join us for worship this Sunday.

CAMPING ANYONE??

There are two opportunities here. First of all – on May 19th – we are considering renting Fellowship Point for one night for anyone who wants to camp. There would be a small fee and depending on the group size, opportunity for a group meal, campfire, etc. On Sunday, everyone is invited out to worship at 10:30. Our worship will be followed with a picnic

under the pavilion. I need to know how many are interested in camping to know whether it is worthwhile to rent the space. Please let me ([Robert](#)) know if you are interested ASAP!

The second opportunity is for a family camping trip away from the Lake Norman Area. I am looking for interested persons who might like to help plan/organize this. If you are interested, please let me know and we will put a small group together to organize it. Thank you.

Mission Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity – DCPC House! – Join us for a Habitat work day this spring! Our last two work days are May 5 and May 19. This is a great chance for parents and children to work together – especially on days when we paint or landscape. Volunteer work days are from 7:45 am until 1:00 pm. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=138>. Once you log in, you will be able to go to the column for 9814 Psalms and select the dates you want to help. You will also be able to see the type of work that is scheduled for each work day. Join us!

Loaves & Fishes

Would your family like to help with our food collection at DCPC once a month for Loaves & Fishes? If you are looking for a fun and easy way to serve that everyone in the family can participate in, this might be for you. Contact Robert Alexander for more info.



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.

Nick Dombalis – Nick is the stepfather of Holli Myers and has recently had a bone marrow transplant.

Margaret Jones – Margaret is the mother of Kelly Pharr. She is undergoing cancer treatment.

Glenn Mayhorn – Glenn is the father of Missy Martin who is under hospice care.

Family of Nichols (Nick) Joseph Melton – Nick died this past week following complications from a stroke. He is the father of Joe Melton. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Jeff Osman – We continue to pray for Jeff and his family as he awaits a possible liver transplant.

Sheila Spack – Sheila is the mother of Steve Chaffin. She is hospitalized with several health concerns.

Mark Tevepaugh – Please pray for Mark as he recovers from surgery and goes through treatment for prostate cancer.

Family of Bart Tritch – Bart is Rachel Lewis' brother. Bart died this past week following an extended illness. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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