

## HOUSE FOR SALE

"This house," said the real estate salesman, "has both its good points and its bad points. To show you I'm honest, I'm going to tell you about both. The disadvantages are that there is a chemical plant one block south and a slaughter house a block north."

"What are the advantages to the house, then?" inquired the prospective buyer.

"The advantage is that you will always be able to tell which way the wind is blowing."



## A FATHER'S HOPE

Taking his daughter to the park for a summer program, a doctor let his daughter look at his stethoscope. The little girl picked it up and began playing with it. This thrilled her dad who thought, 'perhaps one day she will follow in my footsteps and become a doctor'.

But then he heard her as she spoke into the instrument: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

## FIFTY CENTS

A little girl asked her mother for fifty cents to give to an old lady in the park. Her mother was touched by the child's kindness and gave her the required sum.

"There you are," said the mother. "But tell me, isn't the lady able to work anymore?"

"Oh, yes," came the reply. "She sells candy."

## THE WATCH

A young boy had been begging his dad for a new watch. He father finally demanded, "I don't want to hear anything more about you having a new watch!"

At family devotions that evening, each family member shared a Bible verse. The boy read Mark 13:37: "And what I say to you I say to all; Watch."

## CHILDREN BRIGHTEN A HOME

It's often been suggested that there is nothing to brighten a home more than children. It turns out that it is true: they never turn the lights out!

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**Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!**



**"I tell you again, seek Jesus and you shall find Him"**



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"Children are a heritage from the LORD."  
Psalm 127:3)

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## Faith's Journey

A ship sails on the vast blue sea,  
Guided by faith, as strong as can be.  
Through storms and waves, it finds  
its way,  
For God's light shines, come what  
may.

Anchor your heart, in faith so true,  
God's love and promise will see you  
through.

Trust in Him, with all your might,  
And your path will always be bright.

Young sailors of faith, heed this call,  
With God as your captain, you won't  
fall.

Embrace the journey, with the  
wind's soft kiss,  
For with faith, life is pure bliss.

~ Maya Anthony



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**Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Services.**

**20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario**

**Thot:** "The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home."

~ William Temple

## AGAINST THE ODDS

After a long, enjoyable, evening of conversation, a gentleman looked over at his companion and said, "I hate to put you out, but I have to get up by 6 a.m. tomorrow to catch a plane." "Goodness gracious," explained the companion, "I perfectly understand, however, before you get ready for bed, perhaps you may want to go home. This is my house!"



Panting and perspiring, two men on a tandem bicycle at last got to the top of a long, steep, hill. "That was a stiff climb," said the first man. "It certainly was," replied the second man. "And if I hadn't kept the brake on, we would have slid down backward!"



### Something to Think About...

*"Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren."* (Deuteronomy 4:9).

Families across Canada are beginning the much-anticipated back-to-school season. This involves a lot of preparation and planning, ensuring children have everything they need to go back to school successfully. From shopping for school supplies to addressing emotional and developmental needs they strive to make this transition smooth and enjoyable for their children.

One critical aspect of back-to-school preparation involves spiritually readying your child for the school year ahead. Even though the summer seems to have just begun, it's not too soon to use each day of our lives to make spiritual deposits in the memory banks of our children, to pass along what we have received from the Lord. Alongside maintaining routines throughout the summer to ensure your child readjusts well to the school rhythm, the inevitable shopping for essential items including new clothes to replace what they've outgrown, addressing their emotional readiness, and prioritizing health checkups and vaccinations before classes begin, parents must prepare their children spiritually for entering into an environment that is perhaps very different than what they experience at home and church.

Someone has said, "If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to". There are two sources of wisdom to which our children and our grandchildren can be led by today. God's Word is the revelation of His wisdom which we all need to know and follow if our lives are to please and glorify Him. However, there's the world's wisdom, which is foolishness with God (see 1 Corinthians 3:19), and though those who follow it will be disappointed and destroyed in the end, it has captivated many and led them from the truth of Christ. What's the difference in being prepared to know God's Word and live according to His wisdom over that of the world's? The late Dr. Roy Zuck, a Christian theologian, educator and

author, explained, "Practicing God's wisdom means you don't just make a living; you make a life."

Not only is this an essential truth in our own lives, we must show our children that we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and strength and take to heart the words we receive from the Lord, repeating them to our children (see Deuteronomy 6:5-7). It's not enough to read the scriptures and to pray, we must include them in our devotional time, pray with them, and teach them to pray and read God's Word. As we build Godly homes we're equipping our children with the armour of God – the Lord Jesus Christ – so that they are fortified as they go out into the world. When God handed down His Word to the Israelites through Moses, they were surrounded by a heathen world, always just one generation away from losing God's blessing. So too it is with the church today. If we don't teach our children, prepare them for what they will encounter as they step into the classrooms, the sports arenas and the skating rinks, they will be ill-prepared for what they will hear and what they will be challenged to accept.

Don't get me wrong; I believe in our children attending school, having an education, enjoying sports and recreational activities with other children in our communities. I don't want them to fear but to be strong in faith and to lovingly share their love for Jesus with their friends. So how can we as loving parents and grandparents best influence our children and grandchildren to trust in the Lord and to live by His wisdom? Moses gives us three precepts to follow: be examples to our children; don't let God's Word slip from our minds and hearts; and remember all that the Lord has done for us in the past, sharing these experiences with them every day. Today, as Christian parents, we also have a powerful tool in our toolbox: the unwavering love and guidance of the Holy Spirit who fills us with God's presence.

Detroit Free Press columnist Bob Talbert said it well, "Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." Though we appreciate the input of our children's teachers and the education system, we must never turn the responsibility of training our children to live in the way they should over to others.

The nation of Israel knew God's wisdom assured them that not only would they succeed in their mission to glorify God, but they would also be witnesses, first to their families, and subsequently to the community.

Wow! What a blessing! Are your children ready for a return to school this fall?

### Mark Your Calendar!

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Communion Sunday

August 4<sup>th</sup> – **Civic Holiday**

**Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.**

**Weekly Prayer** (FBCS Prayer Room)

**Message Series**

**What Jesus Taught Us**

**Each Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

