



## Pastor's Perspective – The Homeschooling of Children

By Dr. Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

“Do you home-school your children?”

Before you answer, let me direct your attention to Proverbs 1:8 —

*Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.*

If the father is an instructor and the mother is a teacher, then I submit to you that the home is a school.

God ordained the family, not just to be fruitful and fill the earth with people, but to fill the earth with people who are instructed and taught in the ways of the Lord. From this verse we see that the home is the place where the next generation is born, and where that next generation learns how to live.

But this kind of life and living does not come naturally.

The sucking reflex comes naturally. The falling reflex comes naturally. The micturition reflex comes naturally. The iris of the eye closes naturally in bright light. The bowels move naturally. We don't have to learn to cry when

hungry—and no one has to teach us how to sin. But that's about it. Almost everything else—from the most basic skills of walking and talking and eating, to the moral actions of courtesy and gratitude and respect and faith in Christ—has to be taught.

The home is God's school for this huge undertaking—teaching the next generation how to live in this world and be ready for the next.

Dads and moms may seek help from others (whether relatives or nannies or daycare or Sunday schools, or day schools or primary schools or secondary schools) in the training of their children, but the responsibility still belongs to the parents—and we parents will give an account to God for how the minds and hearts of our children were shaped and molded by the educators and caregivers we entrusted them to.

Except for one year in Mrs. Walker's Preschool, through high school, our David went to public schools. But in all of those years, it was never lost to Neita or to me that we were homeschooling our son—and that's the way it should be with every parent.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

July 20-24, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Age 3 through Grade 6

If your kids like outer space, then they will love this year's VBS theme, which is “To the Edge: Encountering the God of the Universe.” Each day, they'll learn about the Lord Jesus Christ, and do so in a “stellar” atmosphere of outer space decorations and crafts! We've assembled a dedicated staff of teachers and other workers to help the kids with learning the Bible, singing songs, and playing games.



We encourage you to make this ministry a vital part of your summer family plans. And don't forget to invite others as well! Please pray for this ministry in these days leading up to it.

## Crisis in Nepal

We have all seen the scenes of despair flowing out of Nepal following the earthquake on April 25 and the aftershocks.

You may also recall that Pastor Lindholm traveled to Nepal with Larry and Phil Fogle in 2010. We have received reports that some of the churches where they served were demolished or condemned by the earthquake and after-shocks. Larry reports that "many people from those churches have lost their homes and possessions, and are forced to live without shelter in deplorable conditions."



Many immediate relief needs have been met, but long-term needs remain, and funds are needed to repair and rebuild churches as well. The Fogle's missions agency, Baptist Mid-Missions, has established a World Relief fund to help meet the needs in Nepal. If you wish to participate in this relief effort, checks may be made out to: "Baptist Mid-Missions", and designated to: "World Relief: Earthquake NEPAL". Send to: Baptist Mid-Missions, PO Box 308011, Cleveland OH 44130-8011.

## Money Matters

May Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$4,789
Weekly Need	\$4,933
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$103,080
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$108,526

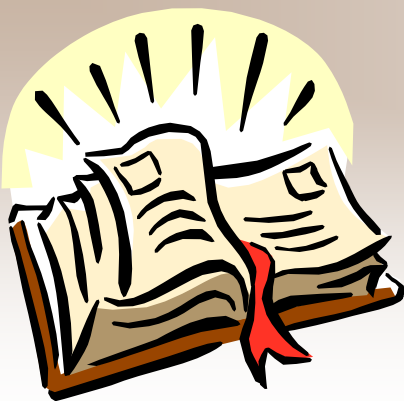
## New Connections

Beginning Sunday morning July 5, Pastor Lindholm will be teaching a nine-week seminar in his office on the purpose, philosophy, program and beliefs which undergird the ministry of our church. Those who have taken the seminar in the past have commented on how helpful it has been to them. As a seminar participant, you will receive a bound study-guide that includes the reading and written assignments for each session. To register, please send him an email at rdlva@aol.com. The class will meet during the Sunday School hour.



## Calendar

June 6	Spring Festival (Noon-4:00 PM)
June 9	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
June 19	Potomac Nationals Game (6:30 PM)
June 20	Men's Breakfast (8:00 AM)
June 20	Women's Garden Outing (9:30 AM)
June 21	Father's Day (No PM Ministries)
June 23	Youth trip to King's Dominion
June 28	Missionary Visit, Dean and Julie Blood



## 2015 Bible Memory Project

### June Verse

*Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult;  
whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.  
Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;  
rebuke a wise man and he will love you.  
Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still;  
teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.  
Proverbs 9:7-9*

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