

## Upcoming Youth Events

- **Youth Group**  
Sundays 6:30—7:30  
Middle & High School  
*June 7th—Pool Party*
- **Mission Minded Kids**  
Sundays 6:30—7:30pm  
Ages 3-5
- **Family VBS**  
June 12th—15th  
6:30 to 8:30 pm
- **Baseball Registration**  
June 17th, 10:00  
T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and  
Softball



*Timothy and Caryann Barton*

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## *The Difference Time Makes...* by Timothy Barton, Jr., FPC Pastoral Intern

I have a cousin who is now in the seventh grade. Every time I go to her house she comes out ready to play some sport with me. It may be throwing the football or softball, shooting a basketball, or kicking a soccer ball. She's always ready to play and learn whatever I am willing to teach her.

However, much to my surprise a few weeks ago, I found that her younger brother did NOT share the same enthusiasm of learning things from me. I was trying to teach him to hit a ball being pitched to him, but he became frustrated and refused to listen to my attempts at instruction.

What was the difference in trying to teach these two? I used the same methods of teaching sports with him I had used with her; yet, he didn't believe what I was teaching him was the best. He found little use for it because it was hard for him, and I obviously "didn't know what I was talking about."

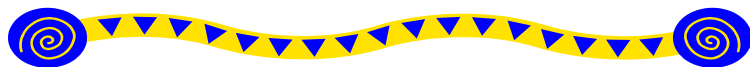
As I thought through this situation, I realized that the difference was in the other times I had spent with her. From the time she was a young child, I played with her, taught her things, and was even responsible to discipline her occasionally. She trusts me and respects me, because I had invested time in her life. When her brother was young, I was going off to college and wasn't around him nearly as much. I didn't have the opportunity to build this trust and respect from him. From his perspective, I really had no authority or ability to help.

This is the way it works with children. Whenever children see that someone loves them enough to pay attention to them and spend time with them, they often come to trust this person and believe them to be 'helpful.'

The Bible tells us we can gain this trust and respect of children by:

1. Considering them as important as Jesus did when he said, "Let the little children come unto me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).
2. "Training them in the way they should go"...(Proverbs 22:6).
3. Using proper discipline (Proverbs 29:17).

When these things are being done in the lives of children, the Bible tells us they will consider your guidance to be much more helpful. Giving a child this perspective---which respects you as their parents and teaches them to consider your instruction to be helpful---can only enhance the parent-child relationship and prepare it for the years to come.



## Soccer Finale June 10th

Mini-League (ages 4.5-6)	9:30am
Macro-League (ages 7-8)	1:30pm
Minor-League (ages 9-11)	1:30pm

## US Youth Soccer Show on Fox Sports

The monthly program will bring viewers in-depth with US Youth Soccer events, players and coaches. Each program will feature Skills School (tips for players), Coaches Connection (tips and drills for coaches), a team or player feature, interviews with US Youth Soccer alumni in the national team or professional ranks, and features on US Youth Soccer's various programs and events.

This month's show will highlight the Kohl's US Youth Soccer American Cup event in Lubbock, Texas where more than 100 teams participated. Learn more about this excit-

ing traveling soccer tournament that takes place across the country for recreational players.

Are you a competitive player? Looking to win the National Championship? This month's club highlight features the Dallas Texans 88 Red who won the 2005 US Youth Soccer National Championship, Under-17 Boys Don Greer Cup. The Texans recently achieved another milestone by winning the renowned Dallas Cup Super Group championship for Under-19 boys by defeating Santos Laguna of Mexico (4:2). The Texans made history as the first team from the United States to win the Super Group featuring teams

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such as Blackburn Rovers FC, Real Madrid, Manchester United and US Youth Soccer member FC Delco Crunch.

Don't forget the two-hour US Youth Soccer National Championships Highlight Show, presented by Adidas airing this August following the 2006 US Youth Soccer National Championships. The show will highlight the top four teams in each age group (under-14 through under-19) from the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships. From 10,000 to 48, the Series features the best players in the country, this show will give you an in-depth look at the crown jewel of youth soccer.



### The US Youth Soccer Show – May Episode

Tuesday, May 30 – 2:00pm and 8:30pm ET  
Wednesday, May 31 – 9:00pm ET  
Saturday, June 3 – 11:00am ET  
Sunday, June 4 – 4:30pm ET

### The US Youth Soccer Show – June Episode

Friday, June 23 – 6:00pm ET  
Saturday, June 24 – 6:30pm ET  
Sunday, July 2 – 6:00pm ET

## Hymns for Your Kids

What about teaching your child a hymn that will spark her patriotic spirit? While most school kids learn the first verse of "America, the Beautiful", few ever hear the next three verses. But before you start singing, first share this story so your child will appreciate the words behind "America, the Beautiful".

*In the summer of 1893, Katharine Lee Bates set out from her New England town to travel across the country to teach summer school. She was an English teacher at Wellesley College in Massachusetts and was delighted with the opportunity to travel to Colorado.*

*Now I'm going to tell you why*

### America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassion'd stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness.

*you should never go on a trip without a pen and a journal: You may see something so wonderful that you'll need to write a poem about it! That's what happened to Katharine Bates. One of the stops on her journey was Chicago, Illinois. It was a huge city, ready to grow. An architect had designed a white stone display of tall buildings, showing what the city could look like when finished. Thinking about how the white buildings would gleam in the sun, she grabbed her pen and wrote a verse for the patriotic hymn "America the Beautiful".*

*When she rode on the train past the wheat fields of the midwestern states, Katharine wrote in her journal: My New England eyes*



America! America!  
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes prov'd  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life.

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*delighted in the wind-waved gold of the vast wheat fields. She must have been an excellent English teacher to have spun words into a picture like that!*

*Have you ever seen the sky turn purple when the sun is setting? When you sing this hymn, you will notice a colorful verse describing a sunset at Pikes Peak in Colorado. Katharine Bates was so touched by the sight from the top of the mountain that she turned this hymn into a prayer. She knew that a powerful God was the Creator of the majesty and beauty she saw. In this hymn she prayed for our land and the people in it. Katharine knew that only with God's help could Americans love each other and work together like brothers and sisters.*

America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

*Galatians 5:14*

The entire law  
is summed up  
in a single  
command: "Love  
your neighbor  
as yourself."

  
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