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Pastor to Youth and Families

Scott's Thoughts

The story of creation is amazing... God making all things in the space of 6 days and all very good. I am studying Genesis right now and have been learning so many helpful things that I thought I'd share one with you today.

Genesis 1:28 says, "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

God commands us to be "fruitful and increase in number." Obviously He wants more of us (humans that is). If you read Genesis 1:1-27 you'll notice that God creates things and fills the earth with them - plants, fish, birds, animals, creepy crawly things, etc. Now he gives us the opportunity to be like him in filling the earth with more humans. So when you have a baby, you glorify God and fulfill his commandment. When you preserve life, you glorify God and maintain this commandment. And the more humanity increases, the more potential people who can worship and adore the Creator God. We can draw the conclusion that God is pro-life and anti-murder in the broadest application of those terms.

Second, we're told to rule and subdue the earth. Again, from Genesis 1:1-27 God brings order out of chaos. Now as Image Bearers of God, we are given the task to bring more order to the world.

What might that look like? Well, Rev.

Tim Keller, a pastor in New York City, put it this way: "All work from science to farming to teaching to sewing to 'pushing a broom' to hairdressing - anything that takes unformed nature or human nature and draws out its potential and brings shape to it - is an extension of the very work of God."

Here's an amazing idea... every time your son or daughter pulls a comb through their hair (and I know as the Father of a 10 yr boy that it's not often enough! Haha), they are fulfilling this command to bring order out of chaos! But think of your life, too. Every time you clean up a mess, wash dishes, sweep up the kitchen, fix a motor, cut the grass, build a fence, lay tile, paint something, etc, you bring order to God's created world and show yourself to be made in His image.

That's pretty amazing stuff! What am I trying to say? You're made special. You're not like any other animal or plant. God made you to reflect Him and there is dignity and worth in that. So enjoy having babies (within marriage, of course!) and making things, because as you do, you glorify God!

Blessings,
Pastor Scott



Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Group

Middle & High School

Sunday Nights

Bible Study
6:00 - 7:30pm

Wednesday Nights

Open Gym, Eat Out, etc.
6:30 - 8:00pm

Children's Ministry

Infant - 5th grade

Sunday Nights

Nursery
Infant - 2 yrs.
6:00 - 7:30pm

M&M Kids

Mission Minded
3 yrs. - 4 yrs.
6:00 - 7:30pm

Imagebearers

Kindergarten - 5th grade
6:00 - 7:30pm



What does "knowing your role" look like?

If you're a FAN (which most parents are):

- It's your job to help your child keep it all in perspective. That means keeping everything in perspective for yourself, too.
- Be a positive and encouraging supporter.
- Cheer for good plays on both teams.
- You're not the coach, so don't shout out instructions.
- You're not the official, so don't offer opinions on the officiating or on a particular call.



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Kids ask tough questions...

At the basketball skills clinic, players were given an "Open Mike" opportunity to ask our pastors a question. Here's one answered by Pastor Dave.



Q. Do we remain the same age in heaven?

I don't know. Heaven is **NOT** bound by time... time is created for us, but *heaven is eternal*. This raises the question, *Does time exist in heaven?*

Some things we do know about heaven - in heaven everything is fixed, there is no rebellion [*sin*] or effects from rebellion so people there will be whole, happy, fulfilled, and satisfied even if they weren't here. *There, there is no pain, frustration or fear* (see *Revelation 22:2-5a*). Will 80 year olds be in 80 year old bodies and 2 year olds in 2 year old bodies? We don't know - but everything will be right!

Basketball & Cheer Finale

Saturday, November 21st

10:00am

Make plans to attend!

SOAR is excited to announce that our own youth pastor, **Scott Deneen** will be the featured speaker!

Trophy Presentation
Team Verses
Free Throw Contest



Photos compliments of Anne Abernathy



Psalm 118:1

**Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is
good; his
Love endures
forever.**

FAMILY FUN CONNECTION: HAPPY HEARTS

Give each family member five pennies. Then go around and take turns naming something thankful. If you cannot say something thankful within three (3) seconds of your turn, you must forfeit a penny to the person on your right. At the end of your game time, whoever has the most pennies is the person with the happiest heart for the day!

THINK-LINK-ACT

THINK about ways you can show God and others that you are thankful.

LINK that to remembering that a thankful heart is a happy heart.

ACT on it by making a chart for your refrigerator. Have every person in the family note one thing they are thankful for each day for one week. Say thanks to God for these things during your dinner prayer each night.

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Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

Sunday Morning

8:30 Worship Service

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

Sunday Evening

6:00 Care Groups

Youth Activities

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Game Schedule
Parent's Corner