

**Noteworthy**

**Kid’s Review Class:** Next week, May 9th, in classroom #7 shortly after the PM service.

**Afternoon Singing:** We will meet next week, May 10th at 5pm in the auditorium for another afternoon singing.

**Ladies’ Bible Study:** Next week, May 11th at Kaitlyn Sadler’s home (7PM). This will be the last study before the summer break. Ladies’ class will then resume in October.

**Young Adult Study:** Our next study will be at Bucky and Robyn Day’s home on May 29th (7:30pm).

**Prayer Requests:** *Our brethren:* Kayla Cunningham (Nearing the end of her pregnancy), Marian Church, Mildred Church, Betty Eubanks, Linda James, Leon & Ruth Miller (Leon’s procedure is scheduled for this Tuesday—May 5th), Kirk Marschall (Recently had appendectomy), Butch Morgan, Dottie Reynolds, Wayne Ryland (Glad to see him at worship lately), Danielle Sheffield (Expecting 1st child; still very early in her pregnancy), and also the Wharton family.

*Our friends and family:* Please continue in prayer for Elnora Bennet (Moses Stevens’ sister), Pat Dickey, Hal Lewis, Joan Mott (A friend of the Days), Heather Tyre, Waylon Townsend, and Canera Wisdom (Larry Wisdom’s mother).

**Group Meeting:** Group (2) meets tonight after worship. Please make an effort to be involved in this good work.

**Traveling/Out of town:** Audrey Davis, Betty Eubanks, Larry Hicks, Kirk Marschall, and Neil & Ahrea Miller.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 5/6/15**

Song Leader: Keith Marschall  
 Opening Prayer: Charles Goodall  
 Invitation: Clay Sadler  
 Announcements: Bob Marschall  
 Closing Prayer: Trent Stevens  
 Parking Lot: Bucky Day

**Sunday Evening: 5/10/15**

Song Leader: Keith Marschall  
 Opening Prayer: Colby Sadler  
 Lord’s Table: Charles Rawdon  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Jim Elliot  
 Parking Lot: Larry Hicks

**Sunday Morning: 5/10/15**

Lord’s Table: Charles Rawdon (B)  
 Ben Cunningham (C)  
 Serving: Eddie Lawson  
 Trent Stevens  
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom  
 Opening Prayer: Bob Marschall

Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Clay Sadler  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) David Williams  
 (9:50) Mike Sadler



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**SERVICES**

Sunday  
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.  
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.  
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday  
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

**DEACONS:**

Robert Marschall  
 Charles Rawdon  
 Michael Sadler  
 Moses Stevens  
 David Williams

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***“The Right And Wrong In Chastening”***

“My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.” (Proverbs 3:11-12). The substance of this passage is also found in Hebrews 12:6-10. The Lord chastens those whom He loves, and if we are not chastened, we are illegitimate sons of God. The chastening or correcting from the Lord is compared to that which a father administers to the son in whom he delights. We are living in an age in which there is considerable debate concerning the subject of chastening or disciplining children in their homes. Several years ago, the public was aware of the writings of Dr. Spock in which he strongly spoke against any corporal discipline being administered upon children in their home life. The scriptures speak to the contrary!

Just as surely as God chastens, He refers to the practice of the father chastening the son in whom he delights. “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth

with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" (Hebrews 12:6-7). "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?" (Hebrews 12:9). God chastens His children, and we do not accuse Him of sinning by doing so. In like manner, we have no right to view godly parents as violating righteousness when they lovingly administer corporal discipline upon their children.

As we follow our nation's news, we have been informed of the child abuse that Adrian Peterson administered upon his four year old son. He has been criminally indicted for switching the bare skin of his son, and by so doing, causing bleeding wounds. Though an outstanding player for the Minnesota Vikings, his playing days may be definitely in jeopardy due to abusing his son. What he did was wrong due to the fact that he injured his son. He had a right to correct his son, but not to the extent of causing bleeding wounds upon his body. This brings us to think about what is right and wrong with discipline that is to be administered.

### **Corporal Discipline Should Be Administered:**

**Free of anger.** A parent who is angry with the child over what the child has done or not done, should not administer any discipline until the anger has ceased. Some individuals never consider correcting their children until they are angered enough to do so. It is also possible that when anger has faded the parent realizes that there was no need for correction to be made. Fathers are told: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4). Angry, abusive chastening can provoke children to have wrath and hatred in their hearts. Bringing up a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord involves loving correction for the welfare of the child. I can recall at times when I received discipline from my father. It wasn't easy to receive, but it didn't keep me from loving my father and being profited by the correction. Sometimes fathers have been known to say in administering correction, "this is hurting me more than you." At the time, I certainly questioned the truth of the statement, but after becoming a father and having to correct children myself, I came to realize the meaning of that statement.

### **Corporal Discipline Should Only Be Administered:**

**When it is needed.** Some parents have taken delight in spanking children whether they warranted it or not! I recall some years ago of reading of a religious sect in the New England area, who dwelt upon disciplining children, and they administered such upon their children even when there was no cause for it. This was a doctrine of this sect which the civil authorities viewed as a criminal violation. We are to view proper corporal discipline as not being unscriptural. However, there are parents, who by word of mouth and verbal warnings, find success in correcting their children. They may have a right to this decision, but they have no right to condemn those who feel differently by administering corporal discipline. I know of a scenario which arose in a congregation. This youngster was acting up in the service, and his father took him out while using his hand on his bottom. Some thought it was awful what the father did! Some women even went to the elders about the manner. Though he may have used more discretion, the father did not injure his son, but wanted him to know the

meaning of behavior. Guess what? The child did not act up the next time he was in service. Discipline is for the good of the child. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die." (Proverbs 23:13). "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." (Proverbs 19:18). Yes, it must be administered without physical abuse, but does a firm hand in the right place constitute physical abuse? Of course, we may be like the youngster who was being removed from the service due to his behavior. Thinking of what was in store for him, he said over his father's shoulder to those who were near: "Pray for me!"

- Bobby K. Thompson