

The West End Herald

Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



4 WAYS Part 2 to Reach a Child's Heart

by Richard D. Phillips

In Part 1, Dr. Phillips explored the first two categories of how to reach a child's heart: READ and PRAY. Part 2 continues with two more categories: WORK and PLAY.

WORK.....

Third, if I want to draw close to my children, I need to work with them. By this I mean assisting them with whatever tasks and projects are before them.

When it comes to schoolwork, fathers must convey more than high expectations and demands. We must also be involved in our children's studies, helping them where they have problems and

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providing general support and encouragement.

Other areas of endeavor should also be of sincere interest and concern to fathers. To be genuine, we need to back up these expressed interests with concrete action. This may mean assembling invitations for a birthday party, contributing to a scrapbook, or helping a boy build arm strength because he'd like to try out as a Little League pitcher. The more we are involved in our children's work in a supportive, encouraging way, the more their lives will be intertwined with ours in a bond of love.

The relational two-way street applies here as well. As much as possible, we need to involve our children in our own work. This probably does not mean our 9-to-5 employment. But it does mean chores, yard work, and basic household maintenance. My children, especially the boys, loved to help me work on things around the house. Since I was not particularly adept in this area, it challenged my patience to involve children who are even less competent. Taking the time to include and teach them made everything slower and more difficult. But so what? Far more important than the pace of progress is the relationship with my children that was being strengthened as we worked together.

PLAY • • • • •

Lastly, fathers should play with and alongside their children. This involves stooping to their play and inviting them into ours. Simply put, families need to share fun, lighthearted times together.



This was harder when my children were very little, because I found it difficult to play with their small-child toys (this undoubtedly reveals a deficiency on my part). But as they have grown, I found that some of their toys were a little more appealing. For the boys, this mostly meant Legos and the video games that were rationed to them. I needed to know about and be “into” all the Lego vehicles they made (Star Wars ships, mainly) and let them explain to me all the details of their creations. I also needed to know enough about their video games to be able to follow (more or less) their conversations on these subjects. Did I need to be constantly honing my video-game controller skills and gunning for the

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EMMANUEL UPSTATE

Missionary of the Week

Emmanuel Upstate is a reformed, bilingual and multi-ethnic church in the upstate of South Carolina, established for the glory of God. Rev. William Castro graduated from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and served for ten years as Assistant Pastor for Outreach at Mitchell Road PCA. He has been a church planter with Calvary Presbytery since 2018. Emmanuel Upstate plans to present their particularization petition on July 27 to Calvary Presbytery! This will transition them from a church plant to a particular church of the PCA with its own session. ♦

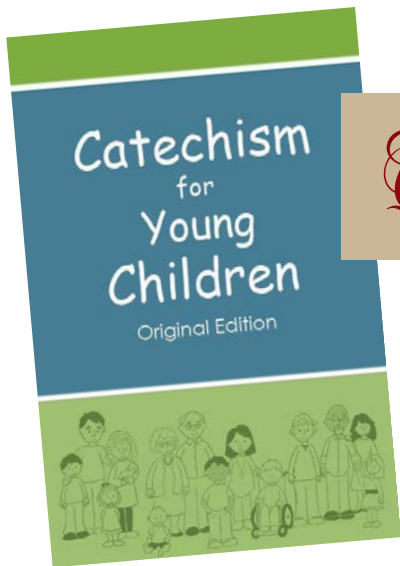
Parking lot expansion



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Question 90:

How should the Sabbath be spent?

Answer:

In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to our fellow men.

***It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.*** Psalm 92:1-2



When we set aside one day a week to spend thinking about, talking to, and learning of God, we are blessed. The more we learn about God from His Word, the more we will see how wonderful He is and the more we will love Him. The more time we spend in prayer and praise to God, the better we will know Him and the more we will rejoice in how wonderful He is. As God's people spend Sunday doing the things that will cause them to grow in the knowledge of God, they will be blessed. They will be always finding more to love and rejoice about in God. In this way, the Sabbath is a blessing to God's people. ♦

from *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds*, Starr Meade



at the corner of

River & Rhett

This conference is open to anyone who works with children!

BACK2SCHOOL **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE**



saturday, august 17th from 8:30am - 12:30pm
taylor's first baptist church

- **FREE** to all current and prospective children's ministry workers
- **An inspirational General Session and 4 Breakout sessions**
- **30 options for breakout sessions which include every aspect of GNC as well as general aspects of Children's ministry in the church and outside of the church**
- **Student Helpers track included for ages 10-13**



scan the QR code or visit
cefgreenville.com/b2scmc
to register!





JULY & AUGUST

birthdays



- 28** Jenni Farr,
Juliet Pomerlyan
- 29** Amy Frost,
David Martindale
- 30** Ernestine Waterholter
- 31** Bethany Gearhart,
Anna Maria Hanson,
Stephen Scott,
Daniel Walton
- 2** William Fultz
- 3** Lottie Gamble,
Deborah Lichtenfelt

This Week

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT
Mark 12:28-34

EVENING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

TABITHA, ARISE!
Acts 9:32-43

Sunday, July 28

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School (*Adults in Gym*)
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP
- 7:30 P.M. Ice Cream Social (*Gym*)

Monday, July 29

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

Wednesday, July 31

- 5:30 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER (*Gym*)
- 6:30 P.M. Covenant Choir (Grades 1-6)
- 6:30 P.M. Missions Moment (*Gym*)
- 6:45 P.M. Hope Choir (Ages 4-6)
- 6:45 P.M. Women's Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 6:45 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
- 6:45 P.M. Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (*Sanctuary*)

Thursday, August 1

- 6:30 P.M. Mission to Main

Friday, August 2

- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon and Bible Study (*Gym*)

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

- July 28** Baptism Sunday
- July 28** Ice Cream Social
- August 5** Diaconate Meeting
- August 11** Baptism Sunday
- August 12** Session Meeting
- August 18** The Lord's Supper observed in the Evening Service
- August 25** Rally Day / WIC Annual Meeting

Middle Schoolers ready to leave for Ridge Haven



Jay and Sumter Brantley, missionaries to Kenya, are expecting their third child in October. They have included a baby registry in their latest newsletter: babylist.com/list/sumter-brantley.



high score at whatever version of Mario had captured their attention? Of course not. But it was important for me to have some appreciation for these games my boys loved, and make some time to play with them.

The same is true with daughters. Naturally, some girl play is not all that appealing to dads, but we must take an eager interest in what our daughters are doing and let them enjoy telling us about their dolls and play sets. This is how we become part of their world in a way that draws their hearts to us.

As children grow older, I firmly believe the whole family should play indoor games together and engage in outdoor recreation as a family. These playtimes create shared experiences that are interesting and fun, and bind our hearts together as a family.

Fathers also need to invite their children into their own games (which presupposes that we should not have interests that draw us into sin). For instance, I am a lifelong Boston Red Sox baseball fan, but I had quit following baseball for more than ten years, primarily due to a lack of time. When my boys reached elementary school, however, I revived

my interest in the Red Sox so I could share it with my boys—the girls were involved, too. This gave us something we shared, and pretty much every summer evening we checked the scoreboards to see how our team was doing. We followed the players we loved and we rode the highs and lows of dedicated fans, experiencing all this together.

This is my simple agenda to ensure I am actively and intimately involved in the lives of my children: Read, Pray, Work, Play. I must read God's Word to and with my children regularly. We must bear each others' burdens in prayer and worship the Lord together at His throne of grace. My children need my positive, encouraging involvement in their work (and they need an invitation into some of mine). And we need to bind our hearts with laughter and joy in shared play, both one-on-one and as a complete family. This all requires time, for time is the currency with which I purchase the right to say, "My son, my daughter, give me your heart." ♦

This excerpt is taken from *The Masculine Mandate* by Dr. Richard Phillips.

Mark your calendars for Second Presbyterian Church's annual **Greenville Conference on Reformed Theology**, October 4–6. For information and registration, visit spcgreenville.org/gcrt



Announcements

Rafiki Bible Study

This class will start again on September 9, 2024, on Mondays at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The study is in the book of Exodus, consisting of 18 lessons. The recommended commentary is *EXODUS, Saved for God's Glory*, by Philip Graham Ryken. The main resource will be the study of God's Word in the Bible's book of Exodus.

Anyone who wants to join this study should sign up no later than the first week in August. Please contact Sylvia Long to register. Include your full name, home address with zip code, telephone (cell and home), and email. Lessons will be distributed at a luncheon on August 19, 2024.

Raising Up Mothers (RUM)

Registration for this group's fall term is open now through August 1! RUM is a 12-week study designed for moms with children still in the home, whether you are expecting your first baby or your "babies" are in high school. Our intent is to encourage moms in Christ as they pursue their ordinary duties, strengthen relationships with fellow sisters in Christ, and provide mentoring opportunity from more seasoned women of the church.

Meetings are Friday mornings from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 13. Childcare is provided through age 13; a study hall setting is offered for school-aged kids. To register or check out further details about the study, go to <https://spcgreenville.org/raisingupmothers/>.

Precepts Bible Study

This class will begin on Thursday, September 12, in the Conference Room from 9:30–11:30 A.M. We will be studying the book of Proverbs every Thursday for 13 weeks. If you intend to join the class, contact Mary Settle by August 26 so books can be ordered.

Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Anna Phillips Shaw on July 27 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 A.M. Anna is the daughter of Kevin & Pam Phillips and was married on June 1! Anna is registered at myregistry.com. (Her husband's name is Michael.)

Lost and Found

Missing something? Our Lost and Found is located across from the Ladies Restroom in the hallway off of the Gymnasium. Items not claimed by Sunday, August 18 will be donated to Miracle Hill.

Widows' Fund

The Church established a Widows' fund for the substantial (and often on-going) needs that come upon some of those who are widowed and live to an old age. (This is different from the Sympathy and Service fund which meets the short-term needs of all of our members.) The reserve balance in this fund has been steadily declining. If you are able, above your tithe and other giving to the church, to give to rebuild this fund, please consider making a monthly gift to the widows' fund. We praise our God for His provision for those who look to Him.

A Time to Build Update

The membership has been asked to prayerfully consider pledging and giving to *A Time To Build* Campaign this summer. A summary of the information about our new building plans are available at spcgreenville.org/A Time To Build. The officers of this church are asking you to give an offering beyond your regular tithe. The asking that has been suggested is that for some of you to double your giving for each of the next three years. Some are able to give beyond that. One-time gifts may be made at any time. Pledges are due by the end of the summer. Both can be done in-person or online.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To Date: July 23, 2024			
Percentage of Congregation Pledging/Giving	Amount Pledged	One-Time Gifts	Total Pledges and Gifts
30%	\$1,525,095	\$17,080	\$1,542,175
Total Amount for Phase I:		\$14,000,000	