

THE FAMILY IS A PICTURE OF GOD

Ephesians 5:21-33

The family structure teaches some deep truths about God.

1. The submission of Jesus Christ. *Php 2:6* Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

- a. Equal with God. *Gal 3:28* There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- b. Took on the form of a Servant.
- c. Became obedient. - Garden of Gethsemane
- d. Submission was for our benefit.

2. The submission of the Church to Christ.

- a. Born out of Sacrifice.
 - 1. The Church does not submit to Christ because it sacrifices for Him.
 - 2. The Church submits because Christ sacrificed His life for it.
 - 3. The Church loves Him because He loved it. *1John4:19* We love him, because he first loved us.
 - 4. Husbands draw love and submission out of their wives by loving and sacrificing for them first.
- b. Done for the good of all.
 - 1. The Church benefits because it understands His love.
 - 2. Christ has the goal of helping us discover joy and peace in Him.
 - 3. The wife benefits by understanding her husband's devotion and love.
 - 4. The husband benefits because his love is appreciated and reciprocated.
 - 5. The Children learn how Christ leads the church by watching dad lead mom.

c. Love gives strength to submission.

- 1. Submission is difficult when love is not present.
- 2. Love received fuels one to give submission.

Proverbs 13:24, 23:13-14, Hebrews 12:6-7

- 3. The discipline of God for His children.
 - a. Love invokes discipline.
 - b. Discipline proves love.
 - c. Being disciplined, and responding to it positively makes you better

UPWARD BASKETBALL CEREMONY - NEXT SUNDAY March 19 at 6pm
COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Next Sunday March 19 following the morning service.
ANNUAL YOUTH MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - Hollywood presents "Final Cut" Saturday, April 22 - 6pm at 12th Street. Tickets are \$20, each and will be available soon. See Autumn Lewis.
IN CONCERT - Matt Hammit on April 2 at 6pm at 12th Street Baptist Church. Tickets on sale at eventbrite.com or at the door the day of the concert. Cost will be \$10 pp. *Reminder the family who sells the most tickets will be dining with the Hammit Family that evening before the concert.*

OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT - for Saturday April 15 at 3pm with 8000 eggs. We are hoping to reach 200-250 kids this year. Donations for prizes and candy (individually wrapped that will fit in the eggs- (we need to collect approximately 150 bags to fill 8000 eggs during the next few weeks. We are asking you to spread the word, as this is a great way to share the Gospel. If you would like to help please see Krista Asher. Sign up to volunteer to bake, clean up, and stuff Easter eggs is available in the Welcome Center. Come for the Easter Egg Hunt and stay for our Easter Cantata at 5pm.

EASTER CANTATA - Saturday April 15 at 5pm and Sunday 16 at 11am.

LEADERSHIP GROWTH CLASS - Postponed until April 19 from 630-730p. Learn the 21 irrefutable "Laws of Leadership" by John Maxwell. Sign up in Welcome Center.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Volunteers are needed to maintain the church lawn this season. Sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for anyone interested in helping, for questions please see Joel Ritsema.

SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday May 10 the LAC is sponsoring a trip to Holland Michigan for the Tulip Festival. Bus leaves the church at 9am. One hour Trolley Tours are available every 15-30 minutes for \$20 pp and \$8 for children under 12 if interested or you can wonder on foot to quaint downtown Holland and watch parade, Dutch dancing, floats and marching bands performing daily. The Bus departs Holland at 3p stopping at Russ Restaurant for dinner before heading home. This event is open to ALL who want to attend. Sign up in Welcome Center.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - It's that time again . . . looking forward to spring, summer & VBS! Please mark your calendars Monday, July 10 - Thursday, July 13. We need all the help we can get!! Please be in prayer for this to be all that God wants it to be!!! VBS is such a powerful ministry. If you are interested in helping, please see Brooke Camp. Thank you in advance & God bless!

ADULT SINGLES (18+) - Lunch on the First Sunday of each month following Morning Worship Services. Meet Pete Pollard in Welcome Center after the morning service.

MARCH 24 - Is Jon Garcia's birthday. Please take a minute and send a birthday card or note of encouragement to let him know we are praying and thinking of him. His address is: John Garcia #983549, Qjibway Correctional Facility, 5705 Qjibway Rd, Maratenico, MI 49947

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - Tuesday 8:30am at McDonald's on 9th Street.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Tuesday Evening 6:30pm.

AWANA - Every Wednesday 6-7:30pm.

YOUTH GROUP - Every Sunday 5-7pm.

FOOD PANTRY - Help others in need of food. See Krista Asher or Lynn Anderson

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Just live It!

Ministry for Men
 12 Asher, Callista
 19 Retha K, Kristine L, Nate T
 26 Tami S, Alanna S, and Abby M

Last Week
 Tithes & Offerings \$6,442.00
 Benevolence-Carpentry 100.01
 Children's Offering 11.31
 Coffee/ Donuts/Fellowship 11.53
 Total \$6,564.85

\$271,000.- MONTHLY BUDGET \$341,129 YEARLY \$412,954.00

\$21,000.- \$285-

\$15,000.- \$185-

\$9,000.- \$105-

\$3,000.- \$25- to Date \$5,714.98