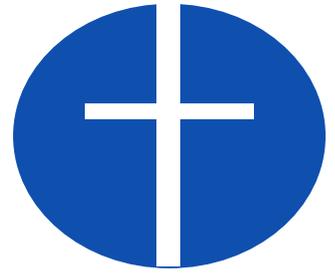


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## Welcome to the Loco Baptist Church newsletter

August is "Back to School" time for most children in the United States. Education in today's world differs greatly from that in biblical times. We can find the word "school" only once in the Bible- found in Acts 19:9 (*But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus*) but that does not mean that there weren't places of learning.

In Old Testament Times, the primary purpose of education among the Jews was the learning of and obedience to the law of God, the Torah. The secondary purpose in education was to teach about the practical aspects of everyday life: a trade for the boy and the care of the house; understanding dietary laws and how to be a good wife for the girl. The home was considered the first and most effective place in this learning process, and parents were considered the first and most effective teachers of their children. This responsibility is expressed in Genesis 18:19 where God states his expectation that Abraham will train his children and his household to walk in the ways of the Lord. Proverbs 22:6 is another familiar call for parents to teach their children according to the way of the Lord.

Today our children are not being spiritually taught by their parents and our children and our society are suffering because of it. Gigi Savant, a private Christian school teacher in Lakeland, FL, said "The Bible teaches there is truth. Jesus is the truth, the way and the life, truth really is a person, the person of Jesus. When you remove the Bible as your standard, what becomes truth?" (from billygraham.org)

Children need to get spiritual education in the home and it is our responsibility to make sure that they get it. If we do not instill the ways of the Lord in our children, then our children miss out on the Truth. How else are our children going to know what is right and wrong.

As parents, we are instructed by God in His Word to teach:

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

**Deuteronomy 6:7 NKJV**

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

**John 17:17 ESV**

Jesus was a great teacher in the Bible and sought to teach many about His Father's way.

And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:

**Mark 4:1-2 NKJV**

Even our pastors are called to be teachers.

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

**1 Timothy 3:2 NKJV**

**Answer to July's trivia:** Wash Peter's feet and those of the disciples—John 13:5-9

### Upcoming Events

**August 7<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday Meal after evening services**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night featuring "Risen". 6pm with sandwiches and finger foods to follow.**



Trivia question: God changed Jacob's name to what? (answer in next month's newsletter)