

Sunday Gathering

The Way, Proverbs 22:6 -
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Antioch Family 2023

Call to Worship - Proverbs 22:6

Welcome, brothers and sisters, to this sacred gathering in the presence of our God. Let us come together with hearts full of praise and gratitude for the gift of family and the children in our midst.

****We gather as one, seeking wisdom and understanding from the Lord.****

Our call to worship comes from Proverbs 22:6, which reminds us of the importance of nurturing the young hearts in the ways of the Lord.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

We remember this truth today not only for our children, but for ourselves. Whether you grew up in a Christian home, or came to know the Lord later in life, may we worship today as people who are not departing from God's good way.

Let all God's people say, ****Amen!****

Absent From Flesh

Confession - Deuteronomy 6:6-7

As we come before God, let us humbly acknowledge our shortcomings and failures in nurturing the children in our lives according to God's Word. Let us seek His forgiveness and guidance as we reflect on our responsibilities. If you are willing, pray this with me in your hearts:

Forgiving Father, we confess that at times we have faltered in our duty to lead young ones in your ways. We have been impatient, quick to anger, and sometimes failed to set a Christ-like example before them. Forgive us, Lord, and grant us the strength to guide them faithfully. Help us to lead with love, patience, and wisdom, remembering that your Word says in Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Let all God's people say, ****Amen.****

Now hear this assurance of pardon. In his infinite mercy, God forgives us and offers us a fresh start over and over. He remembers that we too are beloved children, and he is our proud Father.

Jesus Strong And Kind

May Your Power Rest On Me

Child Dedication

Child Promotion

Sermon - Proverbs 22:6 - Bradley Bell

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

I Am Not My Own

In Christ Alone

Benediction - Isaiah 54:13

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) Next week's 9 AM class is titled, "How to Walk Your Child Through Baptism". Parents, we hope you'll be able to join us.

2) Food Pantry is this Saturday. This is an exciting time in the ministry as several people have recently come to Christ. Servants should arrive by 9:30am, doors open at 10:00 (great opportunity to serve as a family!). If you have questions, see Steve Leach. Box prep will be Friday morning. If you're available to help with Box Prep, please let Shannon Hunsucker know.

3) As mentioned earlier in light of promotion Sunday we are having a popup celebration immediately following the gathering. There are refreshments on the porch.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

As we depart from this place, may the grace and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ go with us. May we be steadfast in our commitment to nurture the children in his teachings, knowing that our efforts will bear fruit in his perfect timing.

And all God's people say, Amen!

Let us go forth and shine as beacons of love and guidance, reflecting the light of Christ in all we do. And as we do so, let us hold on to the promise found in Isaiah 54:13, "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children."

And all God's people say, Amen!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

You are sent.
