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ROSE CITY KIDS CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Entry fee: \$125.00 per player \$500 per foursome

This includes all green fees, carts, as well as BBQ lunch and buffet dinner

New this year: Prize for HOLE IN ONE: 2 year lease 2017 Ford Escape

Sponsorship opportunities are also available!

Register online at www.rosecitykids.com

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Grandparents, We Need You!

Taken from: <https://asmallwork.wordpress.com>

As I was leaving a restaurant recently, I walked past a booth where an older man was sitting with a young girl. (I assume this was his preteen granddaughter.) The girl put on headphones and played with her phone while the man sipped his coffee and looked off sadly in the distance.

This stuck with me all day. I couldn't imagine a breakfast without conversation, especially with my grandfather! What a tragedy.

Abundant Opportunity

Though this was a sad scene, I was not entirely discouraged. I mourned for this man, but then I turned the scene around in my head. What is the best outcome of such a meal?

Grandparents carry tremendous influence with their grandchildren. Here are three ways I'm praying my kids learn from their grandparents.

1. Learn Through Conversation

Many children are eager to talk about themselves but unable to focus on others. Outside of immediate family and school friends, they aren't great at communication. Meanwhile, grandparents love spending time with their grandchildren, and they're delighted to play games, go to the park, or chat over cookies. Your kids can learn valuable lessons during these visits.

Train your children to interact with older adults. Teach them how to ask questions (and follow-up questions), how to listen, and how to take interest in others.

In addition to growing in conversational and social skills, children will learn more about their family. They can hear about their grandparents' jobs, families, and adventures, and they might even see their parents in a new light.

In grandparents, children have an eager, loving, attentive audience. We can bless both our children and our parents by encouraging these visits.

2. Learn Through Experience

Godly grandparents have a precious heritage to pass along. A lifetime of walking with God, learning from him, and seeing his work—these are all gifts for younger generations.

Older Christians often have moving stories of God's redemption and provision. They have seen his love displayed in ways that come only with decades of faithfulness. These stories display in vibrant color some of God's attributes that might only exist in black and white for children.

As children hear testimonies of God's goodness, they grow in their faith. When we learn how God has worked and provided in the past, we gain confidence that God will work and provide in the future.

3. Learn Through Example

While children are at the beginning of life, grandparents are closer to the end. One of the best gifts grandparents can give is to show how to age, weaken, and die with a joyful hope in Jesus.

That took a dark turn, didn't it? Stay with me.

Most children are insulated from the hard realities of the Fall. We prepare them for school and jobs, for a spouse and a church, but we don't talk much about sickness, weakness, and frailty. However, death is more sure than a spouse is. Our children need to know how to die.

Children shouldn't develop a fascination with the grave, but thinking about death brings our faith into sharp focus. We see what really matters.

As grandparents age, they can show their grandchildren the greatness of God and the liberating salvation Jesus has won. As their bodies ache, as moving and breathing become more difficult, they can guide children to the true source of hope.

It's easy for children to focus on the latest toy, the approval of friends, or the perfect science project. In the end, these are all meaningless. With a steady gaze at the glory of God, grandparents can display the power and grace of God to save and love sinners. Toward the end of life, grandparents can point to God in ways that peers, teachers, and even parents cannot.

Look Ahead

Parents, if your parents (or parents-in-law) are no longer around, don't despair. Most churches are full of godly men and women who love children. They would jump at the chance to visit with your family once a month.

Finally, by God's grace, let's be the older Christians we seek for our kids. Let's pursue God with all that we have so he can use us to influence generations to come.

Other News

COFFEE BREAK: Those of us who made it to Theresa Van Oenen's barbeque lunch. Sorry that some of you were unable to come. On August 16th there will a morning get-together at the park behind Marijke Van Driel's home. From Quaker Rd. Turn left on Montgomery Rd. The park is at the end of the road and Marijke's home backs on to it. All we need to bring is ourselves, drinks and lawnchairs. Hope to see many of you there. It starts around 10:00 am.

Thanks Theresa and Laney for your willingness to have the barbeque this past week.

CRC News

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community

on Facebook.

GOD'S GRACE IN OUR WEAKNESS - Whether it's fictional superheroes or trending internet stories about overcoming the odds, our culture clearly favors stories celebrating strength. Join Groundwork as we study 2 Corinthians 12 to discover why Paul argues that believers should be more comfortable boasting in our weaknesses. Never miss an episode; subscribe for free weekly email notifications and listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

MASKED CHAMELEON PART 2 - Liz, Spike and Cole are 100 percent committed to "The Masked Chameleon." The only problem is that they are 100 percent committed to Grandpa's church play as well. Liz must figure out what's more important; being on camera with a hero or helping teach who our real hero is. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. This month, download our free picture frame craft to explore with your children what it means to be created in God's image.

Help With Homeschooling in Tijuana - James and Barbara Lee, a CRWM missionary couple living in Tijuana, Mexico, are looking for a volunteer to help with home school and child care for their children in October 2016. Their children are ages 9, 5, and 4. If you are interested, visit crwm.org/Homeschool for more information or to apply.

MISSING THE REDEEMER WORSHIP CONFERENCE? - No reason we still can't get together! SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 8:30-3:30 at Immanuel CRC, Brampton, ON. Join us to examine significant ways that worship and various ministry streams interface, inform and support each other, in The Accessible Gospel: Connecting Universal Worship Design Principles with all Church Ministries. We'll explore: Implementing Universal Worship Design, Reclaiming a Missional Parish Model, Strengthening I-GEN Church Culture, Promoting Integrative Children's Ministry, Igniting Pervasive Prayer Ministry. Join the conversation. Please forward to Pastors, Prayer and Outreach teams, Worship Coordinators, and Children's and Youth Ministries and bring a team. Details to follow. Questions? Contact Lesli van Milligen at Ivanmilligen@crcna.org or Ruth Ann Schuringa at ras_12@rogers.com

YOUNG ADULTS CAMPING WEEKEND - It's that time of year again! Time to connect with the great outdoors and with new and old friends alike. If you are 20-something, enjoy nature and funtivities, come join us at Point Farms Provincial Park the weekend of August 19th-21st. Be sure to fill out the online registration form (<http://goo.gl/forms/zF6SG1yqFG>) by August 4th to receive the early bird rate of \$55 and hold your spot. For those registering after August 4th, registration is \$65. For more information and registration details, contact swoya20@gmail.com. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up soon!

South Sudan Post-Conflict Response - World Renew is calling for urgent prayer and support for South Sudan, where fresh conflict has erupted between political groups. After heavy fighting at the start of July 2016, a tentative ceasefire has been declared, but outbreaks of violence persist throughout the country. Hundreds of people have been killed and thousands of families have been displaced—many of them Christians. World Renew staff are safe. World Renew is planning an emergency response as well as long-term programming, including trauma healing and training to promote peace and reconciliation. Your prayers and financial gifts are urgently needed. Visit worldrenew.net/southsudanpostconflict or call 1-800-730-3490 to find out more about World Renew's South Sudan Post-Conflict Response.

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