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#### OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

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### Thru a child's eyes

It was late at night and Heidi, who was expecting her second child, was home alone with her 3 year old daughter, Katelyn. Heidi started to go into labor and called 911.

Due to a power outage at the time, only one paramedic was able to respond to the call.

The house was very, very dark, so the paramedic asked Katelyn to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby.

Very diligently, Katelyn did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed, and after a little while Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his feet, and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked Katelyn for her help, and asked the wide-eyed 3 year old Katelyn what she thought about what she had just witnessed.

Katelyn quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place. Spank him again."

## EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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MAY 13, 2017

### SABBATH SCHOOL

#### Lesson 7 Servant Leadership

**Memory Verse:** "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7, NKJV).

**Read for this Week:** 1 Pet. 5:1-10, Acts 6:1-6, Jer. 10:21, Matt. 20:24-28, Prov. 3:34, Rev. 12:7-9.

#### SUMMARY

Both the early church and the church today need good leaders to nurture, protect, and guide God's people. They, like all of us must do this willingly, eagerly, and with great humility. We even find this model in the Old Testament, when certain elders served as judges and counselors of the people.

We seem to find the leadership of God's church now performed by pastors (called shepherds), elders (those who also provide spiritual food to the flock), and deacons (or, overseers of the flock, those performing more practical duties of the church's operation). All the various leaders are called to make the church run as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Above all, humility and submission are to be shown by all, both leaders and members. This humility is the most important ingredient in a loving Christian. When pride replaces humility, our efforts produce nothing but panic and division, and Satan more easily finds entrance that enables him to achieve his goal, which is to scatter the flock.

#### EMBRACING THE MESSAGE

Since many in the business world have embraced this message of servant leadership, perhaps we, in the church, should examine again the basic features of this age-old concept. Perhaps we have not been following Jesus' model as closely as we should.

There are several models of servant leadership being promoted in organizations today. Most encourage building trust, valuing diverse opinions, helping and encouraging others, to develop other leaders (we call this discipleship), and using persuasion (rather than coercion) to get things done.

Many times our efforts have not been aligned with these simple components of servant leadership that the world now sees as valuable. We must attempt to understand these words of our Master, and follow more closely His wise counsel.

*"But Jesus called them to Himself and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.' "* Matthew 20:25-28 NKJV No longer should we: treat the beliefs of others as unimportant or unworthy.

- we allow our differences to keep us from having a close, trusting relationship with someone.
- refuse assistance because someone seems "beyond our help."
- use fear, rather than hope, to share our faith.
- let our pride cause us to neglect an opportunity to win another disciple for Christ, for fear of rejection or failure.

Yes, let's pray for all church members, including self, to be better servant leaders than we may have been in the past.

## SICK & SHUT-IN

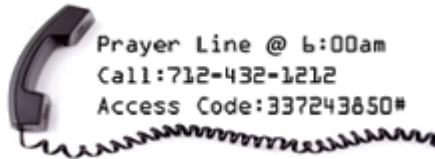
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Sermon CD:** Please see A/V Team member



**Need Prayer.** Prayer Request Boxes at each entrance or see any team member. (W. Whatley, E. Gardner, B. Masuca, A. Stephens, K. Spencer C. Smith and D. Blevins)

### THIS WEEK

**EA CDC K-4 Graduation:** Thursday, May 18th 6:00 pm at Ephesus Church

**Prophecy Seminar** continues Wednesday nights @6:30p in the fellowship hall. Come and bring someone with you.

### THIS MONTH



**Alexes Ladies** will meet Sunday May 21 at 3:30. Please do not forget your food item

**Ephesus Academy Constituency** meeting will be held Sunday, May 21st at 2:00pm at Ephesus Church Sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Campmeeting Transportation:** If needed, Sabbath, June 3 and Sabbath June 10, 2017, please call Mary Calhoun at 798-2418 to Reserve a seat on the church van. The van will seat 14 people.

**Church Clean-up Day:** May 28<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 12

### IN THE FUTURE

**SCC Campmeeting,** June 2-June 10, 2017, Oakwood University Campus. Camp Meeting 2017 is almost here! Camp Meeting on-campus dormitory housing reservation forms and the General Adult Schedule will be available this Sabbath on the office drop box or you may download from SCC website:

**Attention all current and former Prayer Line participants:** There will be a prayer line fellowship on June 17 after worship to praise God for 2 years of answering prayers and Christian growth. Please join us, spouse and children welcome.

**Volunteer:** PATHWAYS Homeless Shelter - Sunday June 26th @ 11:15AM, 409-Richard Arrington Blvd. Call (205)213-9001



**Oakwood Live 2017** - "Your Success Starts Here" Oct 4-8, 2017. Online registration begins May 1, 2017 [www.sccadventist.org](http://www.sccadventist.org)

## THE FUNDAMENTALS

### Teachings About the Church

15 Baptism

*Did you know You can start your life over again?*

By baptism we confess our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and testify of our death to sin and of our purpose to walk in newness of life.

Thus we acknowledge Christ as Lord and Savior, become His people, and are received as members by His church. Baptism is a symbol of our union with Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, and our reception of the Holy Spirit.

It is by immersion in water and is contingent on an affirmation of faith in Jesus and evidence of repentance of sin. It follows instruction in the Holy Scriptures and acceptance of their teachings.

Romans 6:1-6, Colossians 2:12, 13, Acts 16:30-33, Acts 22:16, Acts 2:38, Matthew 28:19-20

Sunset Today: 7:39 pm  
 Sunset Friday: 7:43 pm



## DIVINE WORSHIP

### Youth Church

- Call to Worship.....Elder Edna Gardner
- Invocation .....Elder Edna Gardner
- Commission.....Elder Edna Gardner
- Hymn of Worship.....Praise Him, Praise Him Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer
- Spotlight.....Education
- Welcome & Fellowship ..... Pastor Compton Ross Jr.
- Ministry through Music
- Intercessory Prayer.....Clementine Collins, Elder.
- Tithes & Offering ..... Freddie Jenkins, Elder
- [www.adventistgiving.org/?OrgID=ANTPCB](http://www.adventistgiving.org/?OrgID=ANTPCB)
- Children's Story
- Ministry through Music
- Spoken Word
- Introduction .....Jailyn Ross
- Mothers work is never done



- Children grow not only in the stomach, but also in the heart ..... Corine Leonard
- The challenges of being a single mother ..... Lisa Carpenter
- The miracle of motherhood ..... Charmeretta Timothy
- The pain of motherhood, it's not only labor pains...Ethelyn Lusain
- Mothers' chores are not for females only ..... Jesse Johnson
- A mother's job never ends..... Elder Willie Mae Whatley
- Benediction..... Freddie Jenkins, Elder