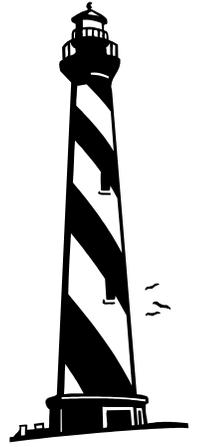


# THE BEACON BEAM



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## HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE

### The Ultimate Question: Why?

Drawn from Chapter 10, *Fire on the Pathway*,  
from John MacArthur's

*Welcome to the Family: What to Expect Now That You're a Christian*

Why should Christians have to suffer? If a merciful and omnipotent God is in control of your life, how can He let horrible things happen? This is probably the most asked question of the past two thousand years! Scripture has the answers to all the questions of life, including this one. When you are burdened by trials, God's Word will comfort you with an understanding of why you need to endure them. Here are at least nine reasons that the Scriptures set forth for our instruction and edification:

#### **REASON #1: TO TEST THE STRENGTH OF YOUR FAITH.**

God assists us in taking a spiritual inventory of the quality and genuineness of our faith. Those who become bitter and self-pitying when trouble comes clearly expose their weak faith. But those who turn to the Lord as trouble increases demonstrate strong faith.

According to Proverbs 17:3, "The Lord tests the hearts." The apostle Peter said, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:6, 7).

These tests are not for God's sake, because He already knows what is in your heart. They are for your benefit so you can know if your faith is real or not. But be assured of this: no trial, no matter how severe, can destroy genuine saving faith, because the one who is saved "endures to the end" (Matthew 24:13).

#### **REASON #2: TO HUMBLE YOU.**

Trials remind us not to let our trust in the Lord turn into presumption and spiritual self-satisfaction. The greater our blessings, the more

Satan will tempt us to look on them as our own accomplishments or what is rightfully due us, rather than as what we have received entirely from the Lord. Satan wants you to be proud; God wants you to be humble. The apostle Paul recognized, "Lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure" (II Corinthians 12:7).

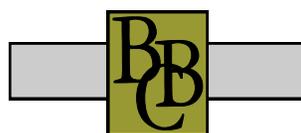
#### **REASON #3: TO WEAN YOU FROM WORLDLY ADVANTAGE.**

The more we accumulate material possessions and worldly knowledge, experience, and notoriety, the more we are tempted to rely on them instead of the Lord. Certain worldly benefits, such as education, success on the job, and honors bestowed are not bad things in them-

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Morning Worship...9:30 AM  
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selves, but they can easily become the focus of our concern and the basis of our trust.

One great example of how to treat worldly advantage is Moses: “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sins, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward” (Hebrews 11:24-26).

#### **REASON #4: TO CALL YOU TO AN ETERNAL HOPE.**

The harder our trials become and the longer they last, the more we look forward to being with the Lord. Paul said, “We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:3-5). If your hope is in heaven, you will never be disappointed by anything in this life. Suffering is the first step in producing that hope.

Paul expressed his heavenly hope when he said, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are not seen are eternal” (II Corinthians 4:17, 18). The greater your trials, the sweeter your hope of heaven becomes.

#### **REASON #5: TO REVEAL WHAT YOU REALLY LOVE.**

The great patriarch Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 11:17-19) not only proved his faith, but also his supreme love for the Lord. All of God’s promises and Abraham’s hopes were bound up in Isaac. Yet, when God commanded him to kill Isaac as

a sacrifice, Abraham was ready to obey. God stopped him, spared Isaac, and provided another sacrifice. But his willingness proved that he loved God above all else, even more than his own son. To love God is the greatest commandment, and here we see that trials help us love Him as we ought.

#### **REASON #6: TO TEACH YOU OBEDIENCE.**

The psalmist acknowledged, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word....It was good for me that I have been afflicted that I may learn Your statutes” (Psalm 119:67, 71). The painful sting of affliction ought to remind you that sin has consequences, so God uses trials to make you obey and pursue holiness.

#### **REASON # 7: TO TEACH YOU TO VALUE GOD’S BLESSINGS.**

Our reason tells us to value the world and the things of the world, and our senses tell us to value pleasure and ease. But through trials, faith tells us to value the things of God, with which He has blessed us abundantly—including His Word, His care, His provision, His strength, and, of course, His salvation. David declared, “Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless you while I live; I will lift up my hands in your name” (Psalm 63:3, 4).

#### **REASON # 8: TO STRENGTHEN YOU FOR GREATER USEFULNESS.**

The more you are tested and refined by trials, the more effective you will be in serving the Lord. Paul said, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (II Corinthians 12:10). Hebrews 11 exalts these godly men and women “who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteous-

ness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong” (vs. 33, 34).

#### **REASON #9: TO ENABLE YOU TO HELP OTHERS IN THEIR TRIALS.**

Jesus told Peter, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to me, strengthen your brethren” (Luke 22:31, 32). God allowed Peter to suffer not only to strengthen him for greater usefulness, but also to prepare him to strengthen others. God will use trials to do the same in your life. And we can look to Christ as our example: “For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted” (Hebrews 2:18).

Now you know some of the reasons God brings trials into your life. But what should you do about it? How should you respond? In the same way Scripture explains why trials make you a better Christian, Scripture also tells you how to react. James 1:2-12 details five key responses that will help you persevere through your trials.

#### **RESPONSE #1: A JOYFUL ATTITUDE.**

As a Christian, God has commanded you to view your trials with all joy: “Count it all joy when you fall into to various trials” (James 1:2). James is referring to a unique fullness of joy the Lord graciously provides for you when you willingly, and without complaint, endure troubles while trusting Him.

We are not just to act joyful—we are to be genuinely joyful. Your joy is to be a matter of your will, not your feelings. It requires a conscious, determined commitment on your part. Since God commands it, you can be sure it is within your

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ability and under the Spirit's provision. Genuine faith in Christ will result in thanksgiving and rejoicing even in the midst of the worst troubles.

**RESPONSE #2:  
AN UNDERSTANDING MIND.**

As you grow in your Christian walk, you will learn from experience as well as your study of God's Word "that the testing of your faith produces patience" (James 1:3). A better translation for "patience" is "patient endurance." Patiently enduring trials while trusting in the Lord develops perseverance, and that has lasting quality. Once you have experienced and endured affliction or testing, you will discover that your trust in the Lord not only remains, but also is all the stronger because of the testing.

Paul gladly and without shame endured great suffering because, he said, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day" (II Timothy 1:12).

**RESPONSE # 3:  
A SUBMISSIVE WILL.**

God promises no free passes in the Christian life, only that He will see His people through the trials without their suffering spiritual harm. When you learn to rejoice in your trials and come to understand that your gracious Heavenly Father uses them not to harm, but to strengthen and perfect you, that is when you can embrace them as beneficial.

James 1:4 says, "Let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." "Perfect" is better understood "mature," referring to spiritual maturity fulfilled in Christlikeness, which is the goal of endurance and perseverance. Paul beautifully expressed the concept of spiritual maturity when he described the Galatians as "my little children, for whom

I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you" (Galatians 4:19).

**RESPONSE #4:  
A BELIEVING  
AND WISE HEART.**

James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given him." When you are going through any trial, you need a special measure of understanding to help you endure it. That should drive you to your knees to ask God to supply the wisdom you need. Strong, sound faith is not based on feelings but on knowledge and understanding of the promises of God's truth, which is spiritual wisdom.

When you face any kind of trial, whether it be physical, emotional, moral, or spiritual, you need God's wisdom to help you endure. Calling on the Lord for wisdom is not an option; it is a command. "Let him ask" in James 1:5 is an imperative. If you are not driven to the Lord and do not develop a deeper prayer life as a result of a trial, the Lord is likely to keep you under the test and may even intensify it until you seek Him in prayer. For it is when you approach His throne of grace that you "may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

**RESPONSE #5:  
A HUMBLE SPIRIT.**

James 1:9-11 says, "Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits." When God, in His wisdom and sovereignty, takes away physical possessions from some of His children, you can be sure it is for the purpose of making them spiritually ma-

ture, a blessing infinitely more valuable than anything they have lost. If God deprives you of something in this life, you can be sure it is temporary and insignificant when compared to your future divine inheritance.

The loss of material things is meant to drive us to the Lord and to greater spiritual maturity, blessing, and satisfaction. At that point, both rich and poor believers are alike. Neither material possessions, nor the lack of them, make any difference to your spiritual walk. What is important is a trusting relationship with the Lord, who showers all of His children with spiritual wealth that will never diminish or fail to satisfy.

# Why Is Church Boring?

By Greg Barkman

Church is boring, or so we are told by some who attempt to diagnose ills within modern Christianity. The reason more people do not attend church is that they find it boring. The reason so many of our young people drop out is because they consider church boring. Traditional worship services are boring, so we need to make them more relevant, more exciting. Long prayers are boring, so they must be eliminated. Long sermons are boring, so they must be reduced. Sermons should grab people's attention and hold it for fifteen minutes. The preacher has to make his point quickly or people will tune him out. After all, we live in the age of entertainment, and people, especially young people, have short attention spans. We can only hope to hold their attention for a few minutes. People need constant variety. We can't do any one thing for long, especially preach. We need lots of lively music, some video clips, and a fast paced program if we hope to attract people and keep them in church. Otherwise, we must resign ourselves to declining attendance and a lost generation. If churches don't keep up with the times, they become hopelessly old fashioned, completely irrelevant, and eventually obsolete. Does any of this sound familiar to you?

## WHAT IS BOREDOM?

Boredom is the condition of being uninterested to the point of weariness because the situation that surrounds us is considered dull or monotonous. Is it possible that two people can be in the same situation and one is bored and the other is not? The concept of boredom is highly subjective, depending upon individual opinions and feelings. When I talk about cars, my wife's eyes tend to

gloss over. She seems bored. She tries really hard to look interested, but it's difficult because she's not. I find that hard to understand since I am very interested in automobiles. When my wife talks about home furnishings, paint, and fabrics, I struggle to stay engaged. I really want to share my wife's interests, and I do succeed to a small degree, but I confess that I find it difficult to avoid feeling bored. That subject just doesn't interest me as it does Marti. So what's the problem? Is the solution finding a way to make the subject more exciting, or should I simply accept the fact that she will never be as interested in cars as I am. We have a wonderful marriage, but we will never share the same level of interest in every subject. Nor should we. It's really not critical that Marti enjoy the world of automobiles, nor I, interior design. It's all right to have different interests. Nothing of great consequence is at stake.

## BOREDOM IN CHURCH.

However, church is different because eternal, not temporal issues are involved. It does make a great deal of difference whether or not I am interested in God. The destiny of my soul is at stake, not to mention many of the fundamental issues of life. But is it the fault of the preacher if I have a low level of interest in church? Admittedly, vital truth can be presented in a dull manner, and that's not desirable. But the main problem is often with the attendee, not with the church service. If my wife is not interested in car-talk, is that my fault? The same conversation that bores her stimulates someone who is enthusiastic about cars. If the church attendee is not interested in "God-talk," is that the preacher's fault? Should we

shape the most important subject in the universe into suitable material for entertainment? The manner in which we treat a subject communicates a great deal about the subject, and to treat God and the Bible as if it were simply another topic of casual entertainment is to diminish the greatness of God and the solemnity of spiritual issues. The price for endeavoring to create interest among the bored is too high. Some things cannot be "dumbed down" without distorting the message. In this case, the suggested cure is worse than the disease. Have we forgotten that the natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God because they are spiritually discerned? What is church supposed to be about if not "spiritual things"? To make church interesting to the carnal mind requires eliminating the things of the Spirit of God and replacing them with carnal elements.

## WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

In the case of the unchurched, we need to accept that they will not be interested in church until God's Spirit creates a spiritual thirst within them. The solution is not to change church to appeal to their current level of interest. The solution is to pray that God will change their hearts. When He does, they will no longer be bored with church. Inviting them to church is good, but we know in advance, that unless God does a work in their hearts, they will not likely continue. That's not the fault of the church or the preacher. That's just the nature of the unregenerate man who has no interest in spiritual things. Pigs don't enjoy eating grass, and sheep don't care for hog slop, and that's just the way it is. They have

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two different natures, and only God can change the nature. Changing church to appeal to the unregenerate instead of Christians is both a fool's errand and a colossal blunder.

In the case of our children, the situation is the same. We know when they become teens they will probably not be excited about church until God gives them a new heart. Will they be bored? I would fully expect them to be. If they are not, it's either because they have been regenerated and given an appetite for spiritual truth, or else because we've changed the style of ministry, and their carnal natures enjoy entertainment. There is one important difference, however, between the unchurched of the community, and the children of church members. Children can be taught to sit still, to listen, to respect God's Word, to learn and memorize the Bible. It's a matter of training. Parents can train them to attend with profit the same way we train our children to attend school. Study, homework, memorization, and self-discipline do not come naturally, but parental training, including a posi-

tive attitude toward school, appropriate incentives, and when necessary, appropriate punishments can steer our children through the troubled waters of school boredom, and insure that they benefit from their school experience. We believe school is important, so we work hard to keep them engaged as long as possible.

What is more important than training our children for godliness? We can't give them new hearts, but we can discipline them toward godliness, praying for God to change their hearts. Will they ever complain of boredom? Probably. Should we blame that on the church and let them choose a more entertaining church, just to make them happy and keep them attending? Not if we're wise. They don't need a watered-down, entertainment approach. They need serious worship along with solid Bible teaching. They may not like it, but it will do them good. We know that faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and that's something we dare not trifle with. That is why we must not alter the means God has appointed to resurrect the dead. Changing church so that spiritually dead people

enjoy it robs them of the only thing that can change their hearts. Conversion is a work of God's Spirit, and we must utilize the means God has appointed as we patiently wait upon Him to change hearts. "Even so, Lord, for thus it seems good in your sight."



## The Old Cross and the New Cross

*But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world (Galatians 6:14).*

The old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemned; the new cross amuses. The old cross destroyed confidence in the flesh; the new cross encourages it. The old cross brought tears and blood; the new cross brings laughter. The flesh, smiling and confident, preaches and sings about the cross; before that cross it bows and toward that cross it points with carefully staged histrionics—but upon that cross it will not die, and the reproach of that cross it stubbornly refuses to bear. I well know how many smooth arguments can be marshaled in support of the new cross. Does not the new cross win converts and make many followers and so carry the advantage of numerical success? Should we not adjust ourselves to the changing times? Have we not heard the slogan "New days, new ways"? And who but someone very old and very conservative would insist upon death as the appointed way to life? And who today is interested in a gloomy mysticism that would sentence its flesh to a cross and recommend self-effacing humility as a virtue actually to be practiced by modern Christians? These are the arguments, along with many more flippant still, which are brought forward to give an appearance of wisdom to the hollow and meaningless cross of popular Christianity. Help me today to deny myself, to take up my cross and to follow You. Amen.

—A. W. Tozer (1897-1963)

# Why Doctrinal Preaching Declines

by Arthur W. Pink

*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15

*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

2 Timothy 4:3-4

During the last two or three generations the pulpit has given less and less prominence to doctrinal preaching, until today, with very rare exceptions, it has no place at all. In some quarters the cry from the pew was, 'we want living experience and not dry doctrine'; in others, 'we need practical sermons and not metaphysical dogmas'; and yet others, Give us Christ and not theology. Sad to say, such senseless cries were generally heeded: 'senseless' we say, for there is no other safe way of testing experience, as there is no foundation for practicals to be built upon if they be divorced from Scriptural doctrine; while Christ cannot be known unless he be preached (1Cor.1:23), and he certainly cannot be 'preached' if doctrine is shelved. Various reasons may be given for the lamentable failure of the pulpit, chief among them being laziness, desire for popularity, superficial and lop-sided evangelism, and love of the sensational'.

Laziness. It is a far more exacting task, one which calls for much closer confinement in the study, to prepare a series of sermons on, say the doctrine of justification, than it does to make addresses on prayer,

missions, or personal-work. It demands a far wider acquaintance with the Scriptures, a more rigid disciplining of the mind, and a more extensive perusal of the older writers. But this was too exacting for most of the ministers, and so they chose the line of least resistance and followed an easier course. It is because of his proneness to this weakness that the minister is particularly exhorted, 'Give attendance to reading ... take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine: continue in them' (1Tim.4:13,16); and again, 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed...' (2 Tim.2:15).

Desire for popularity. It is natural that the preacher should wish to please his hearers, but it is spiritual for him to desire and aim at the approbation of God. Nor can any man serve two masters. As the apostle expressly declared, 'For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ' (Gal.1:10): solemn words are those! How they condemn them whose chief aim is to preach to crowded churches! Yet what grace it requires to swim against the tide of public opinion, and preach that which is unacceptable to the natural man. But on the other hand, how fearful will be the doom of those who, from a determination to curry favour with men, deliberately withheld those portions of the truth most needed by their hearers. 'Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it' (Deut.4:2). Oh to be able to say with Paul, 'I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you ... I am pure from the blood of all' (Acts.20:20, 26).

A superficial and lop-sided 'evangelism'. Many of the pulpiteers of the past fifty years acted as though

the first and last object of their calling was the salvation of souls, everything being made to bend to that aim. In consequence, the feeding of the sheep, the maintaining of a Scriptural discipline in the church, and the inculcation of practical piety, was crowded out; and only too often all sorts of worldly devices and fleshly methods were employed under the plea that the end justified the means; and thus the churches were filled with unregenerate members. In reality, such men defeated their own aim. The hard heart must be ploughed and harrowed before it can be receptive to the gospel seed. Doctrinal instruction must be given on the character of God, the requirements of his Law, the nature and heinousness of sin, if a foundation is to be laid for true evangelism. It is useless to preach Christ unto souls until they see and feel their desperate need of him.

Excerpt from *The Life of Arthur W. Pink*, by Ian H. Murray, Banner of Truth, Edinburgh, 1981, pp217-8

# True Religion

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY,

I ask not to be enrolled amongst the earthly great and rich,  
but to be numbered with the spiritually blessed.

Make it my present, supreme, persevering concern to obtain those blessings which are  
spiritual in their nature,  
eternal in their continuance,  
satisfying in their possession.

Preserve me from a false estimate of the whole or a part of my character;  
May I pay regard to my principles as well as my conduct, my motives as well as my actions.

Help me never to mistake the excitement of my passions  
for the renewing of the Holy Spirit,  
never to judge my religion by occasional impressions and  
impulses, but by my constant and prevailing disposition.

May my heart be right with thee, and my life as becometh the gospel.

May I maintain a supreme regard to another and better world,  
and feel and confess myself a stranger and a pilgrim here.

Afford me all the direction, defense, support, and consolation my journey hence requires,  
and grant me a mind stayed upon thee.

Give me large abundance of the supply of the Spirit of Jesus, that I may be  
prepared for every duty,

love thee in all my mercies,  
submit to thee in every trial,  
trust thee when walking in darkness,  
have peace in thee amidst life's changes.

Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief and uncertainties.

—*The Valley of Vision*

## THE BEACON BROADCAST

### *Monday thru Friday*

WITA 1490 AM (Knoxville, TN)	9:30 a.m.
WKBA 1550 AM (Roanoke, VA)	10:00 a.m.
WKPA 1390 AM (Lynchburg, VA)	10:00 a.m.
WBAG 1150 AM (Burlington, NC)	12:15 p.m.
WTRU 830 AM (Winston-Salem, NC)	2:00 p.m.
WDZY 1290 AM (Richmond, VA)	10:00 a.m.
WDZY 103.3 FM (Richmond, VA)	10:00 a.m.
WSKY 1230 AM (Asheville, NC)	7:15 a.m.
WYYC 1250 AM (York, PA)	5:00 a.m.
WYYC 98.1 FM (York, PA)	5:00 a.m.

### *Sunday*

WCRU 960 AM (Charlotte, NC)	9:30 a.m.
WBAG 1150 AM (Burlington, NC)	10:30 a.m.
WTRU 830 AM (Winston-Salem, NC)	10:30 a.m.
WDRU 1030 AM (Raleigh, NC)	10:30 a.m.
WLRS 590 AM (Richmond, VA)	10:30 a.m.
Harbour Light of the Windwards 1400 AM/94.5 FM (Caribbean)	9:30 p.m.

### *Monday thru Sunday*

WXTH-LP 101.7 FM (Richwood, WV)	10:05 a.m.
	10:05 p.m.

# BEACON HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST

## CALENDAR

05	Tri-State Particular Baptist Fellowship
07	Teen/Parent Focus IMPACT Training
10	Teen Homeplace Ministry
11	Lord's Table
13	Elders/Deacons Meeting
14	IMPACT Training
15	Silver Saints Kick-off
18	Members Meeting
21	IMPACT Training
28	IMPACT Training

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11	Brenda Jarrell
12	Larry Apple
17	Charlotte Evans
21	Pat Duncan
22	Regina Abernathy BJ Massey
25	Alan Dyer
26	Crystal Guthrie
31	Kelly LaTour

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

03	David Edens
06	Nicky Vaughn
08	Tony Payne
14	Donna Edens
22	Renato Giuliani

*We express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:*

Jack Allen  
Javan Enoch  
Sally Foreman Matthews  
Perry Robertson  
Carson Wiggins

## IMPACT Clubs 2019-2020

**Our IMPACT Children's Clubs begin Wednesday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m.**

This is a unique opportunity for Bible instruction through Scripture memory and catechism questions. Age appropriate clubs are designed for children beginning at age 3 and continuing through sixth grade. Your children, grandchildren, and the children of your friends and neighbors will benefit from this stimulating approach to learning.

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