



Lewiston Church of Christ

February 11, 2018

All Parents are Teachers

What do your children learn?

Weekly Services

- Sunday Morning
- Bible Study 9:45 AM
- Worship 10:45 AM
- Sunday Evening 6:00 PM
- Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Our church youth education program has been fighting an uphill battle. This program includes those students from the little ones to high school age in the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes downstairs. Sad to say we have been losing ground in this battle for some time. It is time for a serious reality check. Numerous factors contribute to our problems. The biggest is summed up in just three words, not enough teachers. Even more specifically, not enough willing to teach. Are you willing to help with this most noble endeavor? During our present Winter teaching quarter, we offer a grand total of just six classes to cover all age groups. We really need to have more classes to properly educate our young people. Sadly, we have been forced to offer fewer classes in recent years. Cindy and Candice should not be working with as many as 13 little ones with the pre-school plus class on Sunday mornings. They have done so admirably for several years. Jolynn gets quite a group of little ones on Wednesday nights as well. This class SHOULD definitely be divided into two age groups. So why not two classes? No willing teachers. It would take two new teachers willing to teach alternate quarters to manage this and four new teachers if we divided the class on Wednesday nights as well. Thank you and bless each of you who are teaching our precious youth. I would really like to see more parents with children in the program who are willing to teach. Only two of the six teachers this quarter actually have children in the program, Jake and Timauri. We may have only one such teacher in the Spring quarter. For many years, our Catholic friends have said “Give me a child until he is five and he will be a Catholic for life”. We should take serious note their view of childhood education. If the present trend continues, WHO will be teaching our children in the next generation? The Apostle Paul offered this advice to the church in Ephesus: “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training, and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4). Brothers and sisters in Christ, I love all of you dearly. Jesus taught, “This is my command: Love each other.” (Mt. 15:17). I have meant nothing I have said or written to be received in a derogatory or judgmental fashion. Someday, however, each of us will face the most righteous judge: “So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.” (Rom. 14:12). I thank all of you who are or will be teaching our children in 2018. You hold a special place in my heart. I pray that the Lord will bless you in a special way. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Mt. 19:14). Candice and I wish to thank the congregation and the elders for your continued support and encouragement. It has helped us both to grow in the faith. We will continue to love, encourage, and appreciate our teachers and students.

With Christian love;
Rick Richardson, Deacon of Education