

Friend and Family Day

June 14, 2016

Thoughts on the Christian Family and the Joy of the Christian Life

We offer a special welcome to all our visitors this morning, friends or family of members, or simply strangers (friends whom we have not yet met) who just happened by. We endeavor to make one and all comfortable in what perhaps is an unfamiliar setting and invite you to join in our worship, study, and fellowship. Feel free to ask any questions you may have about the words spoken or the practices observed and join with us for a fellowship meal immediately after the morning worship period. As much as humanly possible our heart's desire is for this short period of time to make you feel a part of our family; truly honored guests.

Dr. Michael Moss, Dean of the College of Bible and Behavioral Sciences at Ohio Valley University, is this morning's guest speaker. There is no institution that is more central to God's work with His Creation than the family. Dr. Moss brings to us this morning his wealth of study and experience as he examines the strategic role of parenting, the destiny of the Christian family, and the joy that is found in living the Christian life.

Bible Class Period beginning at 9:30 a.m.

God's Plan for Parenting: The destiny of the family of God, and God's plan for the family, really goes back to the beginning. This is clear in the passage which the average Jew would have deemed the most important passage in the Old Testament—Deuteronomy 6. Being a good parent is a never ending task.

Sunday Morning Sermon: Worship Period beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Family on Its Way Home: Jesus must prepare his disciples for His departure. He wants them to know that, although He will soon die, He is preparing a way for them. We, like the disciples, are very much a God's family on our way home to be with Jesus and the Father.

Sunday Afternoon Lesson following the fellowship lunch (approx. 2:00 p.m.)

The Joy of the Christian Life: Unfortunately many see the Christian life as just a bunch of rules. Jesus was concerned that His disciples would fail to see the real nature of the Christian life. It is a treasure and a real joy to live for Christ.

We hope all of you will enjoy the day and your lives in some measure be enriched. May our Lord be glorified in all things.