

Dear Parents and Students,

I was given a wonderful gift this semester, the opportunity to participate in a Sunday School class rather than be the teacher. For the last 11 years I have always been the leader of the class rather than the student. This semester I realized that I needed to be a student again and with the help of some wonderful people I have had the chance to do just that. It has been very good for me to be able to participate in the Grace Based Parenting class. I would encourage all parents to get involved in the next class in the series, not because you may agree with everything that they present, but because it helps you think about how you parent and why you parent that way. It has also been good to have other parents to talk through the information with. We live in a world that makes parenting a very tough job and we need all of the help and encouragement we can get. I would highly recommend and encourage all parents to jump into the next class that is offered.

I am excited to tell you that we will have 32 high school students and adults attending our Mennonite Brethren National Youth Convention in San Antonio on April 15-19. I would ask that you be praying for our trip and for the messages and times of service to make a huge impact on all who attend. Many who have attended in the past mark this event as a big spiritual marker in their life.

I am also excited to let you know that we have a team of 22 from our church family who will be making the trip to the Dominican Republic this July 8-15. Please be praying for this team as they are in training and preparing to go on this trip. Also pray for them as they talk and write to family, friends, co-workers, classmates, and others to raise the funds to go. If you would like to help one or more of these people go on this trip with financial help or would like to pray for one or more of these people please pick up a yellow sheet in the gathering area. Please pray that this team would be a blessing and an encouragement to our missionaries Sarah Liborio and Ruth Castillo as well as the people in the villages who will receive the water filters.

I would also like to ask for your prayers as we continue to study the life of Christ on Wednesday nights. Pray that we can learn to trust Jesus more and more as we learn who Jesus is and why He is worthy of our honor, worship, and our lives.

In Christ,

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