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We exist to love Jesus and live for Him.

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Summer at Pinehurst by Brian Watson

This summer seemed to go by very quickly at Pinehurst.

VBS

Finally, we had an excellent Vacation Bible School between August 2 and 7. The theme of this year's VBS was Space Probe. The children learned about God, the first few chapters of Genesis, and the Gospel. 🌟

We envision a congregation whose love for Jesus and one another leaves a clear and compelling witness for Christ.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12: 4-5

New Life!

We welcomed three babies into the world and our church.



Malachi James DeLong was born on June 23;



Aryann Sky Wilkienson was born on June 29;



and Caleb Joseph Watson was born on July 11.



Bible Trivia

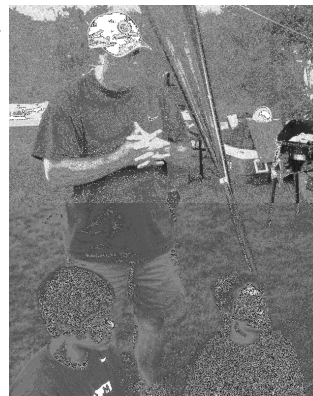
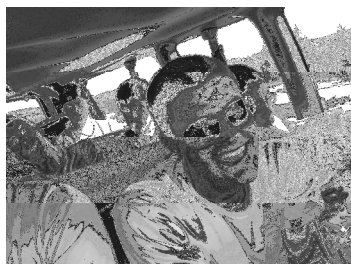
What is the longest verse in the Bible?

Answer from the July issue: Jonah is the Old Testament character from whom we get the word that means "bringer of bad luck."



Entiat

The youth went on their annual trip to Lake Entiat on July 21-24. In addition to having fun and relaxing, the youth studied the book of Colossians.



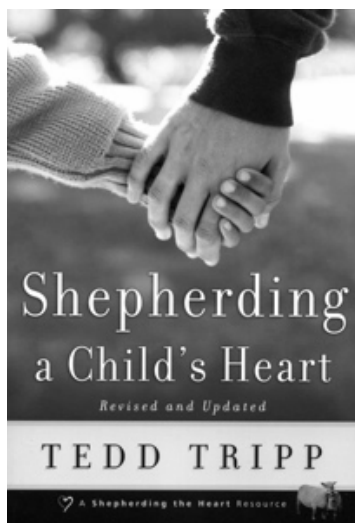
Shepherding a Child's Heart by Ryan Reese

I am terrified of "church kids." Church kids are a phenomenon of evangelical Christianity in which seemingly devout Christian parents raise children who are "churched," but don't live lives of worship. They've gone to church since they can remember but don't really know why—it has simply been the family routine. Church kids may know all the Bible stories, dress well, and be respectful to the older people at church. They know how to act in the "Christian" social environment. But their hearts are not in it. Away from the sacred building of their upbringing they live quite differently. In their *real* lives Jesus Christ has no part. As I've heard one pastor say, church kids have had just enough Jesus to become inoculated to the gospel. They probably think they believe. They've passed through all our spiritual rites of passage, be it baptism or confirmation class, but have nothing

like a relationship with the Lord. Yet we smile and assure ourselves that they are good kids. Not only is raising nice, "church kids" disastrous to their own souls, it has a devastating effect in the church. Jesus told his disciples the gates of hell would not overpower his church, yet he did not mean each and every church (Matthew 16:18). If any body of believers fails to pass the true faith on to their children, the future of that church is bleak indeed. So what is the alternative to raising church kids? Family discipleship. In the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses commanded the Israelites to teach God's Word "diligently to your children," talking to them about who God is all the day long (Deut. 6:7). Christian parents are not to compartmentalize the faith—by either leaving all instruction *at* the church, or leaving the discipleship of their children *to* the church. If your everyday life has nothing to do with God, your children are learning a dreadful lesson in idolatry. If you never teach your children or grandchildren about the Lord, expecting the Sunday school teacher or someone else to disciple your child, then you are well on your way to raising a "church kid." Sunday school is great—but it is not enough. If they fail to see real Christianity taught and practiced in the home, they will be unlikely to live their lives for God's glory. We at Pinehurst Baptist Church have no desire to raise up church kids in our families. To assist families in the



discipleship of their children, we are offering a tremendous study on Sunday nights called *Shepherding a Child's Heart*. This fifteen-week study written by Tedd Tripp will begin on September 12 at 6:00pm. Please sign up in the foyer as soon as possible so we can order your parent's handbook. The cost of the handbook is eight dollars. This is not something you will want to miss! Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or work with children in any capacity, you need to be a part of this study. *Shepherding a Child's Heart* is a Biblical guide to helping children become true worshipers of Jesus Christ. For the sake of our children and for the glory of God in His church, make this study a priority this fall. 🌿



A few more photos from VBS...

