

The Canaan Connection



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MILESTONES— INFANT DEDICATION

Sunday, July 31, was a day of recognition, dedication and celebration at CBC. The morning service began with the dedication of infants—always a touching and warm part of our services. Infant dedication is a public acknowledgment by parents that they desire to raise their child with God's help in a Christian home and according to Biblical values. At the same time, we, as a congregation, are challenged to hold these young families in prayer and offer practical support when we see the need. Children are our corporate responsibility as a church body. Not only do we congratulate these families and welcome their little ones, but we want them to know we pray for them as they face the challenges of the days and years ahead. May God richly bless each!



Pastor Dave Delivers the Challenge to Parents and Congregation alike.



Praying for God's Blessing and Protection

FROM THE STUDY

BY PASTOR DAVE



In this issue of The Canaan Connection you will read about and view photos of two very important events that recently occurred here at CBC. In the July 31 Sunday Morning Service we had what we call "Infant Dedication" when parents dedicate their child to the Lord and dedicate themselves to raising that child according to the clear teaching of the Scriptures.

The other event was held that same Sunday night when we celebrated several children following the Lord in what we call "Believers Baptism". This is an act of obedience following one having placed their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ their Savior.

In both of these events children were the main participants. It is quite interesting to see just how much emphasis the Lord puts on children and their instruction in His Word the Bible.

We here at CBC are blessed at this time to have a good number of infants and young children. We recognize the importance of assisting the parents in the bringing up of these little ones "...in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph 6:4) We also realize their importance in the ongoing ministry of CBC. Several of the parents expressed the importance that this ministry had in their own personal upbringing and indicated to me that they wanted their children to experience the same positive impact in their lives. What a blessing this is all around!



Sarah & Matt
Madden, and
Emily

Bryan & Katie
Wyllie, and
Jacob

Jaime and
Brian Long,
with Ronnie
and Archer

MORE MILESTONES – BELIEVERS’ BAPTISM

Sunday, July 31, was also a time for some of our young believers to publicly acknowledge the time they received God’s free gift of salvation and their desire to be identified with other believers and walk in faith as they continue to grow. Casey, Audrey and Laurel Skelton were baptized by Pastor Dave, assisted by their father. Jayden Shaffer, with the assistance of her dad, was also baptized by Pastor Dave.

Baptism is an important step of obedience in the believer’s life. While it has no power to save or cleanse us of our sin, it is an acknowledgement of the salvation experience already accomplished. There is no age requirement for salvation. Jesus

Himself declared, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for such is the kingdom of God.” (Matt. 19:14). Studies have shown that nearly half of all Christians today were saved before the age of 13. That figure rises to two-thirds by the age of eighteen! At Day Camp this past June a number of children felt the need for salvation upon hearing the gospel, and parents and counselors alike rejoiced in leading these young ones to Christ. Jesus placed great emphasis on children, including the need to be diligent in our instruction and example so they see Christ in us and desire to walk with Him. As a congregation, let us hold these young believers in our prayers as they seek to follow Christ in the years ahead. Then we can all say, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” 3 John 1:4



Jayden Shaffer with Pastor Dave and Jay Shaffer



Audrey Skelton with Pastor Dave and Brian Skelton



Casey Skelton with Pastor Dave and Brian Skelton



Laurel Skelton with Pastor Dave and Brian Skelton

DID YOU KNOW?

Canaan Christian Academy has redesigned their website. New features, include forms you can fill in right online, calendars, daily announcements, and more! Visit us at www.canaanchristianacademy.org and look around. Our church website also has a new calendar where you can keep track of what’s happening at CBC! Go to www.canaanbiblechapel.org.

THINK ABOUT IT...

How To Never Get Lost

He that follows Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12