

FROM THE



PASTOR

A little girl was watching her mother prepare a ham for their Christmas dinner. She asked, "Momma, why do you always cut off the ends of the ham before you put it in the pan?" Her mother replied, "Well, I'm not really sure. I learned to do it from watching my mother prepare the Christmas ham each year. It probably makes the ham juicier and absorbs the spices. Maybe you should ask Grandmama."

The girl went into the den and asked her Grandmama, "Why did you cut off the ends of the Christmas ham before you put it in the pan?" Her grandmother delighted by the little girl's interest in her cooking replied, "It probably helped the ham to bake a little faster and soak up the flavoring from the juices. But, you probably should ask Great-Grandmama because I learned from watching her bake the ham every year".

Still curious, the little girl went to her Great-Grandmama sitting in her chair by the window. "Why did you trim the edges off the Christmas ham? Mama and Grandmama said it makes the ham more flavorful and juicy." The aged woman broke out in laughter, reached out and took the little girls hand. "Sweetheart, I cut the ends off because the Christmas hams because they were too big to fit in my roasting pan."

We sometimes do things with good intentions, but for the wrong reasons. A lot of practices in churches are because "that is how we've always done it." As we seek ways for our church to grow, we may need to consider the possibility that some of the things we are doing, while good, may not be necessary. Sometimes change does not mean doing something new, it may also mean letting go of old habits.

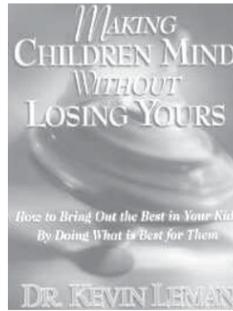
This can be applied to our spiritual journeys as well. Paul said we must "forget those things which are behind, and press on to the prize that is before us." As we continue looking at growth opportunities let continue praying, pressing on, and...

...Working together,

MAKING CHILDREN MIND WITHOUT LOSING YOURS

How to Bring out the Best in Kids By Doing What is Best for Them
Beginning October 9th at 6:30PM

Are you looking for a loving, no-nonsense way to raise your children? Let psychologist and best-selling author Dr. Kevin Leman guide you in the seven principles of reality discipline — steering the course between an authoritarian and a permissive style of parenting. You'll learn what works and exactly how to put it into practice. It's everything you need to know to raise your children — right!



Thank you all so much for the precious gifts you gave to us for Maggie! She is certainly making good use of everything! Thank you for thinking of us at this special time!

Love,
Chuck, Michelle, Delia, Shannon (Prosser) & Maggie Jackson

Big Thank You!

A Big Thank You to **Joyce Denham** for re-painting the gate sign in the back parking lot.

Tithes & Gifts

Amt. Received 9/25/05 \$ 4,739.00
Amt. to Building Fund \$ 1,414.00

Games Come To Our Toys CHILDREN'S YARD SALE

Saturday - OCTOBER 8 - 9am to 2pm

The children are having a Children's Yard Sale to benefit our Building Fund. We will be selling ONLY things associated with children.

Here's how YOU can help--

- **Donate** Children's toys, books, clothes, puzzles, etc. (Please do not bring to the church until Sunday, October 2nd.)
- **Volunteer** an hour (or more) to help us price and staff the Yard Sale.
- **Invite** all your neighbors, family and friends to come with you Saturday, October 8th!



October 29th 5PM-8PM

Join us for a Chili Cook-Off, Many varieties of Booths, a Silent Auction and, of course,

"TRUNK -R- TREAT"!

Sign Up in the Narthex!

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 2nd 135

RESPONSIBILITIES

Oct. 2nd - Oct. 9th

Deacons On Call

Mike Corley

Leon Denham

Doris Deskins

Lawn Care Volunteer

Week of 10/9 Mark/Bojr Boland

Sunday (10/09) Extended Session

10:30 AM:

A Charlotte Cochran, Casey Cochran

DEF Rebecca Sims, Heather Birkla

Wednesday (10/12)

6:20PM

Rae Rieber