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# Kiddie Link

## Follow Me

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

### Ephesians 4:1—2

A month after Jacob was born, we had the brilliant idea to take the boys hiking. About 45 minutes up the trail, Jacob was snuggled in a Bjorn on my front, Hank was clinging to my back in tears and Todd and Mack were happily marching up the mountain. I remember clearly spitting at Todd, "If I'm lucky, I can twist my ankle and we can go home. But if I'm really lucky, I could fall and break my back, have to get airlifted out of here and not see you all for a good few months!"

As Christians, we can be so tuned into our Bible study and prayer life that our piety becomes an obstacle to those we are responsible for leading. "My husband and I have devotions with our children every morning and we pray as a couple every evening. Plus, I'm in this awesome Bible study every Tuesday at this church and another great one with this group on Wednesday. Oh, and have you read the latest book by so and so? So convicting!"

As we foster faith in others, we need to be conscientious of where they are in their faith. If we rattle off our list of Jesus stuff, they may be overwhelmed and defeated. Faith can appear to be more work than a real relationship and who needs more work?

Instead, match your pace to theirs. Many years ago we started a Bible study with some of seeking neighbors. In my mind, we would have some prayer, discuss our study, and then maybe have some social time. Instead, Mary Ellen walked in with a party platter and Jackie had a 12 pack. Once I got my attitude back in place, we had a great study, albeit a bit more social than I expected.

I urge all of us to look closely at all our relationships. Are we nurturing each other's faith or are we causing another to stumble? If needed, repent and seek forgiveness. Then find ways to walk along those in your life, stretching your own faith muscles in patience and humility, while strengthening the faith muscles of those you are called to shepherd.

With joy,

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# Monthly Mentions

DON'T FORGET TO **BRING FLOWERS ON EASTER SUNDAY** TO FLOWER THE CROSS. Short stems and colorful blossoms work best.

**VBS is in the works** and all hands on deck. If you would like to guarantee your child's placement, volunteer. June 28th—July 2nd, all positions are needed. Please contact January Britt at 447-0322 or [januarybritt@verizon.net](mailto:januarybritt@verizon.net).

The **Golden Babysitter book will actually be a bulletin board** and is in process. Anyone willing to refer their favorite babysitter, please contact Jill at 288-1911 or [jillatstmatts@hotmail.com](mailto:jillatstmatts@hotmail.com).

We have some **openings in the Nursery that need to be filled**. If you can help out, please give Jill Rich a call at 288-1911. Dates are April 11—infant & May 23—toddler. Thanks in advance.

**Homebuilders will be hosting a potluck picnic** on April 18th after church at Cheswick Park. It promises to be a fun time of fellowship and great food. For more information, contact Josh Watts at 750-2790.

# Nursery Schedule

Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.

If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
April 4			
Easter 9:00	Katie Musick Bert Musick		Stacy Relyea Bob Relyea
11:15	Elizabeth Spadea John Spadea		Linda Wilson Wendell Wilson
11	Nancy Godfrey ???	January Britt Jeff Britt	Wynn Burr Blake Burr
18	Ann Brown Boyd Brown	Kate Garitz Shawn Garitz	Sarah Pemberton Lee Pemberton
25	Betty Helms Carol Grainger	Laura Allin Danny Cox	Linda Wilson Wendell Wilson