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Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

If only it were that easy. If putting your child in the right school, in the right church, in the right Sunday School could equal a young man or woman who is passionate about Jesus, we all would sleep better at night.

Even acknowledging that faith is the work of the Spirit, we'd all like the magic formula to raise children who finish college in four years, date the right girl/guy, and find employment after university. But it doesn't work that way. Like us, our children have a mind of their own. They get to make decisions about what they wear, who they hang out with and whether or not they really do all their homework.

So what is God talking about here? What's the point?

I'm sure you know people like this...they dutifully go to the gym every day or they break out their running shoes and take their exercise as well as their vitamins. They've figured out that without regular movement, they feel sluggish and soon their clothes don't fit. They have made the effort to form a habit.

I would offer that this bit of advice is the same thing. As parents it's our duty and obligation to form godly habits in our children. If we want them to live a healthy lifestyle, we get them playing sports and help them develop a taste for healthy foods.

If we want them to love God and his bride, we take them to church. Not just on Sundays, but they come with you when you're helping clean up the lawn or shoveling mulch. They join you when you set up for Altar Guild. They become so comfortable at church that it feels like home.

Habits are not going to make one's faith, but they will put you in a place to see faith happening 24/7. Join me in praying for you all (as well as my own family) that we make God-centered habits for our families and that God will call our children into relationship with Himself.

Joyfully yours,

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Monthly Mentions

VBS—Yes, I did say VBS. We're in need of helping hands to organize. Even if you can't be here during the week of VBS, you can still be part of this fun outreach program. Call Jill for more details, 288-1911.

Lenten readers needed. Believe it or not Lent is right around the corner and we are in need of volunteers willing to read a couple of chapters from 7:00 to 8:00 each Wednesday during Lent. If you and your BFF would be willing to commit to reading one of the five Wednesdays, it would be a great help. Contact Jill for more info—288-1911.

Children's Church is in need of extra hands to help out. If interested, call Megan Lloyd at 217-7892.

Ladies, this one's for you... St. Matthew's Women's Retreat 2012, April 28, 2012, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, in the Parish Hall. **Tears, Truths & Triumphs** by Janet Phillips. \$15 Registration fee includes snack and lunch. Registration deadline is April 15th. For more information and registration form, go to www.stmatthewsrichmond.org.

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
February 5	Lynda Jenkins	Katie Musick	Wynn Burr
	Kathryn Bailey	Bert Musick	Blake Burr
12	Bethany Piersol	Carrine Marshall	Gail Ridgeway
	Jake Piersol	Calvin Marshall	Barry Ridgeway
19	Kathryn Martin	Alison Barnes	Natalie Axtell
	Susan Harrison	Matt Barnes	Kaki Vint
26	Heidi Wilkins	January Britt	Kate Garitz
	Chris Wilkins	Jeff Britt	Shawn Garitz