

### 3 Things to Do

1. Write a list of things you should do to help your children reach their God given aspiration and dreams.
2. Stop exasperating your children. Their God given dreams is not about you and your comfort.
3. Pray and ask God to help you nurture your children.

## The Fundamental Question

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Think about the children God has given you to train and nurture. Do you know who they are? Are you helping them do what God has ordained for them to do?
2. Are you doing what God created you to do? How did your parents help (or hindered) your efforts to achieve your God given dream?
3. Should parents help their adult children reach their God given potential? If so, how? Give a few examples.

## Church Calendar

### CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

### MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

### HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

TUESDAY 12 'NOON /7:30 PM

### [EVENTS FOR MAY 2017](#)

*Wednesday, 3rd — In Home Bible Study*

*Sunday, 14th — Mother's Day*

*Sunday, 21st — Pastor's Appreciation following the Morning Worship Service in the alternate Multi Purpose Room*

*Monday, 22nd — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30 PM*

*Tuesday, 23rd—Sunday, 28th — Phil-Balt Annual Conference at the BWI Marriott Hotel*

*Monday, 29th — Memorial Day*

## Church Announcements

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup> By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything  
But pray and ask God for  
everything you need  
Always giving thanks  
And He'll give you peace for your  
heart and mind.

And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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## The Fundamental Question

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### Shalom!

### *It's God's Plan for You!*

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### Next Week

What Every Child Needs -  
Wisdom

## A Familiar Conversation

1. How are you doing in school?
2. What are your favorite subjects?
3. What are you good at? What do you do well?
4. What do you like to do?
5. What don't you like?
6. What are your hobbies?
7. What are you teaching yourself?

Your Notes

## WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

As you prepare to celebrate Graduations, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Reflect on what makes a great parent. Every parent must answer "*The Fundamental Question*". **Who has the Lord sent us to train?** As you learn God's plan for your child's life, implement the three primes. The Prime Directive – Give your child a good start. The Prime Objective – Nurture your child in ways of the Lord. The Prime Result – Recognize that your child is fearfully and wonderfully made, so follow the Creator's instructions.

### *The Fundamental Question* *Who has the Lord sent us to train?*

I. We have wonderful children. I have the same conversation with them, all the time. Why? The Fundamental Question and the Three Primes.

II. Joseph and Mary had to answer this question about Jesus (Luke 2:41-52) So do you about your children

III. Didn't you know I must be about my father's business? (from KJV)

IV. Our children, in order to be true to themselves, must be about their father's business.

V. The Three Primes

A. The Prime Directive – Give your children a start.

B. The Prime Objective – Train your children in the Lord's ways.

C. The Prime Result – They are fearfully and wonderfully made. Follow the designers' instructions He knows the wonderful person he made. He see their great works.

VI. [Natalie Hawkins' Story](#)

VII. We have wonderful children. However training is required. If trained properly, we will find that Shalom is God's plan for them, too.

## Words to Remember

After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "**Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?**" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. *Luke 2:43-51 (NIV)*