

3 Things to Do

1. Bring your children and grandchildren to Sunday school.
2. Make sure your children and grandchildren participate in other church activities.
3. Financially support the church's effort to provide ministry to our church.

It takes a church
to raise a child

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Did you grow up in the church? How important was it to your upbringing?
2. Did your church have a good children and youth ministry? What activities did the church do that helped develop your faith, character, talents and skill?
3. How would you change the children and youth ministry in your church to make them more effective? What would you add? What would you subtract? What would you improve?

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 JUNE 2017](#)

Wednesday, 7th — In Home Bible Study

*Saturday, 10th — Darius Miller's
Graduation*

Sunday, 18th — Father's Day

*Monday, 19th—Friday, 23rd — STEM
Camp, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Age: Pre-
K—Grade 5 – Registration is \$100.00*

*Monday, 26th — Ministry Team
Meeting, 7:30 PM*

[EVENTS FOR JULY 2017](#)

Tuesday, 4th — Independence Day

Wednesday, 5th — In Home Bible Study

*Monday, 17th—Friday, 21st — Vacation
Bible School, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Nightly
Classes for All Ages!*

*Monday, 31st — Ministry Team
Meeting, 7:30 PM*

Church Announcements

Peace Benediction in E^b 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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PASTOR



Shalom!

It's God's Plan for You!

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Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Rita J. Colbert, Presiding Elder
Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore, Presiding Bishop

Next Week
Children Honor
and Obey Your Parents.

A familiar African proverb – *It takes a village to raise a child*

1. What does it mean?
2. Is it Biblical?
3. We cannot opt out.
4. Who is in your child's village?
5. There's peril in choosing the wrong village.

Your Notes

WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

Our children are influenced by the people who they spend time with, so we should make sure the church is an important part of their upbringing. The church should provide more to our children than just Sunday school. We should provide worship, education and service activities designed to build their faith, character, talents and skills. Our children belong to the Lord. We must train them to be his disciples. If we allow the Lord to be the builder, our children will bless us and we will rest knowing they are in God's hands.

*Make the church the center of your child's village
Don't give your child a worthless upbringing*

I. The church must be an important part of your child's village else you're building in vain.

II. It is vanity to raise your children apart from the church.

III. Parents who raise their children in the church can rest well because they are in the Lord's hand.

IV. Children belong to the Lord. They are a heritage and reward from Him. Parents who recognize this rely on God to help them raise their children. The Lord will provide.

V. A good church has a vibrant children's ministry beyond Sunday school. A good church fosters the growth and development of their children. It is not an accident that many of our great leaders grew up in the church.

VI. The Lord should be the architect of your household.

VII. Children from a Christian home that are nurtured in a good church make their parents proud and do great things.

Words to Remember

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Psalms 127:1-5