

BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION ON A FOUNDATION OF BIBLICAL TRUTH

*"We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."* Psalm 78:4



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Greetings Parents!

The Christian Ed team at CPC believes in education that reveals not only the 'that' of things (that they exist and their origin) but the 'why' (for what purpose are all things created). With this in mind, we encourage you to take a few minutes to read what will be happening in our JrChurch and Sunday School classes this fall.

JrCHURCH: In both the older and younger JrChurch the children are memorizing the catechism (*Catechism for Young Children* and *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*). The Shorter Catechism was written by those rascally Puritans who are exalted by many (J. I. Packer calls them the giant Redwood trees of the Christian faith) and disparaged by some (usually those who have not read them). Members of CPC will realize that the Puritans are the theologians that wrote our Standards (*The Westminster Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*) and that all leaders in the PCA agree to submit to and uphold this confession of faith.



The word "catechism" may have a stuffy sound to some. However, if the church is to make clear the truth of Scripture to the youth of the church then teaching catechism is essential. To those new to such an approach, catechism is simply an orderly, systematic statement in question-and-answer form of presenting the truths of God's Word. The intent is to state concisely and clearly (1) what we are to believe concerning God, and (2) what duties God requires of man.



So why bother memorizing anything anymore when a few clicks of a mouse or an app will give us the information we need? While some may question the time and effort required to memorize scripture and the catechisms when the information is a click away, there is no substitute for memorization. Having access to God's Word and sound doctrine is not the same as hiding it in one's heart and having it become a part of one's life.

*"My heart grew hot within me,
and as I meditated, the fire burned."
Psalm 39:3*



*"I have hidden your word
in my heart that I might
not sin against you."
Psalm 119:11*



“Christian teachers are special servants of God. There is no dearer treasure, nor any more precious thing on earth...A diligent and pious school teacher or whoever it is that faithfully trains and teaches children can never be sufficiently rewarded.” Martin Luther

Sunday School Classes and Teachers

Preschool/Kindergarten – “God Leads His People” – Teacher: Brenda Miller

First-Second-Third Grades – “God’s Servants” – Teacher: Melissa Owens

Fourth-Fifth-Sixth Grades – “I Samuel to Esther” – Teacher: Val Moore

JrHigh (7th & 8th) – “Into All the Earth” – Teacher: Jim Price

SrHigh (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) “Romans” – Teacher: Brian Cheek

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This year Sunday School begins **August 19th**. Our curriculum is from Great Commission Publications (published by the PCA). The Bible is taught from a redemptive-historical perspective. This is to see the Bible as the complete, unified counsel of God. Every small portion of God’s Word is to be interpreted in the context of the whole of Scripture. It is presented from a covenantal perspective which is to see the covenants as the thread that ties the Bible together. God’s faithfulness is expressed in the unfolding of the covenant of grace as seen on each page of the Bible. God has ordained that instruction in the faith be carried out by two institutions: the family and the church. With this in mind, working together, we pray the Lord would be pleased to use our teaching to provide a solid foundation in the Christian faith to our covenant children.



MEET VAL MOORE: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

**Val is teaching the older elementary class
(4th -5th- 6th grades)**

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
Lebanon, Indiana

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO RICHMOND?
My husband, Chris, got a job here.

WHY DID YOU PICK CPC AS YOUR CHURCH HOME?
We were looking for a church with reformed convictions and a love for Jesus and CPC has been that place!

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES?
I LOVE being with people and talking. I also like to be active, so I like running and working out. And I like putting those two together!

WHAT ARE THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES IN TEACHING CHILDREN?
The joy of teaching kids is trying to instill in them a real excitement for the truth you are teaching, and to help them to use their imaginations to get there. The challenge is that sometimes I don't feel that excitement enough so it's hard to think of ways to teach it to them.

