

From the Family Room

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A Faithful Three Fold Cord

A threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12b



We all know about young people that leave their faith and stop attending church when they leave home after high school. This occurs whether they go to college, join the military or enter the work force. The force of attraction to the world is strong. Is the rope of faith which attaches today's young people to Christ strong enough to withstand the force of attraction from our culture?

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 4:12 that "a threefold cord is not easily broken." The rope of faith which attaches our children to Christ must be constructed of three faithful cords.

The first cord of this rope is a faithful family. A faithful family is one in which God's word is deeply engrained on the hearts of the parents. It is a family where there is constant conversation about God and His words. A faithful family is one in which children see their parents living in accordance with the sermons they hear at church. Parents also faithfully live the songs they sing at worship, the lessons they teach, and the prayers they pray. A faithful family is one where relationships are a priority in life. Time is made for meals together. Time is made for meaningful family devotionals. Time is made for each other.

Our young people need a cord that is a faithful church. They need elders who faithfully shepherd their souls. They need to see faithful members who live out the songs they sing and the prayers they pray. They need God's word faithfully taught from the pulpit and in their classes. They need a church that provides them with opportunities to serve others. They need teaching concerning telling the good news of Jesus Christ to their friends. They need a church that is excited about worshipping a real living God. They need to know that God exists and loves them. They need a church that worships God in spirit and in truth. They need a church that leads them to a relationship with their holy, just, loving, and merciful heavenly Father who is full of grace. They need a united church that loves.

The final cord is faithful friends. We all know how strong the influence of friends is on young people. That can be, and often is, a negative force. However, that force can be a positive force. Families and the church need to provide conditions where our young people have the opportunity to spend time with other faithful Christian young people. This can happen in the church youth group devotionals, area wide youth worship, youth rallies, Bible camp, service activities and Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes. It can happen outside of the church with faithful friends from school. Any activity is most effective when parents are involved.

Our goals at Creekwood are: 1.) to be a faithful congregation that anchors our young people after they graduate and leave home; 2.) to train our families to be faithful families that fulfill God's word as we read in Deuteronomy 6; 3.) that our families will be incubators of faith. It is our vision that the church is a partner with parents. It is our desire that our teens will forge deep meaningful friendships within the youth group. A strong faith can be made even stronger through these friendships. Then they will be tied off to a strong threefold cord that empowers them to not only remain faithful but also to become a strong positive force among their peers.

Please join us in our endeavor to weave a cord of three faithful strands to anchor our young people.

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