

New Hope Baptist Church

Children's Church Newsletter

Growing in Christ : Getting Ready for School

Of all the apostles in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul gave the best example of how to teach others. Not only did he write the basic religious instruction and beliefs of the young church for others to understand, he tutored those who aspired to spread the Christian faith.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, Romans 13, he mentioned Phoebe, a deacon, who he had instructed. In the same chapter, he mentioned Priscilla and Aquila, referring them as his co-workers in Christ Jesus and Andronicus and Junia, converted Jews who Paul had instructed. Paul then writes a long list of followers who he had taught, including Timothy, his apprentice, and Tertius, his secretary who wrote the words in the Book of Romans that Paul had spoken. With these letters, followers in Rome could read Paul's correspondence to the new churches and members could learn from them. From this passage, we see that Paul taught a diverse group of students, Greeks and Jews, males and females. Paul's other books in the New Testament, from Corinthians to Philemon, he offers instructions to fellow believers.

From Paul's letters we understand the important elements of a good teacher and students.

- Write down all that your teacher communicates to you. Paul received inspiration from God and Jesus Christ and he preserved them by writing his New Testament books.
- Repeat what you have learned to others. By dictating what God had spoken to him and having Tertius write them down, he reinforced his understanding.
- Write so that many audiences can understand. Paul, a Turk from Tarsus, as the primary missionary of the early church, preached and taught Jews, Greeks, Romans, Cypriots, Cretans, Sicilian, and others.

In this newsletter, we hope to use what Paul has taught to improve the learning of children at New Hope and any child who reads this Newsletter so they can better understand God's Word.

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Preparing for School : Learning from Apostle Paul

The Apostle Paul's Methods of Learning

1. Sit with the best students in the class

The Apostle Paul turned from a persecutor of Christians to a believer. By joining the members of the class who excel, you show that you want to excel too. This applies not only to school but also to church, to work, and to sports.

2. Write down everything that your teacher says on the subject you are learning.

Studies have shown that physically writing what we hear aids retention of the information. Even elementary students can write what their teacher has taught them. The Apostle Paul wrote most of the New Testament. He wanted to retain what God had instructed him, to teach others, and keep a record of all that he had learned.

3. Read the notes that you have taken every evening. Ask yourself questions about the notes, such as, "What are the key ideas? What are some examples? How do these relate to what I already know?"

4. Explain what you have learned to others, such as your mother, sibling, or friend. Just as the Apostle Paul constantly instructed on his journeys, we should follow him and communicate what we have learned to others. By talking, we sense what we really know and what we need to review.

5. Use free time to improve. Although the Apostle Paul found himself in jail, he continued to write down his inspirations from God. If riding in a car or bus, between classes, waiting for a friend, take the time to read the assigned book, to figure out a math problem, or to learn spelling words.

Bible Focus for August : Learning Like Paul

I dedicated myself to using wisdom for study and discovery of everything that is done under heaven. God uses terrible things so human beings will struggle with life. Ecclesiastes 1: 13 ISV.

Preparing for School : A Learning Contract

My Learning Contract

Learner's Name _____

Learning Experience (Reading, Math, for example) _____

<p>What are you going to Learn (objectives)? <i>List what you want to know or be able to do after completing the course?</i></p>	<p>How are going to learn it (resources and strategies)? <i>What do you have to do in order to meet each of the objectives?</i></p>	<p>When do you plan to complete each task? <i>What is your daily, weekly, and monthly schedule?</i></p>
<p>How are you going to know that you learned your topic (Evidence)? <i>What is the specific task that you are to complete to demonstrate learning?</i></p>	<p>How are you going to prove that you learned your topic (Verification)? <i>Who will receive the product of your learning and how will they evaluate it?</i></p>	<p>Parent evaluation Teacher evaluation <i>How well was the task completed? What feedback did you receive? "What went well? What could have gone better? What might I need to learn for better master, or what strategies might I use the next time for better results?"</i></p>

I have set my goals and agree to this Learning Contract. I will report to you weekly on my progress.

Date _____ Student : _____

Parent _____

Quotes from *Make It Stick* by Peter C. Brown and Henry L. Roediger III. (2014)

Colorado's Childhood Obesity Study

The Denver Post article, Nearly one in six children in Denver is obese, showed the disparity of obesity along racial lines. The article stated: "Only 5.7 percent of white, non-Hispanic children were considered obese. . . . Meanwhile, 14.7 percent of black children and 20.9 percent of Hispanic children were considered obese".

The article attributed sugary drinks as the primary culprit for the problem.

<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/08/03/nearly-one-six-children-denver-obese-new-report/>

Success Workshop

**Saturday, September 30,
2017, 9am to 2 pm
New Hope Baptist Church
Ages: 9 to 15**

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Awesome Reads!!

All Ages

Your favorite book of the Bible. Each person has their individual favorite in the Old and New Testament. The Bible has poems, history, short stories, and parables. Read both books and compare what God says or does within each.

Elementary **I'm New Here** by Anne Sibley O'Brien tells how three new kids experience their first day of school. Maria, from Guatemala, Jin from Korea and Fatimah from Somalia relate how they find their place in a school in the United States.

Upper Elementary. **Confessions of a Former Bully** by Trudy Ludwig. Although in the format of a picture book, this title gives kids an expanded view of bullying in its verbal, physical, psychological, and social forms.

Sun, Moon, Earth, The History of Solar Eclipses from Omens of Doom to Einstein by Tyler Nordgren. Chapter 7 of this book describes the total eclipse that will occur on August 21, 2017. It explains the path, how to prepare and protect yourself while viewing it.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie. This coming of age novel tells the story of an American Indian boy and how he juggles his life on the reservation and in the white world of school and life.

Calendar of Events

Success Workshop September 30, 2017
Fifth (5th) Saturday of the month. There will be no
Angel Choir rehearsal.