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Youth Can Be Leaders Too! ***Sam Wilcut***

Although adults have the responsibility of leading, young people can be leaders, too. I cringe whenever I hear various ones pray for our youth and refer to them as “the church of tomorrow,” because while I realize the sentiments of the prayer, we ought never to forget that young people can shine as leaders in the church of today. Notice a few Biblical examples of godly youth who were leaders in their youth.

David was a leader among adults. When he obeyed his father to visit his brothers who were in the Israelite army, he witnessed a tragic situation. The enemy was ridiculing not only the Israelites themselves, but Jehovah God as well. Sure, their champion was more than nine feet tall and was a ferocious bully, whose spear head alone weighed about 125 pounds. However, no one, not even King Saul (who was not near as tall as Goliath, but was taller than any of the other Israelites [1 Sam. 9:2]), took the bully’s challenge. They cowardly let Goliath blaspheme Jehovah in fear. Just a youth at this time, David had enough faith in God, apparently more than any of the adults who should have been seasoned in their faith, to take Goliath’s challenge. Through the help of Almighty God, David was victorious.

Joseph was a leader among strangers. As a young lad, his brothers sold him as a slave, and he became a servant in the house of Potiphar in Egypt. When the wife of Potiphar tempted Joseph to do wrong, his conviction in God helped to withstand the temptations. When she pressured, he ran! He did exactly what the Bible tells us to do as well: “Flee fornication...Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry...But thou, O man of God, flee these things...Flee also youthful lusts” (1 Cor. 6:18, 10:14, 1 Tim. 6:11, 2 Tim. 2:22). As

a youth, Joseph could have reasoned that he was in a place with strangers and that no one would find out. Nevertheless, he knew that God would know who was watching and caring for him.

Josiah was a leader in the kingdom. He was just eight years old when he became king of Judah. His father and grandfather, both kings before him, were evil kings. However, “he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left” (2 Chron. 34:2). When he was sixteen, he began to seek the Lord faithfully. When he was twenty, he began to exterminate idolatry that had plagued the country for many years. When he was twenty-six, he began to repair the temple of God. During the construction, the Law of Moses was found. He began to read the law of God, even doing so before the elders of the country. He did what was right spiritually, and he turned the kingdom of God around with a spirited reformation. He is an example for youth to search for the truth and put it into practice, even as a young person in the church today.

We could notice many other examples: Vashti, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Esther, Jonathan, Timothy, Miriam and Samuel. All these were leaders as youth. Young people, you can be a leader too! “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Tim. 4:12).

Today's Sermons

AM - Seeking Biblical Authority
Good King Josiah
2 Kings 22:8-13

PM - What If I Fail
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Congregational News & Notes

Happenings

September 15

Prayer Requested Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Shirley Puckett
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton & Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn Lovell, Gladys Gowan,
Diane Hubbard, Brandi Rogers,
Marilyn Ferrell, Corey Allen,
Ruby Malone, Justin Puckett,
Kenton Lancaster

Tennessee Children's Home Food Drive

A list of items needed has been
placed on the bulletin board.

Men's Mionthly business
meeting following AM services

September 29

Samrit Kammanee will be giving
the Southeast Aisa mission
report and preaching.

September 29

Fith Sunday Fellowship Meal
Following AM services.
Evening service will start at
1:00 PM

Cards to Send

Mary Bolen
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Henderson, TN 38340

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Weekly Record

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| 6 AM | 9 |
| Bible Class | 51/12 |
| AM Worship | 82/13 |
| PM Worship | 44/21 |
| Wed Bible Study | 52/4 |
| Contribution | 4205 |
| Budget | 4014 |

Those Privileged to Serve

Sept 1- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Marion Thomas

Ronald Clouse

Sept 8- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Van McConnell

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Mike Wages

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Sept 4- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

Sept 11- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

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| Early Worship | 6:00 AM |
| Gospel of Christ - Fox 16 | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday Bible Class | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Worship | 5:00 PM |
| Midweek Bible Study | 6:30 PM |