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Grandparents Ministry

You're invited to the Grandparents Spring Seminar!

**Oven Mitts for Hot Potatoes:
Effective Grandparenting When the Questions Get Tough**

Speakers Bob & Karen Pourcho

Saturday, Apr. 27
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Introducing Bob & Karen Pourcho

- Bob graduated with a bachelor degree from Taylor University and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. He also did coursework at Midwestern Theological Seminary and Covenant Seminary.
- Bob has been at College Park for fourteen years, serving as an elder and Bible teacher.
- Bob loves his guitar and woodworking.
- Karen graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with a degree in music education.
- Karen is on staff at College Park as the Director of Women's Ministries and a Directional Team member.
- Karen loves piano, needlepoint, and baking.
- Time with grands is a priority for both!
- Bob & Karen have three children and five grandchildren.
- They enjoy hiking and traveling together.

The first session will start at 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Doors open at 8 a.m. Come early to enjoy a cup of coffee and light breakfast and to browse the book tables sponsored by 10ofThose.

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What in the world is a “hot potato”?

A “hot potato” is a controversial question or issue that is difficult or uncomfortable to deal with.

Is God real?

How do I know the Bible is true?

If God loves me, why is my Grandma dying from cancer?



A boy in my class wants to be a girl. What's with that?

My sister is living with her boyfriend at college but they aren't married. They love each other. Is that a problem?

If dinosaurs once roamed the earth, where did they all go?

Dessert Night Recap

On February 5, 120 grandparents gathered in the gym for dessert night, featuring “Cherries, Berries, and All Things Chocolate” and a stirring message from Pastor Dale Shaw about how we can pray for our grandchildren. We sang. We laughed. We were convicted and equipped in creative ways to bring our grandchildren and children to the Lord in prayer. Thanks to Pastor Dale, the grandparents leadership team, and volunteers for such an awesome event.



Intentional Grandparenting

Have you noticed that the closer we get to “eclipse day”, April 8, 2024, the more information is available about what an eclipse



is, how to view it safely, and how to celebrate?

The grandparents council wishes to remind you of one more thing. When you gather with your grandchildren, you have the perfect opportunity to point your grands to Creator God. This “extension of conversation” will not be included in the viewing how-to-do-it write-ups.

Totality will occur over Indianapolis for approximately 3 minutes and 50 seconds. God’s majesty occurring in outer space will be on full display, and we have front row seats. Whether you take it all in quietly or whoop and holler about the extraordinary experience, don’t leave out the Creator!

This is an historic event. It is not a random happening in a chaotic universe. We have known for decades that it would occur this year, and we know that the next total solar eclipse will not occur over the continental United States for another 20 years. It’s amazing how the eclipse points to predictability, order, and design. Genesis 1:14-19 records the creation of the lights in the sky and God’s purpose in making them: “And God saw that it was good.” A reading of Psalm 8 puts it all in beautiful perspective.

At this “super bowl of astronomical events” don’t forget to point out a Person exists who created these heavenly bodies. He is Creator God, who also saw the deterioration of the world with sin and unfolded a rescue plan by sending a Savior, Jesus!

Check out the following helpful links:

- [Creation Kids: Solar Eclipses | The Institute for Creation Research \(icr.org\)](https://www.icr.org/resources/articles/Creation-Kids-Solar-Eclipses)
- [Eclipses: The Handiwork of Jesus Christ | The Institute for Creation Research \(icr.org\)](https://www.icr.org/resources/articles/Eclipses-The-Handiwork-of-Jesus-Christ)

April 8, 2024, is an example of an opportunity to be “intentional grandparents”! Share how you unfolded the event with your family and put God’s majesty on display by emailing Ruth at ruthcarter46@gmail.com. We’ll try to include it in our next newsletter!

God bless your grandparenting!

Your Grandparents Council

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