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Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children (Deut. 4:9 ESV).

UPCOMING EVENTS

February - Dessert Night with
Pastor Dale Shaw

April - Saturday Seminar with Bob &
Karen Pourcho

*Stay tuned for more information in
the January newsletter.*

PRAY THIS

Lord, I pray my grandchildren will
grow spiritually and be rooted and
built up in their faith and growing in
truth (Col. 2:7).

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE



Little Arrows Learning Co. is a
wonderful Indianapolis-based
company that offers wooden toys,
learning tools, and gifts for

SUNDAY CLASS CONCLUDES

More than 50 grandparents attended the Grandparenting Matters Sunday class and were equipped in their roles as spiritual influencers who have the opportunity to impact a combined 200+ grandchildren!

The next Sunday class is planned for March.

memorizing and teaching God's Word.

Check out [Little Arrows Learning Co.'s Etsy page](#) to see what they have to offer!

CONNECTION CORNER with THE GRANDS

The Colossal, Relentless, Unending Tug-of-War at Christmas

by Ruth Carter

Consider these activities to focus your grands on Jesus this Christmas.



Christmas at the Ark

A trip to Kentucky to experience Christmas at the Creation Museum or the Ark Encounter is well worth the effort. From November 24 to December 30, on Tuesday through Saturday, you can walk through an outstanding show of festive lights, enjoy a live nativity, and top it off with Christmas dinner. [Learn More](#)



Christmas Nail

You can buy a Christmas nail ornament on Amazon. When the family gathers at your house, have an older grandchild read the description of the Christmas nail that comes in the package with the ornament. Hang the nail next to the tree trunk to commemorate the “tree” on which Jesus was hung. Remember together that it was for this reason that Jesus was sent: to provide a rescue plan from the consequences of sin.

You could also gift a Christmas nail ornament to each of your adult children so they can start a tradition of their own when they decorate their tree.

Matching Pajamas

If you are with your grandchildren on Christmas morning for the gift exchange around the tree, how about coordinating a gift of matching pajamas for the gathering? Of course you will want to get the support of your adult children. If it's a “go,” purchase matching pajamas for each member of the family and place on the foot of each bed on Christmas Eve. The family will all match for gift giving the next morning. Gramps and gram should show up in matching PJs as well. But here's the most important part: have a Bible nearby. Arrange ahead with several of your oldest grands to read the account of the first Christmas from Matthew 1-2 or Luke 2 to set the tone and point the attention to the Lord Jesus at the start of the day.

Family Photo Puzzle

This activity takes a little planning ahead, but it's worth it! A photo jigsaw puzzle can provide hours of family togetherness for a Christmas gathering. Choose a nice family photo that you think the grands would enjoy. Google “change photo into a puzzle,” and you will find many companies that do this.

The difficulty of the puzzle can correlate with the puzzle-solving abilities of your grandchildren. When you have completed the puzzle, sit in a circle as a family. Have each member give a “gift of words” to the person sitting on their right. That means each person is to say one thing they appreciate about that person. Ask the head of the family to close in prayer, requesting God’s blessing on the year ahead.

Sweet Dreams Pillowcase

Buy a white pillowcase for each of your grandchildren. Provide a pencil and fabric markers or permanent markers. Put a large piece of cardboard inside the pillowcase. Encourage each grandchild to write the name “JESUS” in large block letters in the center, then color in or decorate. Suggest that they may want to pencil it on the pillowcase first in case they need to erase anything. Ask every family member to sign the pillowcase. Then add this year’s date in the corner. The “Jesus pillowcase” will give ample opportunity to talk about the “reason for the season” during the bedtime routine over the holidays.



Founder Larry Fowler and his wife, Diane, with College Park grandparents at the 2023 Legacy Summit

CONFERENCE RECAP

Grandparents from College Park traveled to Dallas for the national two-day 2023 Legacy Coalition Christian Grandparents Summit. The theme was

"Light the Way" based on Psalm 119. Speakers included Dr. Tony Evans; Crawford Loritts; and Alabama football chaplain, Jeremiah Castille, and his wife, Jean. Those who attended were awakened and strengthened in their roles of intentional Christian grandparents. We highly recommend attending this conference in February 2025.

MINISTRY TEAM SPOTLIGHT



Kevin & Sheri Fraser celebrating Christmas 2023 with 4 generations at Longwood Gardens, PA.

Kevin & Sheri Fraser are college sweethearts who married just after graduation 36 years ago and now have 3 married children and 4 grandchildren, 3 of whom are in heaven. Kevin is a chemical engineer, and Sheri is an RN, having worked herself out of her favorite career as a home educator for 21 years.

They have been at College Park nearly 10 years. Kevin is an elder, and Sheri serves in the Titus 2 Ministry. They both serve on the Grandparents Ministry Team. They love hospitality, spending time with family and friends, and reading. Kevin likes to fish, and Sheri likes to grow and arrange flowers.

Why are you excited about the Grandparents Ministry? As new grandparents who want to see all of our grandchildren in heaven with us, we love how the ministry connects us to resources and other grandparents who also purpose and pray to be a Christian influence.

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