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TWO REMINDERS, GRANDPARENTS!

1) No grandparenting events this summer

BUT . . . A SPECIAL EVENT IS COMING!

2) Monday, Sept. 9

The life of Corrie ten Boom, as impersonated by Vickie Gaynier from the
Creation Museum/Ark Encounter

*Welcome to the grandparents
leadership team, Bob and Kathy
Burns!*

- Bob and Kathy both graduated from Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana.
- Bob's most recent job was for the State Department of Correction.



- Kathy last worked as a business consultant and data analyst.
- The Burns have five grandchildren.
- Bob and Kathy have been attending College Park for thirteen years. They have served in guest reception. They host and lead a small group and Kathy sings in the choir.
- Bob likes to golf and work in the yard.
- Kathy likes to paint and read.
- They both spend a lot of time attending their grandkids' events.
- Traveling is on their bucket list.

Bob and Kathy Burns

Fourth of July Ideas

Do you have plans for a patriotic gathering this July with your grands? Read on for a quick review of the history of our Independence Day and how to use July 4th to teach your grandkids about true freedom in Christ.

On July 4, 1776, a group of American colonists united together and declared independence from Great Britain. Trouble started between Great Britain and the colonies in 1760 when the British king, George III, needed money to pay for a recent war against France and to help run the empire. The king decided to tax the colonies to raise money, but the colonists didn't like that one bit. Why should they pay when they had no say in the British government? They rebelled against "taxation without representation," and war broke out. Around the same time, a committee was formed to create a constitution of laws and rights for the new country. [Read the rest of the story](#)

Build on that discussion with the following activities:

- 1) [Craft prayer reminder](#)



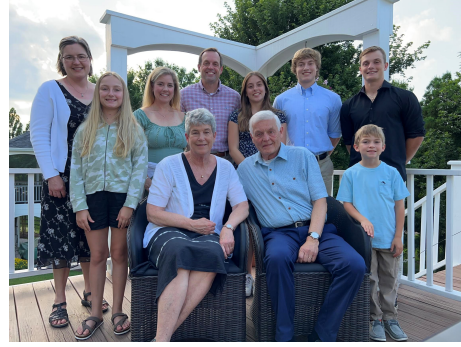
2) Edible kabob flag



Intentional Grandparenting

“Intentional Christian Grandparenting” is a phrase we use often at Grandparents Ministry. Have you thought about it recently? It means that when we are with our grandchildren, we should keep in the back of our minds that this may be an opportunity to share spiritual truth with them. How are you coming along with this goal?

Here’s how Dave and Diane Love have taken on the challenge:



“Grandparenting” was something we didn’t think much about since it was for much older people. Our focus was on training our children. But, before we knew it, we were grandparents, and the legacy we were leaving for the next generation became more important; it was now time for us to be more intentional.

So, six years ago, we moved from Colorado to Zionsville to be near our daughter and her two children. It also put us closer to our son’s family in Virginia, including our three older grandkids. We had always enjoyed family vacations. Several years ago, we spent fall break week in Colorado with our daughter and her children, then 5 and 9. We planned fun activities for each day such as hiking, panning for gold, etc. To be more intentional, we built a theme for the week around Galatians 5:22-23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control...” We made a poster for each trait. Every day after breakfast, the kids drew pictures of what that characteristic might look like and then watched for examples during the day. At dinner we talked about what we had seen, wrote what we had learned, and taped the poster to the condo wall. The adults added favorite Bible verses too. We recited the verses morning and evening, and years later the grandchildren still remember the fruit of the Spirit. We made a short video of the week, including a special segment on the fruit of the Spirit. In the years ahead, we pray they will be reminded of how to recognize the Holy Spirit working in everyday activities.

Dave and Diane Love have been married fifty-one years and are members of College Park. They serve as greeters and attend the Be One Sunday Class.

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