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Area-wide Grandparenting Conference Comes to College Park Church!

Pastor Don Bartemus shares why this event will be valuable for all grandparents!

Cheryl and I became grandparents fourteen years ago when Liam came into our lives. We knew then that we needed help. How do we honor and support his parents? What do we do as we watch him grow and mature? Will he trust Jesus as we do? What happens when more grandchildren come? What if our relationships change? What if he gets into trouble? Will all our concerns just work themselves out, or is there some help?

We became convinced that we have a vital role as intentional Christian grandparents. In the past few years, we have partnered with like-minded folks in our church to find resources and to pray that our grandchildren come to faith in Christ and follow him as disciples. I believe you want the same thing, so I want to introduce you to an opportunity to join us at this annual conference of the Legacy Coalition.

Legacy Coalition is a national organization whose goal is to help grandparents grow in their biblical role so they can have a greater



Don, Liam, and Cheryl

spiritual impact on their families. We cannot agree more! That is why we are devoting time and resources to bring this national conference to you by telecast at our church! The conference is set for the evening of February 21 and the morning of February 22, 2025.

Why should you attend?

- You won't have to travel to Alabama for the live summit!
- The registration is cheaper right now. Early bird registration is \$34 during the month of November.
- You will receive instruction from nationally recognized speakers.
- You want to influence generations of your family for Christ.
- You will meet friends and build relationships that will help you through the ups and downs.
- You want to see your grandchildren follow Christ.



REGISTER

Grandparents, I want you to know that I love you and pray for you. Together with Christ we can make a difference. Please join us for this event.

- *Pastor Don*



A New Year's Resolution in November?

It's a unique fit: grandparents volunteering in Children's Ministries, but what a help these seniors can be to the leaders investing in College Park's youngest students. As you sit in the worship service every week, did you know that seven to eight hundred children are in the building singing, learning to use their Bibles, and listening to lessons from God's Word? Classrooms are bursting at the seams. Would you consider changing up your routine on Sunday mornings and lending a hand?



Let's ask Ron Bohl (*Ron and Amy pictured here*) why he spends the first service every week in the second-grade classroom. "Psalm 71:81 says, 'Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare your strength to another generation, your power to everyone who is to come.' It is a refreshing call from God, that even in our final season of life, we have a purpose and a need to 'teach that which is good' (Titus 2:3)."

Amy Bohl helps as a table leader in third grade. She says, "Paul writes in Galatians 5:13: 'For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.' What joy to sit at a table of wiggly, giggling third graders and share the gift of faith God has given me."

A former teacher, Pat Kamp, enjoys her table of six elementary students.

She says, "Since I joined College Park last year, I have felt called to give back and share God's Word in a meaningful way. I had the experience of being an elementary teacher as a career and also helped with Sunday School at our previous church. This volunteer position is a perfect fit!"



Fourteen "50-and-over" seniors help love on kids in the nursery and another six volunteers in the preschool. What about you? Children's Ministries pastor,

Greg Palys, says the need for help is critical and the pairing of experienced grandparents with children couldn't be more effective.

Greg shares:

- **Our Children's Ministries is discipleship, not child care.** We are forming children in their most formable stage of life. And these are children who will grow up in this culture. They need to have a strong, biblical backbone. This is war! Therefore, we are enlisting mature Christians experienced in discipling others.
 - **We have a major need second service in our K-2nd class.** Many weeks we are forced to turn away ten-plus children who otherwise would have received solid teaching. They have mom and dad (although not in all cases). But where else are they going to get it? Certainly not from the media, culture, or schools. The church needs to step up!
 - **We also need adults in our preschool.** Our teens are coming out to serve in full force, but we need maturity in those rooms as well.
- ➡ **To volunteer, fill out this [application](#) and someone from the Children's Team will get back to you.**



IT'S ALMOST TIME!

November 18-25 is national collections week for
Operation Christmas Child.

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