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**Register for this special weekend designed for
Indianapolis-area grandparents!**



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2606 W. 96th Street
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Friday, Feb. 21 6-9 p.m. and
Saturday, Feb. 22 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

REGISTER

P.S. **Who doesn't like FREE?!** Be sure to stop by the Grandparenting Ministry table in the atrium on January 19 or February 2. Five baskets will be up for a drawing. Baskets contain resources to help you with intentional Christian grandparenting. And each includes a free ticket to the Summit simulcast here at College Park!



Start out the new year right! The following excerpt, from a Legacy Coalition blog “[How to Give a Biblical Blessing to Your Grandchild](#)” by Wayne Rice, encourages grandparents with direction. It’s worth the read.

If you really want to bless your family, follow these five easy-to-remember steps:

B – Be There for Them. Children spell love T-I-M-E, so give your grandkids plenty of it. Learn how to create enough margin in your life to be present in their lives regularly and consistently.

L – Listen to Them. Remember that listening is the language of love. When we give children (or teens) our attention, listening with both ears, we give them a blessing that no one else can give.

E – Encourage Them. Bless your grandchildren with affirmation. Be generous with praise and “catch them in the act of doing something good.” Children thrive when they know that their parents or grandparents are crazy about them.

S – Speak the Truth in Love. Teach your grandchildren what they need to know. Share your life with them as well as God’s Word. Tell them your stories. Kids need to know that you care about them enough to give them the guidance and direction they need. If they don’t get it from you, they’ll get it from somewhere else. Remember that the first three (B-L-E) win you the opportunity to be heard.

S – Support Them with Grace and Forgiveness. Be the kind of grandparent that Jesus described in His story of the lost (prodigal) son. Your grandchildren will undoubtedly disappoint you and make mistakes along the way. Bless them with grace and forgiveness.

In his short story “The Capitol of the World,” Ernest Hemingway tells the story of a Spanish father and his teenage son. The relationship between this father and son became strained and eventually shattered. When the rebellious

son—whose name was Paco—a common Spanish name—ran away from home, his father began a long and arduous search to find him. As a last resort, the exhausted father placed an ad in a Madrid newspaper, hoping that his son would see the ad and respond to it. The ad read,

Dear Paco, please meet me in front of the newspaper office at noon. All is forgiven. Love, Papa.

As Hemingway tells the story, the next day at noon, in front of the newspaper office, there were 800 Pacos, all seeking forgiveness from their fathers. **How do you want to be a blessing to your grandchildren this week?** There are as many ways to do it as there are Pacos in Spain.

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