

# Thought For The Week...



## A FIRM Foundation

These words which I command you . . . you shall teach them diligently to your children. —Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Before she was 2 years old, my granddaughter Katie did something that would make any grandpa proud: She began to recognize cars by make and year. This all started when she and her daddy began spending time together playing with his old collection of toy cars. Daddy would say, "Katie, get the 1957 Chevy," and she would pick it out of the hundreds of tiny cars. And once, while he was reading a Curious George book to her, she climbed down from his lap and ran to get a miniature Rolls Royce—an exact replica of the car pictured in the book.

If a 2-year-old child can make such connections, doesn't that show the importance of teaching children the right things early on? We can do this by using what I call the **FIRM principle: Familiarity, Interest, Recognition, and Modeling**. This follows Moses' pattern in Deuteronomy 6 of taking every opportunity to teach biblical truths so that children become familiar with them and make them a part of their lives. Using their interests as teaching opportunities, we repeat Bible stories so they become recognizable, while modeling a godly life before them.

Let's give the children in our lives a FIRM foundation by teaching them about God's love, Christ's salvation, and the importance of godly living.

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,  
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide,  
Where every child is taught His love and favor  
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified. —Hart

**Build your children's lives on the firm foundation of the Word.**

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*TUNE IN FOR  
GREAT GOSPEL  
MUSIC*

**KJIC 90.5 FM**

*KING JESUS IS  
COMING*

# PRAYER PRACTICE



Tues night 7:30 pm  
**Make it a habit too hard to break!**



## Ladies Meeting/ Secret Sisters

The Ladies will be having their monthly meeting this Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and will be drawing names for the Secret Sisters. If you want to be a part and did not sign up to be included, or need more information, please see Sis. Jones as soon as possible. Meeting will be at 9:30AM. Looking forward to seeing ALL of you ladies there for a time of devotion, fellowship and business!

### BUILDING



### PROGRESS

**Exciting NEWS ALERT!** It's happening NOW! Look for the progress as we are breaking ground for our new building. **POSF is ON THE MOVE!** We've got a mission and SOULS to win! Be in prayer for this project – Keep your spiritual eyes open for the enemy of our soul is lurking!!



## WESTERN

### COMING

Get your cowboy get-up on and lets have some "devil stompin" church!! The last Sunday of this

After church join in for a Pot Luck cowboy dinner and western fellowship. There will be a community outreach the day before! Looking for a *Miraculous* weekend with Jesus! Make plans now to bring a friend and Don't Miss It! 😊



### New Converts Classes

The New Converts Classes that were meeting on Wednesday nights has now been moved to Monday nights at 7:30pm with Bro. Darrell Boone. Lots of good reports so be in prayer for this class and those attending!

# *Birthdays and Anniversary's*

*Week of September 15-21*



- 17 - Matthew & Heather Clark
- 18 - Timothy Clark
- 20 - Carolyn Clark
- 21 - Brandon Powell



***Brush up*** on your Bible  
You might be suffering from  
***TRUTH DECAY!***



## Fire And Rain

**In mercy the throne will be established; and One will sit on it in truth . . . judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness. —Isaiah 16:5**

When a wildfire raged through the beautiful canyons near Colorado Springs, Colorado, it destroyed the habitat of all kinds of wildlife and hundreds of homes. People across the nation cried out to God, pleading with Him to send rain to douse the flames, put an end to the destruction, and give firefighters relief. Some people's prayers had an interesting condition attached to them. They asked God to show mercy and send rain without lightning, which they feared would start even more fires.

This reminds me of how we live in tension between things that save us and kill us. With fire, we cook our food and keep warm, but in it we can be consumed. With water, we keep our bodies hydrated and our planet cooled, but in it we also can drown. Too much or too little of either is life-threatening. We see the same principle at work spiritually. To thrive, civilizations need the seemingly opposite qualities of mercy and justice (Zech. 7:9). Jesus scolded the Pharisees for being sticklers about the law but neglecting these "weightier matters" (Matt. 23:23).

We may lean toward justice or mercy, but Jesus keeps them in perfect balance (Isa. 16:5; 42:1-4). His death satisfies God's need for justice and our need for mercy.

Father, for personal reasons I sometimes lean toward showing mercy, and sometimes I just want justice now.

Teach me the balance as I look at Your character and give me the wisdom I need in specific situations.

**God's justice and mercy met at the cross.**

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