

A Note from Pastor Wendy 13

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Today is a rainy day and it is greatly needed. Due to my busy schedule watching my two youngest grandchildren this week, I have been behind in everything I felt that I needed to accomplish. That reminded me that sometimes our priorities and timing are not always as important as what we think they are. My grandchildren will not always be four and six years old wanting me to play games with them and tell them stories. I may not always feel good enough to dance to, "I'm a Gummy Bear" three times in a row with my four year old. I may not always be able to climb up into the club house and pretend to be a pirate on a seafaring mission, or have their attention while I share a story about how our dogs, Woofgang and Poochini were born on my dad's birthday. Then my four year old grandson, Wesley, reminds me that my dad died because his heart stopped beating, "Isn't that right Nana?", he says. "Yes," I said.

All those are precious moments, times we cannot replace. We have to choose wisely what we do with our time with God as well. God too provides precious memories when we feast on His Words.

God calls us to be faithful and invest our time in our children. In Psalm 103:13 it says, "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him." The Pinetops Foundation Demographic Survey calculated approximately 42 million teens will walk away from their faith by the year 2050. That is an entire generation rejecting the message of Jesus and the teaching of the Gospel to pursue a life without faith and without direction.

We need to invest our time and ministry in our children, our teens and our young adults. We need to equip them with the Love of Jesus, with Faith in God with the Word of God, with the Holiness of God, with the Sovereignty of God, and A Life led by the Gospel and the Holy Spirit.

We need to Establish Meaningful Relationships with the Next Generation (the Alpha Generation). We need to be Passing on the Teaching of The Word of God – Making Disciples of the Next Generation ! ! !

THAT SHOULD BE OUR NEW MISSION – OUR NEW GOAL ! ! !