



From the book; Raising Your Own Children, A Guide for Stay-at-Home Mom Wanna-Be's, by Carey Keavy

Part two

Our Spiritual Example

Teaching our children about the Lord is a priority for many parents. We tell them how important it is to learn more about God, pray, go to church, serve others and to give freely of our finances. Children know the simple truth, "Actions speak louder than words". If they hear us speaking the importance of these things, but we don't implement them into our lives, it will not be long before they realize we don't value what we teach them to value.

Paying verbal homage to spiritual discipline does not equal possessing our own spiritual discipline. If we believe in serving others, then we had better reflect that in our lives. If we believe that giving of our finances is important, it will be apparent by our yearly giving statements. If we are committed to learning more about the Lord, we will be on a quest for Biblical knowledge through prayer and Bible reading and with that new knowledge, teach our children. If church attendance is truly a priority, we will not instead choose sleep, ball games or shopping. What words would your children use to describe your relationship with God? How important would they say God is to you? Their answers are evidence of your living spiritual example.

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Mom's Homeschool Connection Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, April 25th, 6:30 PM

**WHERE: Indulge
1921 Kaliste Saloom Rd., Ste. 111
Lafayette, LA 70508**

**RSVP with Monica Gauthreaux
(337) 207-0738 monicagaux@bellsouth.net**

Mom's Homeschool Connection meetings are a chance for mom's to come together to discuss homeschool topics. We talk about struggles and challenges that we have faced, and also bring encouragement, especially from those who have been homeschooling for a long time. We usually share a scripture or two to go along with our topic for the night. Nursing infants are welcome. Join us to get your homeschool questions answered. We would love to see you there! Mom's Homeschool Connection Meeting is a CHEF of Lafayette members only activity. However, member moms can invite a friend to attend the monthly gatherings.





Homeschool Legislative Day

When: Wednesday, April 17, 2019
7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Pentagon Barracks
959 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA



Our Legislative Day will again provide Homeschool parents and students the opportunity to participate in the legislative process, sit in on legislative committee meetings, Meet the legislators, homeschool leaders and much more.

[Click Here for more details](#)

[Click here for registration form](#)

**RSVP by Wednesday, April 10th to
Ross Little 337-654-8004 -**



PE Park Day in April!

Join us at Thomas Park on the last Friday of each month for fellowship and play! We'll play baseball so bring your baseball gear. Don't forget snacks and water for your crew. Dress appropriately for the outdoor weather. Meet by the playground and have some fun.

When: Friday, April 26th
2:30 – 5:00 PM

Where: Thomas Park – 300 Geraldine Dr. –
Lafayette, LA 70503



Missions

(Teaching our children God's great commission)

In Matt. 28:19, Jesus commands us to "make Disciples of all nations".

When: Thursday, April 18th, 3:00 PM

Where: Cornerstone Village
103 W. Martial Ave., Lafayette, LA

We will join/assist in craft time with the residents. Children are welcome to recite scripture, play the Piano, perform a song or read a poem.

**Contact Laura Gavlas – 303-667-8607 or
LauraGavlas@gmail.com**



CHEF Field Trip – Brookshire Farm

WHEN: Monday, April 29, 2019
10:00 AM

WHERE: 8916 Brookshire Road
Abbeville, LA 70510

THIS IS A FREE FIELD TRIP.

Learn about cattle farming, see farm animals and a beautiful historic home.

RSVP ASAP BY Friday, 04/26/19

Call or Text Tiffany Olivier - 281-253-6177



APRIL IN HISTORY

Submitted by: Donte' Gauthreaux, age 15, 9th grade

April 3, 1860 - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

Birthday on the 13th - [Thomas Jefferson](#) (1743-1826) was born in Albermarle County, Virginia. He was an author, inventor, lawyer, politician, architect, and one of the finest minds of the 1700's. He authored the American [Declaration of Independence](#) and later served as the 3rd U.S. President from 1801 to 1809. He died on July 4, 1826, the same day as his old friend and one-time political rival John Adams.



Birthday on the 16th - American aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright (1867-1912) was born in Millville, Indiana. On December 17, 1903, along with his brother Orville, the Wright brothers made the first successful flight of a motor driven aircraft. It flew for 12 seconds and traveled 120 feet. By 1905, they had built a plane that could stay airborne for half an hour, performing figure eights and other aerial maneuvers. Wilbur died of Typhoid fever in May 1912.

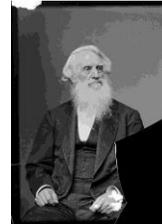


April 18, 1775 - The [Midnight Ride](#) of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 19, 1775 - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the [American Revolution](#). A volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving eight Americans dead and ten wounded.

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

Birthday on the 27th - Telegraph inventor [Samuel F.B. Morse](#) (1791-1872) was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He developed the idea of an electromagnetic telegraph in the 1830's and tapped out his first message "What hath God wrought?" in 1844 on the first telegraph line, running from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore. The construction of the first telegraph line was funded by Congress (\$30,000) after Morse failed to get any other financial backing. After Western Union was founded in 1856, telegraph lines were quickly strung from coast to coast in America.



Birthday on the 27th - Civil War General and 18th U.S. President [Ulysses S. Grant](#) (1822-1885) was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio. During the war, he earned the nickname "Unconditional Surrender" Grant and was given command of the Union armies. He served as President from 1869 to 1877 in an administration plagued by scandal. He then went on to write his memoirs and died in 1885, just days after its completion.



April 30, 1789 - [George Washington](#) became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City.

Etcetera

April Birthdays

Audrey Karaba – 6th
Faith Leber – 16th
Tasha Lamson – 18th
Rosa Karaba – 19th
Tristan Iles – 24th
Maliek Sinegal – 25th
Robert Gavlas – 26th
Andrew Lawrie – 26th
Jennifer Ockmond – 27th



April Anniversary

Brian & Sophia Francis – 26th

Happy Anniversary

Important Upcoming Dates

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Our Financial Example

Financial chaos can bring turmoil. Divorce, high blood pressure and even suicide have been side-effects of poorly handled finances. If we do not train our children in the financial realm, we will inevitably send into the world ill-equipped stewards who will bring only ruin and havoc into their lives. Choosing to live within our means, setting an example of debt-free living, saving for the future and tithing can be a good start in instructing our children financially. But, simply being a good example is not enough. Children need more than a good example to learn how to handle their financial lives. They require the opportunity to earn, spend, give, and even to fail.

A good idea is to sit down with your children to discuss your bills and giving. Do not unnecessarily burden them with any information that will cause them to worry about your financial life. Explain to them the cost of living, the traps of interest and God's spiritual laws of giving. Admit your past failures and pass along your strengths.

Allow them the opportunity to earn an income; whether this money comes from allowance for chores or a lemonade stand. Instruct them in the proper ways of handling finances, then stand back and watch them either sink or float. Simply running out of cash flow is enough to get them into a saving mindset. They will want to be prepared for the next rainy day that comes along.

Remember parents, our children are learning from us,

Don Gauthreaux

Husband, Parent, Past President - Matt. 20:27

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