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SIX WAYS PARENTS DESTROY THEIR CHILDREN WITHOUT TRYING

(part five of a six part series)

5. Leaving them to choose their friends.

Many parents have done a good job in training their young children and have put them on a path of virtue. But in their early teens they are influenced by their peers and yield to temptation while knowing it is not the right path. Even well trained children are flesh and are capable of falling into sin—just as is a moral, disciplined adult.



Kids are not wise. They do not yet understand the consequences of wrong choices. They need guidance and oversight until they are about twenty years old sometimes a little older. About the time kids graduate from college they are wise enough to discern good from evil. If you disagree with that assessment, explain spring break at the beach, or fraternity initiations; Woe!

It all starts very young. You must choose the social circle for your children and guard it. The quickest way to throw your children away is to enroll them in daycare or preschool or first grade. You lose all control over their friends and they will become part of the social pool, eventually reduced to the lowest common denominator. If your child shares a pool with kids where just one of them has “pooped” in the water, your child is swimming in poop. A few good kids don’t keep the water clean, but one bad kid pollutes it for everybody. I cannot remember the good kids in my third grade, but there were a couple bad ones I will never forget. I can remember their foul words and deeds to this day.



Mom’s Homeschool Connection Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, January 31st, 6:30 PM

WHERE: Rêve Coffee
200-A Jefferson St.
Lafayette, LA 70501

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.



CHEF MEET & GREET

Where: Home of Ross & Julie Little
101 Ruthwood Drive
Lafayette, LA 70503

When: Friday, January 4th
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Please come to meet our CHEF family. Invite other homeschool families that you feel may be interested in joining. Each family should bring a finger food. CHEF is covering the expense of the paper products and drinks. Be prepared for Bible Trivia, always a fun event.

PLEASE RSVP TO

Julie Little (337) 654-8003



CHEF Tennis Clinic

Spring Homeschool Tennis
Thomas Park, Lafayette, LA

12 Lessons, Tuesdays and Thursdays
1:00 pm – 2:30 PM

\$50 for CHEF members, registered by 02/15/19,
\$80 after

\$80 for non CHEF members, registered by
02/15/19, \$100 after

First session, Thursday, 02/28/19

Register by 02/15/19 to receive discounted rate.

Class sizes are limited. This is a considerable savings for students who attend compared to lessons elsewhere. Tennis is a lifetime sport.

Contact Ross Little (337) 654-8004

rosslittle25@gmail.com

Go to this link for details:

[SPRING HOMESCHOOL TENNIS](#)



Missions

(Teaching our children God's great commission)

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

When: Thursday, January 17th, 3:00 PM

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

Join us as we joint/assist in craft time with the residents. Children are welcome to recite scripture, play the piano, perform a song or read a poem.

RSVP Laura Gavlas – 303-667-8607 or

LauraGavlas@gmail.com



PE Park Day in January!

Join us at Thomas Park on the last Friday of each month for fellowship and play! Bring your football and come ready to play. Don't forget snacks, and water for your crew. Dress appropriately for the outdoor weather. Meet by the playground and lets get the kids to burn off some of the holiday energy!

When: Friday, January 25th
2:30 – 5:00 PM

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



JANUARY IN HISTORY

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

New Year's Day - The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 1, 1776 - During the [American Revolution](#), George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

Birthday on 1st - Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a seamstress credited with helping to originate and [sew the Stars and Stripes](#) flag of America in 1776.



Birthday on 1st - American Patriot Paul Revere (1735-1818) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Best known for his ride on the night of April 18, 1775, warning Americans of British plans to raid Lexington and Concord.

January 8, 1982 - The American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) Company was broken up as a result of an antitrust suit. AT&T gave up 22 local Bell system companies, opening the U.S. telephone system to competition.

Birthday on 8th - Elvis Presley (1935-1977) was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.



January 11, 1964 - The U.S. Surgeon General declared cigarettes may be hazardous to health, the first such official government report.

Birthday on 11th - [Alexander Hamilton](#) (1755-1804) was born in the British West Indies. He was a founder of the United States who favored a strong central government and co-authored the Federalist Papers, a series of essays in defense of the new Constitution. He was selected by George Washington to be the first Secretary of the Treasury. He died from a gunshot wound received during a duel with Aaron Burr.

Birthday on 17th - [Benjamin Franklin](#) (1706-1790) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Considered the Elder Statesman of the American Revolution, he displayed multiple talents as a printer, author, publisher, philosopher, scientist, diplomat and philanthropist. He signed both the Declaration of Independence and the new U.S. Constitution.



Birthday on 19th - [Robert E. Lee](#) (1807-1870) military leader of the Confederacy during the American Civil War, was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was the son of a Revolutionary War hero, a graduate of West Point and served in the U.S. Army for 25 years preceding the Civil War. At the outbreak of hostilities, he was offered command of the Union Army, but declined and instead accepted command of the military and naval forces of Virginia.

Birthday on 21st - Confederate Army General ["Stonewall" Jackson](#) (1824-1863) was born in Clarksburg, Virginia (as Thomas Jonathan Jackson). He was a West Point graduate who served in the Mexican War then resigned to teach at the Virginia Military Institute. He sided with the South and became a Brigadier General, earning his nickname at the first battle of Bull Run as his troops held firm while others wavered. "There is Jackson standing like a stone wall," a fellow general commented. He was shot in 1863 by a Confederate lookout who had mistaken him in the dark. "I have lost my right arm," lamented General Lee upon his death.

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This is probably the hardest thing for a parent to do. It requires great effort and constant vigilance to sift your social circle. There are times your kids will not understand, and there are times that other parents are offended, but a mother hen should guard her chicks against the foxes and coyotes, regardless. It may require an adjustment to your lifestyle to protect your children. A chicken that has roosted under a chicken hawk nest needs to move even if it is inconvenient. If your church is full of government/public school kids, you will need to keep your children at your side all the time and not allow them to get personal with a child going to public school. It becomes impossible to limit the social contact of a teenager in such an environment. **They** shouldn't have the burden of constantly choosing or eliminating people from their acquaintance. Find a social circle that is righteous and productive where you have nothing to fear from 25 of the teenagers getting together to play soccer or go roller skating together.

Remember, they will evolve from you providing their complete social circle to choosing for themselves. You cannot control them past the age when they grow to be autonomous, so you must train them to wisely choose their friends. For the time will come when what you say has little bearing. Train them before they are ten and you can trust them when they are twenty.

Adapted from an article by Michael Pearl of No Greater Joy Ministries. www.nogreaterjoy.org

Though I do not agree, nor adhere, to everything the Pearls say and teach, this article is very good information, and was tweaked by me to be more relatable and suitable to our application of training and raising our home-schooled children. Granted, I, too, understand that not everyone raises their children as we do. However, you will lose when you argue or reject Biblical principles. The intention of submitting this article was not to condemn parents, but to guide and give thoughts to a subject that may not have been considered.

Remember parents, our children are learning from us,

Don Gauthreaux

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

Etcetera

January Birthdays

Edwin-Michael Horn – 1st
Kristine Cuthkelvin – 2nd
Abigail Guidry – 3rd
Kenneth Broussard – 10th
Obadiah Atkins – 13th
Murray Atkins - 14th
Ethan Horn – 16th
Laura Horn – 23rd
Anna Broussard – 25th
Edmond Greig – 29th

January Anniversaries

Andress & Robin Conrad – 2nd
Errol & Celeste Greig – 2nd
Don & Monica Gauthreaux – 19th

REMEMBER CHEF has a website!

The address is www.chefoflafayette.org
Previously your username and password were emailed to you. This information is needed to enter the website. If you are not entering your username and password, you are seeing only the public side of the site. If you need this information resent to you, email Cindy North cf.north1207@gmail.com



CHEF of Lafayette needs volunteers to assist with the following;

Newsletter Coordinator – responsible for monthly publication of CHEF of Lafayette Newsletter. Collects information on all upcoming events, news and stories submitted by students. organizes, types and designs newsletter which is delivered via email. Monthly deadlines.

Contact Cindy North @ 337-524-0732 if you are interested in becoming more active with our group of homeschoolers.

ULL Homeschool Day

Where: UL Student Union
620 McKinley
Lafayette, LA 70503



When: Wednesday, February 6th
1:00 – 3:00 PM

Important: Registration for ULL Homeschool Day begins Thursday, January 17th @ 1:00 PM

Identify as: “I AM BEING HOMESCHOOLED”
(for registration process)

<https://louisiana.askadmissions.net>

(this is not a CHEF sponsored event)



Important January Upcoming Dates

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