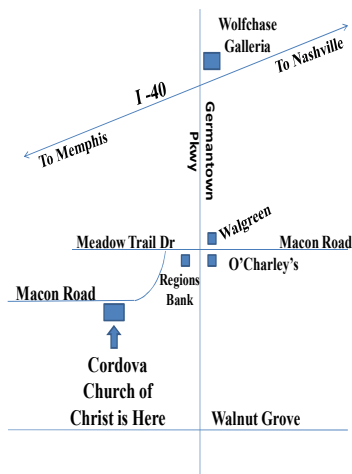


The Cordova Connector

...Connecting our community to Christ

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Romans 16:16



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Connecting to Life

Show Them the Way

Children are mirrors reflecting back the image of their parents. They usually mirror our church attendance, criticism, and attitudes. Children come into the world just as clean and pure and sinless and free from guile as they possibly can be. Adults teach them to hate, lie, cheat, gamble, and defraud. We don't usually do it by verbal instruction, but by bad example. Where do children learn bad language, for instance? Many of them hear mommy and daddy using those words. Most teens get their first drink of alcohol from their parents' refrigerators.

We need for them to come to love and fear God ([Proverbs 14:27](#)). A Bible School teacher can't do this in two forty-five minute classes a week. God intended that children first learn obedience in the home ([Ephesians 6:1](#)). No child can be obedient to God and disobedient to parents at the same time.

We have to set the proper example for them the rest of the week ([Matthew 5:14:16](#)). Imagine a parent who teaches a child that the Bible is the best Book in the world, that it tells us about God and our relationship and

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Connecting to Jesus

Caged

A boy with a rusty birdcage walked by a preacher. "What are you going to do with that bird?" asked the preacher.

"Oh, I'm just going to poke sticks at it, shake the cage, throw water on it . . . fun things like that."

"What are you going to do after that?"

"I don't know; probably just feed it to the cats."

"How much do you want for it?" asked the preacher.

"Aw, you don't want it; it's just an old field bird. It doesn't sing or nothin'."

"How much?"

The boy thought awhile, and then said, "Two dollars." The preacher paid it. The boy grinned, and pocketed his money. Then he watched to see what the preacher would do with the bird. The preacher just opened the cage and turned it loose. The boy walked away, shaking his head over the craziness of some people.

The minister had something else in mind. Sin has "caged" each one of us and Satan has mankind in his grasp. Jesus asks, "What are you going to do with them?"

"I'm just going to have fun with them. I'm going to tease them. I'm going to bring heartache and pain into their lives."

"And after that?"

"Well, when I get tired, I will take them to eternal destruction."

"I will buy them," says Jesus.

"You couldn't possibly want them! They will despise You, use Your name in vain and reject You. Then they will kill You."

"I will give my life."

Jesus paid the price, and set us free (Ephesians 1:7). Won't you accept His offer on His terms?

—Roger Campbell, Cleveland, Tennessee

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our responsibility to Him, and that we ought to love it more than any other book. Then that parent reads the newspaper more regularly than God's Word. Does the child know which one he loves most?

Another parent teaches a child that the church is a wonderful institution, that Jesus purchased it with His own blood, and that we ought to support it. Then that parent watches television instead of attending Sunday night services. Can the child see which one is loved most?

If a change is needed—for the sake of your children—make it now!

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"—[1 Corinthians 11:1](#)

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Connecting to God's Word

1. Reflect upon one struggle God has delivered you through.
2. Read Matthew 3.
3. Which verse attracted your attention most?
4. What was the most amazing thing about Christ in this reading?
5. What does verse ten mean?
6. How can this chapter help in your life today?

Connecting to His Church

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Mother's Day Out ~ Tuesdays and Thursdays ~ 9:30 to 2:30

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	1:00 P. M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
(Attended nursery at all services)	

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