

Household Chores- Everyone Pitches In

As our worldly households grow, the tasks needed to sustain that household increase. There is grass to cut, dishes to wash, trash to take out, and a whole host of other chores to do to make sure the household runs smoothly. Prudent adults/parents make sure that the chores are shared by everyone in the household. Parents and children alike share the load. That way, no one is overburdened and all tasks are completed in a timely and efficient manner.

Our congregation is a spiritual household, a household of God (Ephesians 2:19). Just as our worldly household requires that all pitch in to share the work, so too does our spiritual one. The Karns family is a busy and growing household of God. Our works are many to further the kingdom of God. The meals we prepare and feed to others, the service to senior homes, school mentorships, and Bible studies are all good works and the elders appreciate the efforts of those who are involved.

We have an issue that the elders would like to address. Jesus addressed this issue as well when he said, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few" (Matthew 9:37). The harvest Jesus referenced was people (or souls), but he was concerned about a lack of workers to bring the souls to harvest. Karns family, we have too few laborers for all of the household chores we need to accomplish. As with many worldly organizations, a relatively small corps of workers does the majority of the work. While we appreciate everything that gets done, we would like to see more involvement from members of our family.

We have many chores/tasks that require much more support. Meals, visitations, encouragement, cards and letters, Bible studies, etc. all require workers, as does VBS, Leadership Camp, the SEIBS lectureship, and other outreach efforts. Are you and your family pitching in to support the household of God and the Karns family? If not, the elders implore you to start doing so. It is a responsibility all of us should share. If you do not know where or how to help, ask an elder or one of the ministers. In addition, you can look in the 2016 Vision Book for ministries that need your help.

If you are one of those who go above and beyond, thank you very much. Remember, though, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).

Lastly, remember that the elders love you and pray for you continuously.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

For the elders,
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