

# LEGACY GRANDPARENTING

March 2024

Number 9

Teaching Our Grandkids  
to Serve!

*Roland Crises Closet*

April 20th from 10 -12 Noon

We are looking forward to our **3rd Annual “Plant the Garden”** with the Roland Crises Closet! Dave and Connie New, who direct this ministry, **raise these vegetables to provide fresh food for the 80+ local families they serve monthly.** They work with Chris Blaszak, a local grower, who donates the seedlings - guaranteeing healthy plants. This picture shows you how productive the garden was last year.



The News are excited that our group will be a part of the team again this year. They are incredibly organized – all we do is bring our spades and an

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## Your Grandkids “Strange New World”! Saturday, May 4th – 9:00 – 12:00 Atrium Brunch Served

by Bill Parkinson

Our grandchildren are growing up in a strange new world – at least it’s strange to us! To interact with them and spiritually influence their lives, we must understand this new world – the “water” they swim in every day - the ideas that are shaping their thinking. And it is critical that we get more engaged because we live in dangerous times. As John Stonestreet, President of The Colson Center, asserts, “Ideas have consequences and bad ideas have victims!”

Join us as we define and illustrate some of the ideas that are radically transforming our culture today and attempting to distort our grandkids perception of reality.

- “Expressive Individualism” – which believes the “self” is pure, expressing our psychological self is what makes us who we are, and traditional morality is a threat – that must be legally confronted.
- “Critical Theory” – which divides individuals into categories of the “oppressed” and “oppressors” and seeks to bring justice by calling out oppression whether by race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.
- “De-Construction of Man, Woman, & Family” – which challenges the definition of marriage, the roles of men and women, and the authority of parental figures.

Our goal for the morning is to both define the challenges we face and discuss how we can help equip our grandchildren (of every age) with a biblical worldview. It is the worldview that God provides for us in Genesis 1-3, envisioning our origin, identity, role, family, and purpose. God has called us to this specific time and place to navigate these threatening cultural currents with our families. Jump in with us and get equipped for the ride!

**Email Linda Stanberry at [Istanberry@fellowshipar.com](mailto:Istanberry@fellowshipar.com) to sign up** so we can accurately plan for the brunch.

**GRAND MONDAY NIGHTS**  
Weekly Webinar at 7 pm CST  
[www.legacycoalition.com](http://www.legacycoalition.com)

## **GRANDPARENTING STEERING COMMITTEE**



**Bill & Ann Parkinson**  
4 Children  
8 Grandchildren



**Steve & Shay Freeman**  
3 Children  
5 Grandchildren



**Shirley James**  
3 Children  
9 Grandchildren



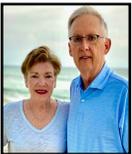
**Stan & Jane McLellan**  
2 Children  
5 Grandchildren



**Larry & Sonya  
Mendelsohn**  
4 Children  
5 Grandchildren



**David & Susan Petty**  
2 Children  
5 Grandchildren



**Charlie & Robbie  
Schuchard**  
2 Children  
6 Grandchildren



**Linda Stanberry**  
2 Children  
2 Grandchildren



**Terrance & Nancy  
Zuerlein**  
4 Children  
2 Grandchildren

## *Teaching Our Grandkids to Serve... continued*

appetite for Connie's wonderful lunch. There are few things more influential in our grandkids lives than serving alongside them. It tells them what is important to you and introduces them to an ongoing ministry they can serve in on Saturday mornings year-round!

We need to let Connie know how many people to prepare food for – so please email Linda Stanberry at [lstanberry@fellowshipar.com](mailto:lstanberry@fellowshipar.com) to sign up.

## **GRANDPARENTING MATTERS CELEBRATION!**

A motivated group of 30+ new and seasoned grandparents participated in the Grandparenting Matters Class in February at FBC. Many, for the first time, realized God's vision for their role as a grandparent and the influence they have when they are "intentional" in passing on their faith. Here are a few insights they gained in their own words.



- "I realized I need to work on a plan if I'm going to be spiritually influential in my grandchildren's lives."
- "I just had my first grandchild this week and I now recognize how purposeful I need to be in this new relationship."
- "Strengthening, and in one case restoring, my relationship with my adult children is critical to my access and influence in my grandkid's lives."
- "I need to develop my relationship with my grands when they are young so I can have a voice in their lives as they get older."
- "I never realized how many great resources are available to help equip me to be an effective grandparent."

The six weeks were full of great discussions around the tables, as the group talked about ways to be "difference makers" in the lives of the 56 grandchildren included in their families. Amazingly, we added two more grandchildren during the class, including Doug and Becky Ward's first!!

We will offer the class again next fall as a part of Wednesday at Fellowship. Start thinking now about folks you can challenge to get equipped to be "intentional" Christian grandparents.

