

Family Education Center

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STAYING THE COURSE

Ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save. 2 Nephi 31:19



TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN

It is with a great deal of sorrow that American Heritage School & Family Education Center announces the passing of its Chairman of the Board, Gaylord Swim. Mr. Swim died Saturday evening February 5th in Orem surrounded by his family.

He was a great teacher as he instructed the faculty and administration of the school, sharing knowledge and insight that demonstrated his deep wisdom and vision. He always lived by example and worked for many great causes.

The students, faculty and staff of American Heritage are grateful to the Swims for their dedication, commitment and generosity to the school and Family Education Center and would like to express their love and condolences to the Swim Family.

FAMILY LECTURE SERIES CALENDAR

MARCH 4TH: BRENT BARLOW "WHY MARRIAGE MATTERS"

SEPTEMBER 9TH: CHEIKO OKASAKI

A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

The Family Education Center would like to thank all those who participated in the Family Lecture Series in February. We would especially like to express our gratitude to Richard & Melany Wilkins for sharing their time and talents with us. A transcript of the lecture will be sent directly to you once it is completed.

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FAMILY LECTURE SERIES:

Friday March 4th, 2004

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Brent Barlow

"Why Marriage Matters"



Author, professor, counselor and lecture, Dr. Brent Barlow is well known for his work in the field of marriage. He has served as Chair of the Governor's Commission on Marriage in Utah, is a former member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and The American Association of Christian Counselors. He is also a popular speaker at BYU Education Week. Please join us for an evening that will give you renewed energy in making your marriage all that it can be.

EXPLORE LIFE! SUMMER CAMP

AGES 8-12 COST \$199

Come visit "Colonial Williamsburg" at American Heritage School this summer. We're climbing our famous 30' rock wall, riding horses, making science and art projects and much more - all focusing on the 1700s and our American Heritage.

The camp runs Monday through Thursday
9 am to 4 pm.

Two sessions are available:

#1 June 20-23 #2 June 27-30

Registration forms are available at the school or can be downloaded at www.american-heritage.org/fec.html#summer. But don't wait to sign up because last year we sold out and this year both camps are already half sold. For more information please go to the school web site or call Cheryl Karr at 801-642-0055 ext. 503

"Educating our Children in Principle"

by Lauri Updike

Deuteronomy 11:20 reads, "And ye shall teach them [the words of the Lord] your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

The particular words of the Lord referred to here are the Pentateuch, the Law of Israel.

Parents were to teach this law at all times to their children so that they would be as ever-present at the frontlets between their eyes.

Old and New Testament education began at home under the direction of the parents and then at about age six moved to the synagogue under the direction of the rabbi. In other words, Biblical education was home-schooling and then, until age ten, instruction at church was based solely in scripture as text.

According to the LDS edition of the Bible Dictionary, "The divine law impressed upon parents the duty of teaching their children its precepts and principles... The aim was to encourage study by sense of duty rather than by reward or fear... the whole purpose of education was religious. Nothing was regarded as worth learning except as it illustrated scripture."

The children of Israel were taught the first seven chapters of Leviticus and then the rest of the Pentateuch, the Law. And, of course, the Law of Israel was based upon the laws of God. Noah Webster, in his 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language, defined education: The bringing up, as of a child; instruction; formation of manners. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. To give children a good education in manners, arts and science, is important; to give them a religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties.

Notice the connections to the Biblical treatment of education. It is to be a deliberate effort in the formation of character based upon correct principles. This is our premier effort at American Heritage School. Parents have an immense duty to educate their children in the law of the Lord. The goal of the entire American Heritage effort is to support parents in this noble and eternal quest.

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