

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

2 things to focus on as we get back to school this year.

- This is a journey we are on together - don't do it alone.
- Focus and emphasis is on growth - especially for those coming after us (of any age)

Reminders for the year ahead:

- Our Mission: Know Jesus More and Make Him More Known
- Our school theme for the year: "Walking in Truth"

3 John 1:4 *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

1 John 3:1-8

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Mark 10:13-16

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.