Parenting from the Tree of Life
~meaning... the way of the Lord

Dates: 18 Weeks beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019
      Breaks will be taken during the holiday seasons

Time: 3-5 p.m. (pending participant availability/convenience)
      Participants will work in-between classes on learned skills and in their workbooks

Cost: $20 per participant for materials
      Scholarships available

To Register: Contact Kasha Wood 202-2041

Child Care: We are looking into child care
            If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping, please let us know.

Who Should Attend? Couples, Single Parents, Grandparents and others who are involved with children.

Parenting from the Tree of Life will help you to understand how to instruct your growing children in the way of the Lord. This course lays the groundwork for your parenting no matter where you are in the process.

We serve an ethical God. Moral rightness flows from His being. In short, God is absolutely perfect, and His moral law is a reflection of His holy character. Parenting from the Tree of Life is designed to take parents through the process of building a living family unit by raising biblically responsive and morally responsible children.

Facilitator: Lorraine Steppe
Lorraine has firsthand experience with the curriculum and the fruits of which are held by her children. As they married and had children, they requested the curriculum to use with their own families. We want to share the joy of another generation of biblically responsive families. Question? Call Lorraine at 250-1254
Parenting from the Tree of Life Curriculum

Part One: The first six lessons of the Life Series considers the relational components associated with healthy families and healthy parenting. Parents, by intent or by neglect, for better or worse, are still the greatest influence when it comes to shaping a child’s life. Unless parents voluntarily give it up, or choose to surrender portions of their influence, nothing is more persuasive and long-lasting as the impressions gained or lost within the context of the home. This is because children tend to reflect the priorities and values of their home life. What is important to Mom and Dad will become important to their children and will influence what each child becomes in the future.

The self-evident truth that early family life lays the foundation for later adjustments exists above all other assumptions. While there are a variety of influences on children that parents cannot change (nature, heredity, temperament, and predispositions), the quality of Mom and Dad’s relational influences will impact their children for a lifetime.

Part Two: In this second section, we turn our attention to the moral education of children. Our goal is to help parents connect the dots between God’s message of love and good will toward man and character development. These lessons develop and explain the guiding principles for raising children who are kind, courteous, respectful, cooperative, confident, and certainly well mannered. Here, we are speaking of a child whose inner person abides with all that is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good character, excellence and those things that are worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8). No child arrives at this level of moral distinctiveness if the home life from which he or she comes is not already familiar with such virtue. There are more than one-hundred courtesy protocols that should be part of every child’s life moral warehouse.

Part Three: The final segment considers the correction side of training. However, correction is not all about fixing undesirable or wayward behavior. Parents must pay attention to the preventative components of training that reduce the amount of correction needed in the first place. Proactively encouraging behaviors that help children stay on track is indeed a wiser and more effective strategy than simply reacting in a moment of crisis, when trying to fix an unwelcomed behavior. Whatever correction looks like in your home, it should be thoughtful, purposeful, and timely. Part Three of the Life Series is filled with suggestions that can help parents achieve all three.