

Teaching to Change Lives

Why Teach

- Do you feel a calling or are you serving out of a purpose – not just filling a position.
- The love for studying and communicating God's word and to see life changes in your students.
- You can't do anything but serve, You can't not teach, - You MUST Teach

These are from Allan Taylor's book *Sunday School Done Right* - He calls these truths that the teaching ministry of First Baptist Woodstock hold dear.

Expectations Carlton has for teachers

- 75% or better in weekly attendance
- Attend worship weekly
- Attend GROW night 50-75% of the time
- Be trained in witnessing
- Attend class fellowships at least 50-75% of the time
- Tithe to the overall church ministry budget
- Make ministry and/or ministry contact weekly to class members
- Pray for class
- Be responsible as a leader for the direction your class is going
- Pray for the ministries of the church. Support the overall focus and vision the pastor is leading the church toward.

Training is important as well as reading and studying.

We all must seek to be *Life Long Learners*

When you teach, you are speaking for GOD!

The living and true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is supreme head of a living church, is not mute. He speaks — and He speaks clearly — by His Spirit and through His written word, the Bible.

Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

¹⁷ And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1. Word of God **dwell within** you – study and meditate on God's word
2. **Richly** - **Colossians 3:16** “richness live in you”. Another says “have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives.”
3. **Burst forth** in proclamation – Like singing a tune that you can stop because it is on your mind

Result of such teaching

- It is more than you that is blessed.
- The blessings you receive reaches others.
- God is blessed and glorified.

Teaching Tools

1. Teachers Book
2. Teachers Commentary
3. Teachers Quick Source
4. Teachers Kits
5. Teachers Tool box
6. Web sites:
 - a. <http://www.hfcbiblestudy.org/> - good basic outline
 - b. <http://www.second.org/en/Leadership/Teachers/LessonHelps.aspx> - Much more detailed
 - c. <http://wwwFOUNDERS.org/ss/explore/#spring> – usually not available till Saturday
 - d. <http://www.lifeway.com/myextra/>
 - e. <http://bible.lifeway.com/crossmain.asp>
 - f. <http://www.biblestudytools.com/>
 - g. <http://www.biblegateway.com/>
 - h. <http://teachinglifewaylessons.blogspot.com/>
 - i. <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10688789989>

Divide into three groups and have each group come up with three teaching methods and why they like them.

List three and why you think the student learns best from these.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Teaching Methods

- Pictures that teach
- Panel discussions
- Question and answer
- Object Lesson
- Lecture
- Storytelling – story-ing
- Hand outs – fill in the blank
- White board outlines
- Magazines and newspapers
- Groups – Care groups
- Tear sheets for group reports
- Yellow sticky for personal thoughts – then stick on tear sheet or white board
- Test – homework and then review

Examples of methods:

Honor the Lord. What kind of pictures come to your mind?

- Modest Dress
- Family going to Church
- Family praying in a restaurant – praying for waiter

We are safe and our future is secured.

Worldly security

- Life Jacket
- Fighter Plane
- Missile
- Nuclear bomb

God's security – ask - what kind of pictures come to mind?

- Casket
- Church building
- Church worshipping
- Bible

Show video clip that relates to topic – Music players as Titanic sinks – Message?

The worst teaching method is the same method used over and over again

Give out - Toolbox – What teaching methods are suggested?

GREAT Teachers are great preparers

- Read
- Study
- Meditate
- Study
- Reflect
- Incorporate

Here are 7 types of lessons

- The Cotton Candy Lesson: Very sweet and full of air, but when bitten into there is nothing there.
- The Stuffed Olive Lesson: Pleasantly fashioned, pleasing, tart, stuffed with intellect – BUT no heart; - ALL Facts
- The Jell-O Fruit Salad Lesson: Shaking, prancing, quivering preaching, lots of action – but low calorie teaching
- The Poached Egg Lesson: Soft, sage, sentimental food; soothes every mind. Calms every mood.
- The Leftover Turkey Lesson: Meat they suspect you have served them before, with disguise added to use just one more Sunday.
- Meat and Potatoes Lesson: Exciting flare and always good; the gospel preached with the word understood.
 - Do people want to sit under teachers that can serve them meat and potatoes from the word?
 - Most teachers teach like they study.
 - Once again the worst teaching method is the same one used over and over again.
 - What is the other most important thing for a teacher to know, and then how does the teacher reflect this knowledge in their lesson?

Their class members.

Also, you want what is best for them. That may mean changing up teaching styles and taking them out of their comfort zone sometimes.

- You must pray for your class.
- You must care about the Bible and want to learn more.
- You must care that they learn more and learn to love the Bible themselves.
- You must care about becoming more Christ-Like every day – every week – every month – every year.
- They will learn to love and appreciate you and your heart (WHY – because you are becoming more Christ-Like - Right before their eyes)
- They will love you and accept your shortcomings and love you in Christ

You are like a stain glass window. The sunshine of God's truth is shining through the teachers mind, spirit and life. It takes on a glow and a color of that teacher whether it is bright and glowing or whether it is dark and gloomy.

Adult WEEKLY CLASS TIME

What is the purpose of Sunday School? Reach – Teach -- Minister

- Each week - fellowship and prayer time – pass around prayer request sheet and make announcements
- First Sunday - 5 minutes– a testimony from a class member or other person of how you were saved
- Second Sunday -7 -10 minutes– Prayer time for care groups – Led by each Care group Leader.
- Third Sunday - 5 Minutes– Outreach report and prospect assignment
- Fourth Sunday - 5 Minutes– public class time of names of un-churched that the class is praying for and a prayer time.
- Fifth Sunday – Brunch and Extended Fellowship Time
- Approximately 30-45 minutes of teaching time.