Day 24

Reaching the Next Generation

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Key Verse

"You shall teach them diligently to your sons..."
Deuteronomy 6:7

Today's Devotional

One of the greatest investments any church can make is in the next generation.

Long before there were children's ministries or youth groups, God instructed parents to teach His Word diligently to their children.

Faith is never inherited automatically.

Each generation must hear the gospel.

Each generation must learn God's truth.

Each generation must personally trust Christ.

That is why children's ministry matters.

Student ministry matters.

Parents matter.

Grandparents matter.

Teachers matter.

Volunteers matter.

Every Bible story shared with a child...

Every memory verse learned...

Every conversation with a teenager...

Every prayer offered over a classroom...

May become part of God's work in shaping an eternal life.

As we prepare for September 20, we are especially thankful for opportunities to strengthen ministry to children and students.

Children's Sunday School during the first hour.

Children's Worship during the second.

A bridge ministry helping families transition between services.

Student gatherings designed to build biblical friendships.

These are not merely scheduling decisions.

They are discipleship opportunities.

The future of the church is already walking through our hallways.

May we invest wisely.

Think About It

1. Who invested in my spiritual life when I was young?
2. How can I encourage children and students in our church?
3. Am I praying regularly for the next generation?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Thank You for every child and student You have entrusted to our church.

Strengthen parents as they disciple their children.

Bless every teacher and volunteer.

Raise up a generation that loves Christ, believes Your Word, and courageously follows You.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from unnecessary screen time this evening.

Use that time to pray specifically for the children and students of Riva Trace Baptist Church.

Prayer Focus

Pray for our Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, and every family God is bringing to our church.