



ECS OFFICE NEWS

Home of the
KNIGHTS!

Week of
September 7th, 2009

What He Must Be

(reprinted with permission from Nick Kennicott, Ephesus Church Pastor)

I love giving away good books (not mine, but copies that I buy for others!). Over the past several months, one of the books I have given away frequently to Christian fathers is Voddie Baucham's latest volume entitled, [*What He Must Be... if he wants to Marry My Daughter*](#). As a pastor, I am frequently observing the devastating effects of unbiblical relationships as young people pursue mates while their parents take a back seat and "hope for the best." As I read Baucham's book for the first time, I had to refrain from standing and shouting "Amen!" on several occasions. I am thankful for his wisdom and courage in a day when the pursuit of a biblical framework for relationships is chided and ignored, even within much of the Church.

Baucham writes in chapter 1 that his book is built on a single, simple premise: "I believe fathers have a God-given responsibility to see to it that their daughters marry well and that their sons become worthy husbands. As such, I believe it is necessary for fathers to model biblical manhood, teach biblical manhood, and hunt for biblical manhood on behalf of their daughters. Similarly, I believe fathers with sons have a responsibility to prepare their sons for marriage." (27)

This is a great read, not only for fathers with daughters, but also for those with sons. Baucham does a masterful job in describing what biblical manhood looks like, and

what a father should be looking for in a potential mate for his daughter, or what he should be instilling in, modeling, and teaching his son. With very few examples today of what men are called to be, it is imperative that Christian families understand God's design, purpose, and desire. So, according to Baucham, what must a man be if he is to marry his daughter?

- He must be a follower of Christ
- He must be prepared to lead
- He must lead like Christ ([Ephesians 5](#))
- He must be committed to children
- He must practice the four P's (Protector, Provider, Prophet, Priest)

Each of these elements comprises an entire chapter in *What He Must Be*. Additionally, Baucham provides biblically sound, practical wisdom regarding the father's role, namely that he is to walk his daughter through the process of finding, vetting, courting, and marrying "Mr. Right". Baucham provides ample evidence from the Old and New Testaments of the Scriptures and soundly defeats many critics who suppose much of what the Bible teaches on relationships is "cultural" in nature. *What He Must Be* is a "must read" for Christian fathers, and would also be a great read for young men and women who are preparing themselves for courtship and marriage.

If for no other reason, I recommend reading Baucham's book for his excellent analysis of the current crisis in marriage and "dating" relationships: "Little thought is given to preparing our sons to be husbands. Thus, they meander through life without the skills or mind-set necessary to play the most important role until one day, having met 'the one,' they pop the question, set a date, and - in the rarest cases -- go to the pastor to learn everything they need to know about being a priest, prophet, provider, and protector of a household in four one-hour sessions. In the words of that great theologian Dr. Phil, 'How's that workin' for ya?'"

"As a result, we have families led by men who haven't the foggiest idea what their role is or how to carry it out. We have wives who were created with a God-given need to be led by godly men, a curse from the days in the garden that puts them at odds with this arrangement, and a cultural mandate to fight against male headship. Top this off with children who long for security that can only be found in clear roles and boundaries in the home, and the result is a frustrated family mired by dysfunction. Sound familiar?"

Yes, unfortunately it sounds *all too* familiar as it plays out in the Church across America because many have decided to adapt to the world's systems instead of clinging to the wisdom of God.

Happy Birthday
To You!!

Sarah A. 5th Grade	9/2
Madelyn 9/3 Pre-K	
Matthew 9/4 5th Grade	
Victoria 5th Grade	9/10
Sarah B. 9/12 5th Grade	
Payton G. 1st Grade	9/13
Thomas 9/13 1st Grade	
Caden 3rd Grade	9/14
Abigail 1st Grade	9/19
Kollin 1st Grade	9/19
Alyssa Pre-K	9/21
McKaela 9/23 3rd Grade	
Caleb 8th Grade	9/24
Sowah 1st Grade	9/27
Logan 3rd Grade	9/28
Logan 8th Grade	9/29
Ben 4th Grade	9/29





226 Goshen Road
P.O. Box 370
Rincon, Georgia 31326

Phone: 912/826.3ECS (3327)
Fax: 912/826.6555
Email: cmeyers@effinghamchristian.org
www.effinghamchristian.org



Announcements



Sept. 8th—JV Soccer Practice 3:30-5:30pm
Sept. 9th—U8, U10 Soccer Practice 3:15-4:15pm
Sept. 9th—U12 Soccer Practice 4:15-5:15pm
Sept. 10th—JV Soccer Practice 3:30-5:30pm
Sept. 11th—Vaccine Form DUE
Sept. 11th—U8, U10 Soccer Practice 3:15-4:15pm
Sept. 11th—U12 Soccer Practice 4:15-5:15pm
September 16th— School Pictures

September 18th—Fall Family Picnic 7-9pm
October 1st—Moms Evening Prayer
October 5th—9th—Fall Break
October 13th—Report Cards
October 14th—Awards Chapel 11:00am
October 20th—November hot lunch forms due
October 21st—5th Grade Drama 11:30am
October 28th—Reformation Celebration & Chapel



6th—10th Grade Students

Join us this Wednesday right after school at 3:30. We will be serving our community by building dog houses to sell. This will raise funds for the Habitat for Humanity. Be sure to bring gloves and hammers!

We will order pizza for the students to eat before worship services begin. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Lisa Toole (PE Teacher) at 667-3253.

Please feel free to stay for Ephesus Wednesday Evening Worship 6:45pm to 8:15pm.

Community Notes:

The Voyage That Shook The World
150 Years ago one man, one voyage, one book ignited a controversy that still rages today.

Film presented by Dr. Russell Humphreys,
Sat. Sept. 12th at 6pm *Evidence for a Young Universe* and 7:30pm *The Voyage that Shook the World* at Ferguson Ave. Baptist Church,
10050 Ferguson Ave, Sav'h 912.355.0949
www.fabchurch.com

Christ Centered Music Ministries
Presents...

"Street Therapy"

Back 2 School Fest
@ Grayson Stadium
Hosted by: Ursula Y. Boyd,
Magic 103.9FM
4-9pm, Sat. Sept. 12th
1401 E. Victory Drive, Sav'h
EVERYTHING FREE!
Food, Family Entertainment, Live Con-
cert and more.

Soccer Cleats

We have a size 12
1/2 and 2 cleat to
donate. If you are
interested please
see Mrs. Gina Bass
(2nd grade teacher)

FLU SHOT

We would like to hold
a clinic for the flu
shot again this year.
We must have a
count of people who
would participate.
Please turn in the
attached form by
Friday, Sept. 11th.



Fall Family Picnic

Friday, Sept. 18, 7-9 pm at our ECS campus!

Join us for hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings,
ice cream sundae, homemade ice cream contest
(We will need no less than one family per class.) line
dancing, square dancing, hay rides, horse rides and
lots more fun for all ages.

The cost will be \$3.00 per person.