

IMA Video Connect every 3rd Thursday of each month at 10AM Central Time. Contact IMA Home Office for more info.

Connect with IMA on social media: Facebook, Instagram & Twitter using @imaministers

If you would like to post IMA events or articles, please send information to IMA Home Office two months in advance.

» Quotable Quotes

"I am much afraid that the schools will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where Scriptures do not reign paramount."

~ Martin Luther

"Puritan values such as hard work, universal education, family centered society, and capitalism have been argued [to be the] organizing principles... in the 1950s."

~ Christian History/America's Cultural Wars Since the 1960's

"Isolating the student from large sections of human knowledge is not the basis of a Christian education. Rather it is giving him or her the framework for total truth, rooted in the Creator's existence and

in the Bible's teaching, so that in each step of the formal learning process the student will understand what is true and what is false and why it is true or false."

~ Francis Schaeffer

"We cannot continue to send our children to Caesar for their education and be surprised when they come home as Romans."

~ Voddie Baucham Jr.

"It is a fact that unless children are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, they, and the society which they constitute or control, will go to destruction. Consequently, when a state resolves that religious instruction shall be banished from the schools and other literary institutions, it virtually resolves on self-destruction."

~ Charles Hodge

(Article Continued from Pg. 1)

They seek to train, shape, and mold our children's minds, (and that is the purpose of education). This is tantamount to having Al-Qaeda train our U.S. soldiers.

Some would argue, "Can't a child influence his or her classmates?" Yes, I do believe that children influence one another. However, if one child among 30 is going to have a positive influence on the rest, isn't it **just as likely, and even more likely** that the majority will have a negative influence on the one?



Our obligation as parents and pastors is to provide the best possible nurture and education for our children. Placing your child in a Christian school that supports your values and beliefs will greatly increase the likelihood of your child's educational and spiritual success. This should be our main objective.

Relational Actional Missional

Inside this Issue:

- ▣ **Guest Article:** "Value of Biblical Education"
- ▣ **Guest Article:** "Christian Education"
- ▣ **National Conference**
- ▣ **Chairman Article:** "DNA of IMA" Part 6
- ▣ **IMA Home Office**
- ▣ **Quotable Quotes**

National Board:

- ▣ **Dr. Timothy Warner**
- ▣ **Dr. Don Crabtree**
- ▣ **Rev. Sean Dudley**
- ▣ **Rev. Chad Hayes**
- ▣ **Rev. Dan Hernandez**
- ▣ **Rev. Kurt Juscak**
- ▣ **Rev. Mike McCord**

District Chairs:

- ▣ **Dr. Charles Dewing**
- ▣ **Rev. Paul Mason**
- ▣ **Rev. Joe Campbell**
- ▣ **Rev. Romualdo Corpuz**
- ▣ **Rev. Karrie Landsverk**
- ▣ **Rev. Julie Wells**
- ▣ **Rev. Keith Owens**
- ▣ **Rev. Jason King**
- ▣ **Rev. David Spurlock**
- ▣ **Rev. Robert Garcia**

PROCLAIM

JULY 2021

Value of Biblical Education

By Rev. Tom Couture; Bethel Church; Eau Claire, WI

"All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace." Isa 54:13



When children are systematically taught the Scriptures, there **is** great peace. But when children are not biblically taught, there is chaos of our culture. We see it on the nightly news and internet reports.

We have a MANDATE from God to place our children in a Bible-based, Christ-centered educational environment; not just on Sundays and Wednesdays, but every day. We call this Christian education. Leaders of today are pushing vile policies on our nation and carrying out philosophy from secular education they received from grade school to college! These policies are simply a **natural by-product of secular education.**

The number one tool the devil uses for the destruction of a generation isn't politics, culture, or "fads;" it's secular education. Children are taught they've come from nowhere, they're going nowhere, and they're accountable to no one. Christian education, sponsored by the local church, will be the greatest tool we have to turn the tide of the moral decadence we see lived out in society today.

Christian Education teaches students to see ALL OF LIFE through the lens of the Bible. ALL they learn is evaluated on the authority of the Word of God, the only Source of truth known



to humanity. This enables the student to possess a thoroughly biblical worldview, instead of a humanistic worldview that promotes hedonism and atheism and is overtly hostile to teachings of Scripture.

The Christian School works similar to a greenhouse, which is designed to provide the optimum conditions for growth while a plant is young and impressionable. Children and teens are mentored and carefully nurtured to help them develop and think properly. When the time comes for them to be "transplanted" into a more hostile environment, they will be better equipped to counter the fallacies of secularism with the foundational truth of Scripture.



Shouldn't Christian children attend the secular schools to be "salt and light" to the other students? Not only does this argument violate logic, it flies in the face of experience, history and the clear teaching of the Bible. Let me be more clear: secular school officials are making every effort possible (with your tax dollars) to exterminate any and all influence of Christianity in the school systems across America.

(Article Continued on Pg. 4)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Rev. Matt Bell; Destiny Church; San Antonio, TX

It's often said, "What goes around, comes around." I've been in ministry long enough to see that there is a lot of truth in this little proverb. Of course there should be, as it is essentially a modern rephrasing of "you reap what you sow" (Galatians 6:7).

In the late 70's our church purchased land on the outskirts of northwest San Antonio. We had outgrown our current location and had no more space for a growing vision. That vision included not only a larger auditorium, but also ample classroom space to start a Christian school. Founded in 1978, by John and Ruth Bell, King's Academy had a strong thirty year run. I don't have the exact numbers, but 1,000's of students and 100's of alumni (myself included) had their formative years shaped at 8635 Callaghan Road through the ministry of teachers who labored faithfully, led by Bob Sayer as Principal. I honor them for their labor of love and lasting impact they've had in my life.

Thirty years is a long time. During that time, a lot of things changed. For many reasons (that are beyond the scope of this brief article), it was decided that the school had fulfilled it's vision, and it was time to close the doors. It was a difficult decision and the elder's of the church took several years to deliberate. Even at that time in 2008 when the school closed, the door was left open for the possibility of having a school again.

I've long had a desire to have a Christian school again as a part of our ministry. I'm very blessed to report that this fall (thirteen years later), we will once again have a Christian School at Destiny Church. God is good!

As a father of 4 children (ages 9, 8, 6, 4), I am a strong believer in the supreme value of Christian education. Especially in the current cultural climate. Hardly a week goes by that I don't read some horrifying news story about the state of public education in the United States of America. Today's children are being indoctrinated with an ideology that is demonic. The foundation of public education is a denial of TRUTH (which is actually a Person, not a philosophic idea). They deny their Creator and teach the students to do the same. They teach that life is nothing more than random accidents and mutations carried out over time. Therefore, dear child, your life is meaningless and pointless.



In addition to a quality education, a good Christian School provides three things that are desperately needed in today's world.

1. A Biblical worldview (with the foundation of Jesus Christ as Creator);
2. Discipleship of the students;
3. Teachers who love their students and care just as much about their souls as they do their grades.

Pastor, I would encourage you, if you have a burden for the next generation, pray about starting a Christian school in your church. You may be surprised at what God would do!

National Conference is just around the corner...

IMA 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

Place: Faith Bible Chapel
Arvado, CO (Denver area)

Host: Pastor Jason King

Key Speaker: Dr. Phil Brassfield

Dates: Mon-Wed, Sept. 20-22, 2021

Theme: "Encountering God"



Lodging:

Conference Hotel: SpringHill Suites Denver West.* (\$119 per night).

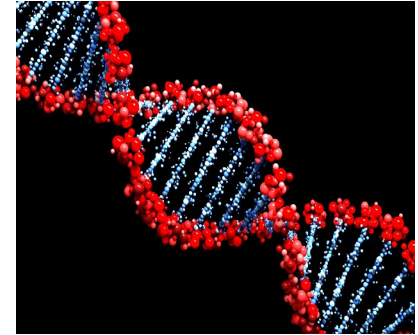
Supplemental Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Wheat Ridge—Denver West.* (\$99 per night if booked by Aug. 19th).

**Rates available Sun—Fri, Sept. 19th-24th*

Featuring:

- Dynamic Worship
- Evening Speaker
- IMA Trending
- Breakout Sessions
 - Dealing with Culture
 - Building from Here
 - Women's Breakout
- Panel Discussion: "In Times of Pressure"
- Celebrate Missions Service
- IMA National Business Mtg
- Tuesday Luncheon: National/District Boards
- Featuring IMA Ladies Luncheon; Wednesday

Food/fellowship provided



DNA of IMA

Part 6: IMA's Teaching and Christian Education Ministry



By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Chairman

Hello everyone and greetings from the Publishing Dept. of the IMA. Over the past few months, we have been covering snippets from earlier issues of the HERALD of TRUTH Newspaper (1940s-60s). The reason for this is to find clear evidence for identifying DNA of IMA as a ministerium. Thus far we have considered:

- Our Distinctive: The Holy Spirit
- Love for Missions
- The Respect Dynamic
- Honoring Life
- Cry for Freedom

Today our focus is upon Bible Teaching and Christian Education of the IMA. I must confess research for this topic has truly been enjoyable. Most IMA churches have been strong in teaching ministries such as Sunday School, training materials, Christian Schools, Book Rooms, and even Bible Colleges.



The HERALD of TRUTH (now IMA PROCLAIM) was and is a teaching tool in itself. It was created to promote Bible truth, the Gospel of Christ, capture testimonies and "declare the works of God" (Psa 96:3). Articles and events of IMA are published to promote Christian Education and teach truth from God's Word. I encourage you to read each article and save newsletters for future reference.



Our retro quotation comes from an article published in Decem-

ber, 1957 entitled "What We Believe and Teach." The IMA was just three years old. Apparently, many inquiries were made to the new Association for leaders to clearly articulate [our] tenants of faith. Here are a few lines:

- "We have sent our constitution to hundreds... and [hoping] our HERALD of TRUTH would reach thousands more people, we have decided to publish our articles of faith" (P. 2).
- "The many divisions which are found in Christendom are largely brought about by a lack of understanding the word of the Lord. Therefore, we feel it is imperative that every Christian search the Scriptures..."

Also, there was an invitation to an afternoon "Teaching Service" (contrasted with evening preaching) at a National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Ads to purchase Christian Books, Bible Commentaries and other study materials were available at the IMA Book Room. Those called to ministry were encouraged to attend the International Bible College (and four year high school) at San Antonio, Texas.



Over the years many IMA affiliated churches have hosted Christian Schools, Bible Institutes, even Seminaries. Teaching, training, and education for ministers are part of IMA's DNA.

Today, many IMA churches sponsor Christian Schools. Multitudes benefit from missionaries who teach the Bible in countries

around the world. Our Ministerial Credentials empower, not only pastors, but School Administrators, Chaplains, Bible College Teachers, and others to do Christian ministry. More local churches are starting Christian Day Schools and Bible College-type ministry than ever before.



Presently, our DNA is trending in what we call IMA Video CONNECT. It is hosted by Rev. Chad Hayes who serves on our National Board. This teaching ministry features live guests who are knowledgeable in their subject. IMA VIDEO CONNECT is offered the third Thursday of each month at 10AM, CT. It is interactive, instructional with a focus on practical application. We pray together as well.

So let's teach, preach and communicate our faith! Start schools, establish training centers, make the Bible come alive. Engage in Christian education and equip people to serve the Lord with Biblical knowledge! The DNA of IMA is to empower people by teaching Biblical truth and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus our Messiah.

IMA Home Office

P.O. Box 242
Shell Lake, WI 54871

EMAIL:
imahdq@gmail.com

WEBSITE: imainfo.org

(Members Password: imamembers)

PH: 812-550-1240