

## **CBC Children's Ministry**

### **Why Should I Become Involved?**

1. Involvement means worship - we serve an awesome God. One way of expressing our love for Him is by being involved in proclaiming His worthiness to others. I Peter 2:9
2. Involvement means obedience - Jesus left us with a challenge to go out and make disciples of all the nations. Children are the most open segment of our society to hearing about God. Matt 28:19, 20
3. Involvement means a strong body - Scripture teaches that God gifts each of us in specific ways. Each of us has a unique way to build up the body of Christ. The body suffers unless we faithfully utilize our gifts "for the common good." I Cor 12.
4. Involvement means a growing body - often one of the greatest blessings of ministry is the privilege of being used by God to draw young ones and their families to Christ. By this the body of Christ expands.
5. Involvement means the pleasure of God - our children are surrounded with stumbling blocks all around. They are faced with many things which draw them away from knowing God. Surely God is pleased when we permit, yes even encourage, children to come to Him. Our Father does not want any of the little ones to perish. Our ministry to them truly is expected and commended by the Father. Matt 18:1-14
6. Involvement means personal growth. Involvement in ministry creates an environment for growth. As we study to prepare lessons we are challenged. As we work with children we come to see children as God sees them, and our vision grows. Ministry involves increasing faith to meet the challenges and deal with the discouragements. Our faith grows, too, as we see the faith of others grow.

Finally, consider the high value men like Martin Luther placed on teachers of children:

"If I were to give up preaching and my other duties, there is no office I would rather have than that of school teacher, for I know that next to the ministry it is most useful, greatest and best. I am not sure which of the two is to be preferred. It is hard to make old dogs docile. Yet that is what the ministry works at, and must work at in great part in vain. Young trees, though some may break in the process, are more easily bent and trained. Therefore, let it be considered one of the highest virtues on earth to train the children of others, which duty but very few parents attend to themselves."