

Scott Kaczinski & Family Music Ministries

Quarterly Newsletter

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our 2010 Truth Singers:

We held our Truth Singers concert with our special needs adults on May 6. Thank you to all who attended. We trust you were blessed. We had a full house! Although we are breaking for the summer, we continue to teach a Truth Singers Sunday School class each week at our church with usually 8-10 Truth Singers in attendance. Most of them also stay for church along with their staff workers. We look forward to starting up again in September and are expecting to have over 50 special needs adults, including many new faces. We appreciate your prayers for this growing ministry! We love it!!



Thank you for praying for Scott's surgery. He has had two follow-up appointments in Iowa City and does not need to go back! The sublingual gland in his mouth was successfully removed. Although the surgeon was not able to drain the existing cysts at the time of surgery, we believe they have dissolved. Praise the Lord! Scott feels fantastic health wise and was able to return to singing in just a couple weeks after surgery. We are very grateful for all your prayers, cards, and kind words.

#4. Empty threats are...well...empty.

Kids love empty threats. They know how to "work the system." I always try to follow through on discipline if the guidelines were clearly stated beforehand.

#3. Parental Communication:

Parents should learn to discuss, communicate, and agree on how they are going to love, encourage, and discipline their children before the children come along.

#2. Yelling, Shouting, Raising My Voice:

I struggle with these. I've found that these are not the best ways to communicate with my kids. I've also found that I handle things much better when I am prepared for difficult situations that might arise.

#1. Prayer:

It just works. I don't think there is any other way to show our love for our children than to pray for them. Philippians 1:9-11. "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best, to be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

--scott

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Discipline & Love:

The Top 10 Things I've Learned About Raising Kids

Hebrews 12:5b...the Lord disciplines those He loves.

#10. It seemed much easier when our kids were younger:

It's nap time. Bed-time's at 8:00. And "no" because I said so worked really well. Now with three teenagers, it's more difficult.

#9. Pick Your Battles:

When our kids were younger, people would tell me that when they get older, Annette and I would have to learn to "pick our battles." I also remember thinking that it was dumb. I was wrong.

#8. Creative Discipline:

If we discipline out of love, which God does for us, then I have learned that I really need to understand my child. One type of discipline with one child doesn't always work with another.

#7. Not all creative discipline works:

Once, just a few days before leaving on vacation, the kids were really misbehaving and fighting, and this had been going on for a while. It was stressing us and particularly Annette. So we decided to tell the kids that Annette would not be joining us on the vacation because the kids were so unpleasant to be around. Well, this brought out the desired response. A short while later, four letters were handed to Annette containing all kinds of remorseful and repentant words. However, not more than two hours later, the kids had already started bickering over who would get mom's seat in the front of the car on vacation.

#6. Creative Encouragement

It can be fun and provide great results to learn different ways to encourage and motivate your children. Just this year as Taylor was getting ready to play a varsity softball game, instead of telling her "this is a big game" or "you really need to do well tonight," I told her that she always does well against this particular team and that she is a good team leader. Since then, her confidence has soared and the results have been very positive.

#5. Leverage Rocks!

As mentioned earlier, it gets more difficult to discipline our kids as they get older. But, things like iPods, cell phones, and driving privileges are great tools to use as leverage to discipline when necessary.

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Praise that God added three new monthly supporters to our team! Please continue to pray for our finances.

Quarterly ministry taxes are due again by July 30. Please pray that we would be able to pay the \$2000 on time. We are always amazed how God supplies for all our needs!

In our last newsletter, we asked for prayer that God would lead us to the right couple to marriage mentor. Praise the Lord that we had 3 inquiries to marriage mentoring the very day our newsletter went out. We have been mentoring a couple since April and praise God for the way He has worked in their lives and marriage.

Praise for the Holy Spirit's presence at a recent Sunday morning concert we gave at Wilton Presbyterian Church.

Please pray for our children. Believe it or not, they are struggling in their desire/attitude to sing with us this summer at our many nursing homes. Our window of opportunity to sing with our children is slowly closing as they grow older and have busy schedules of their own.

Taylor will have her four wisdom teeth pulled in August. Insurance only covers half. Please pray for the other \$1000 to be provided.

Pray for boldness to share the Gospel with the many people we meet.

