

## Standard of Conduct

We believe that "even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right." [Proverbs 20:11] So a large part of the teaching and training of our children revolves around teaching them how they should live, act, and behave. [see Mission statement]

We believe that the primary responsibility for raising and disciplining our children rests upon the parents. Godly parents should raise their children according to Biblical principles. One aspect that is often neglected is that of discipline with "the rod", also known as corporal punishment. Many Christians disagree about this, but the Scriptures are clear that "he who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him." [Proverbs 13:24] Many of today's behavioral problems could be solved by prayer and proper use of corporal punishment. There are several other aspects to proper Biblical childrearing, including providing for our children, encouraging them, loving them, not embittering them, and living an example in front of them.

During co-op time our children "will be known by their actions" [Proverbs 20:11] Therefore, we will set a Standard of Conduct to be followed by our children.

1) Our children will show respect for other children and all the adults at all times. Respect for other children is shown by being gentle, using kind words, helping, loving, and keeping their hands to themselves. Respect for adults is shown by addressing adults as either "Mr." or "Mrs." at all times and not by their first names. All adults are to be obeyed at all times by all children. Children will obey "quickly, sweetly, and completely." We would expect that the parents of children who are being disobedient will correct or discipline their child according to the dictates of their own conscience and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Proper conduct includes being quiet when an adult is speaking, never yelling, avoiding over-talking, and not gossiping. Children should remain still unless the activity requires movement. It is not proper to run except during designated play times, and then all things should be done in an orderly fashion. "For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace." [I Corinthians 14:33]

2) Our children will engage their minds and bodies to learn and perform to the best of their abilities. "Laziness brings on deep sleep" [Proverbs 19:15] And "lazy hands make a man poor"[Proverbs 10:4]. Adults and children are both encouraged when the child makes his/her best effort.

3) Our children will be honest with their lips and tender in their hearts. Many times the beginning of sin starts with a hardened heart. And lying leads to many other sins. We will seek as parents to recognize when our children are being dishonest, or have a hardened heart and correct or encourage them as needed.