

# Preparing the next generation in all ways

## Photo in front of Centerville

A childhood friend of mine sent me a picture yesterday that I didn't even know existed. It is a picture of me and several other kids and teachers, gathered up in front of Centerville Baptist Church, in the Lexie community. We were getting ready to enter the church, to start a morning of Vacation Bible School.

Me and my buddy, Martin, are easy to make out, the others we aren't so sure of. We estimate this picture was taken either 1964 or 1965. If you recognize any of the others, please E-mail me and let me know.

Vacation Bible School is just as important today as it was back then. Most churches have a Vacation Bible School for children, during the summer, and I would encourage you to make sure your children attend.

## Preparing the next generation

We've talked, in past articles, about how important it is for us to teach our children how to hunt, fish, build a fire and basically survive in different situations under difficult circumstances. This is, without a doubt, very important because this can be very critical information, if needed.

We do this because we love our children and grandchildren and want them to be able to make the right decisions as they go through life. This also applies to making sure they have a stable Christian background. What better preparedness for life than being grounded in God's word.

You can't give your child a better gift or do anything more important for them, than taking them to Church and being a Christian example to them. Laying out a pathway to accepting God and Jesus as their personal Savoir, with the result being, going to Heaven, should be first and foremost to every parent.

No - this is not a religious column and I'm not promoting any church or religion. The last time I heard there were 33 churches in Walthall County, I'm sure you can find one that's right for you and your family.

I know, having been a church member all my life, I've heard every excuse from people, that can be thought up, as why not to attend church.

Those people, down there at that church, are no better than me, or, they're all just a bunch of hypocrites.

Here's the bottom line, ladies and gent's, you are not going to be held accountable for who they are or

what they are, you are responsible for you.

You'll also be held accountable for why you didn't take your children to church and have them involved in Christian activities.

A lot of you are reading this and it's going in one ear and out the other. You don't want to change because really and truly, you don't believe any of this.

Let me tell you a secret, something you probably don't know. The biggest trick the Devil has played on

mankind, after the Garden of Eden, is to convince man that the Devil doesn't exist and there is no Hell!

Therefore, why should we worry about it or try to teach our children about God. People, you had better wake up!

If you really love your children, get up this Sunday, get everybody ready and take them to Church, you can't afford

not to.

## Fishing reports

I've received some more fishing reports in the past couple of days and it seems that, just about everyone that's been fishing, has caught some. One guy said the fishing is as good right now as he has seen it, this year.

I've heard of many people going over to the Mississippi River and fishing the backwaters. I've done this before, and it can be very productive. The river is very high, right now, and you can find places to fish, just about anywhere. Having said this, I feel there is something I do need to mention.

All this flooding and backwater has the swamp critters on the move, floodwaters will drive them out towards dry land.

Be very careful about snakes, cottonmouths love to climb up into trees and bushes, during high water. Watch out for alligators, they will cruise shallow water looking for a meal. Don't let your pets or small children play in it.

During this time of the year, try using minnows for bait, in backwater. You stand a chance of catching anything from crappie to catfish and everything in between.

You don't need heavy tackle to



Circa 1964 Vacation Bible School picture, Centerville Baptist Church.

## Our Outdoors



By Dan Ginn

catch crappie, but in a situation like this, you never know what you might hang into. I always use medium to heavy, rods and reels, when doing this type fishing. A big catfish can tear up a small rod and reel.

It's going to be hot out there, remember to take plenty of water, sunscreen and a good straw hat.

## Hurricane season

Something else, we've touched on before and I've been wanting to mention again. We have officially slid off into "Hurricane Season". Most people don't think about this, like precautions or preparedness, until a storm gets into the Gulf.

After we endured Katrina, it was obvious to me, electricity is very important. Some of the best money we've spent, is investing in a total home generator.

We bought a Generac, had it for several years, and it has worked great. Didn't realize it at the time, but if your electricity goes off much, due to regular thunderstorms or wind, you'll use it a lot more than you think.

It has automatic switches, the power goes off, the generator starts up and the lights come back on, takes about three seconds. Our generator runs on propane, which can be stored indefinitely. We've got it hooked up to a 500-gallon tank, which will run it for a long time.

This is like anything else, if it works, I'll tell you, or not. I would highly recommend, to anyone, to get one of these. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to talk to you about it.

Hopefully, we won't have a hurricane this summer, but if we do, this will be just one thing we won't have to worry about.

**Enjoy the Outdoors**