

## **Beyond the Classroom**

A necessary paradigm shift is discussed to help gain a hearing in the classroom by connecting with students as a mentor and friend outside the class.

## **Biblical Basis for Christian**

### **Education (CE)**

Defining education, following the roots of CE in scripture, and examining what the Bible says about CE is covered in this class.

## **Boredom Busters**

Teachers will be given tools to effectively eliminate boredom from their class so students will never be able to say they were bored in a class they taught.

## **Children's Church Ministry\***

This class considers how to organize & conduct a productive Children's Church.

## **Defining Christian Education & Developing a Philosophy**

This class will clarify the goal of CE and help formulate a basic philosophy for ministering in this area. 3 approaches to CE will be considered and how to develop an effective philosophy.

## **Developing Leadership for Children's Ministry**

Criteria and qualifications of leaders along with the content that will produce a quality children's ministry will be examined in this class.

## **Discipline in the Classroom\*\***

Children's workers will see the scriptural basis for discipline and the basic causes. We will consider a teacher's responsibilities, preventative and corrective measures.

## **Discipline 501**

This class approaches discipline from a slightly different angle by looking at the Biblical basis and the six major elements in the teaching learning process.

## **Facilitating Spiritual Growth**

How teachers can be a catalyst for spiritual development of their students is considered.

## **Follow-up for Success\***

Discovering means of conserving results and enabling new believers to mature in Christ is the focus of this class.

## **Giving an Effective Invitation\***

Concluding a children's lesson with an appropriate invitation can bring new results to teaching.

## **Importance of the Teacher**

Scripture has a lot to say about teachers which is analyzed in this class along with a brief overview of the 7 laws of the teacher.

## **Improving Student Retention**

Fifteen practical suggestions will help you communicate with your students in a way they will not forget the lesson as soon as they walk out the door. No longer will the lesson go in one ear and out the other.

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\* 30-45 minute class |\*\* at least 90 minutes

## **Introducing Children to Christ\*\***

A simple way of sharing the gospel with a child and leading them to Christ without pressure. Part of the class time will be used to actually practice little bite size pieces of the presentation. As a result, each attendee should be able to lead a child to Christ.

## **Lesson Preparation**

Providing spiritually nutritious food for the student begins with the teacher's preparation. Teachers will learn practical suggestions on how to put a lesson together that will help their students grow spiritually.

## **Lesson Presentation\***

Teachers will discover how they can effectively present a lesson that will hold the attention of their students.

## **Memorizing Scripture in Class\***

Material covered in this class will be the importance of memorization, types of memory verses, effective method of teaching and principles for memorizing.

## **Missions Vision for Children\***

Teachers will learn how to create a vision in their students for missions that can last a life time enabling the Church to provide adequate future missionaries.

## **Promoting Kids Spiritual Growth**

Parents and teachers have tremendous influence on the spiritual growth of children. This class will investigate how they can help children grow spiritually.

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**Most classes plan on 60-75 minutes**

## Protecting Today's Child

Child abuse can devastate an individual, a family, and a church. This class will examine how to reduce the risk, provide a safe environment and protect the church.

## Recruiting Volunteers

If there is one predominant CE "thorn in the flesh," it's the recruitment of people to serve. Challenging insights presented will help implement an effective recruitment program for your church.

## Review - Essential & Exciting\*

Learn how to make review a learning time that creates excitement and makes lesson retention effective.

## Teaching for Spiritual Growth

Applying the gospel for the unsaved child and a response aim to encourage spiritual growth is the aim of this class.

## Teaching with Passion

The Bible can be taught in ways that captivate and motivate students toward excellence. Passion is a key to effective teaching. Learn the root, the routine and the results of passionate teaching.

## Teaching with Style

Learn how to defeat the giants that hinder effective teaching/learning by applying 21 tools that will transform any class into a dynamic learning center.

## Teacher—Facilitator of Change

Teachers will learn how they can bring about spiritual growth and become a catalyst for change in students.

## Visualize or Fossilize

How to create effective visuals and use them to assist the student's ability to retain the aim and content of the lesson is the theme of this class.

## Resume

John was saved at the age of five and called of God to minister to children in 1962. He spent a couple years on a gospel team where he met DiAnna and they were married in 1967.

After three years in the US Army John attended and graduated from Vancouver Bible College with a BRE. In 1975 John and Di both graduated from the CEF Leadership Training Institute. John received his MAR from International College and Graduate School Hawaii in 1992 and went on to earn a doctorate from Trinity Theological Seminary in 2009.

John was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1973. He served four years as the pastor of Bay Community Baptist Church. Another four years were spent serving as a local director for CEF in WA state. John and Di have traveled conducting children's evangelistic meetings. John served as the state director for CEF of Hawaii from 1977 through 2011. He was an instructor of Christian education at International College and Graduate School from 1981-2006.

Both John and Di have always been heavily involved in their local church serving the body of Christ.

## Finances

A fee is not charged for this ministry. However, honorariums or gifts are greatly appreciated and will be helpful in extending similar training to help others increase their effectiveness in reaching and teaching children for Christ.

Dr. John Dekle

## Equipping Teachers to Nurture Children from a Biblical Perspective



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"I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives." Titus 1:1