

Daily Devotion For May 10, 2021

<sup>6</sup>Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Last Wednesday during our Bible study it was a blessing to see Bill Bevier's mother Ann join us. We have been praying for Ann for the past year as she has gone through health issue after health issue. Bill shared that it was his mother's faith and commitment to God that brought him to faith in Jesus Christ at an early age. As yesterday was Mother's Day, we remember the godly influences that our mother's had upon us bringing us to faith in Christ. Sadly, we live in a day and age where so many children across our nation are growing up facing extreme challenges. In my sermon yesterday I quoted some statistics from the website, "The State of America's Children - 2021". It stated that

Each Day in America 2 mothers die from complications of childbirth. 5 children are killed by abuse or neglect. 8 children or teens die by suicide. 9 children or teens are killed with a gun. 20 children or teens die from accidents. 46 children or teens are injured with a gun. 59 babies die before their first birthday. 121 children are arrested for violent crimes. 223 children are arrested for drug crimes. 514 public school students are corporally punished.\* 678 babies are born without health insurance. 827 babies are born into extreme poverty. 860 babies are born with low birthweight. 1,541 babies are born into poverty. 1,785 children are confirmed as abused or neglected. 1,909 children are arrested. 2,906 high school students drop out.\* 14,206 public school students are suspended.\* **That is just one day in the life of an American family.**

**Thought For Today and Today's Prayer Focus:** How about your children, grand-children, or great grandchildren. Do they know the Lord and are they walking with Jesus? Take time today to pray for your children, grand-children, and great grandchildren that they would know the Lord and walk with Jesus. Lift up and pray for our nation's children. Take time to review the updated prayer fuel and select a few prayer points to take to the Lord in prayer. Deo Volente.