

April 10, 2018

To the children and youth of St. Mark Community Church,

You have no idea how much I love you!

Over the years I have seen you and watched some of you grow from babies into young adults. It's all gone by so fast it seems. You run and play and do what children do but you always took the time to stop to say hello to Me and Pastor Romes. Thank you for having the respect and good manners that were taught you by your parents. Thank you for not just knowing about it but *doing* it. God's word teaches us that we must be doers of what is right and that it's not enough to just know about it. Promise me that you will remember that and remember that it never changes, even when you grow up and go to college and get married. *God's word never changes*. So I can see that you already have a good understanding and that makes me very happy.

When I think back on my childhood days in the church, I remember certain adults that were my teachers, preachers and deacons. Although you might not understand right now just how your teachers are influencing your lives, there will come a day when it will all come back to you. You will remember how you were raised, and what you were taught and many of those who taught you. So for now, be good children, obey your parents, listen to your teachers and remember that God loves you. Thank you for letting us be a part of the many, many people who will come into your lives to cheer you on along your journey to adulthood and God's purpose for you.

Thank you for all the hugs, kisses, cards, drawings, and gifts you've blessed us with, all made with your precious little hands. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. I've read some of your cards and your well wishes and I can see that you already know the value and importance of prayer. Ask God for whatever you need. Pastor Romes and I will always remember you in our prayers.

You have no idea how much we love you!

*Sis. Romes*