



**TOMORROW through FRIDAY, 7:00 p.m.**  
**CLASSES for all ages**  
**ADULT CLASS: Steve Smithbauer**

### SMART DAD

A hard-working single dad named William Jackson Smart was the inspiration for the creation of Father's Day. His wife died in 1898 while giving birth to their sixth child, and the Civil War veteran was left to raise the children alone in rural Washington.

In May, 1909, Smart's daughter, by then a married woman named Sonora Dodd, heard a sermon enumerating the virtues of motherhood. It was Mother's Day, a new American holiday that had begun the previous year. Sonora decided to honor her dad's dedication to his children by seeking to have a Father's day designated on the calendar. The day caught on, but wasn't permanently established as an annual holiday in the U.S. until 1972.

What a vital role fathers can play in the home as they train their children to follow God's ways! Proverbs 4 gives these nuggets of wisdom that dads can pass on to their children: "Do not enter the path of the wicked" (v. 14); "Keep your heart with all diligence" (v. 23); "Put away from you a deceitful mouth" (v. 24); and finally, "Remove your foot from evil" (v. 27).

We honor our godly fathers by obeying their instruction. And we should pray for all dads to recognize their God-given role of training in the home.

- J. David Branon, *Our Daily Bread*

### "Father" As Found In Scripture

◆ *"For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."* Proverbs 3:12.

◆ *"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding,"* Proverbs 4:1.

◆ *"...A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."* Proverbs 10:1; 15:20.

◆ *"He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy."* Proverbs 17:21.

◆ *"Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, it is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer."* Proverbs 28:24.

### A FATHER'S PLEDGE

I pledge allegiance to my home, to my wife, to my sons and daughters. I will honor my home and consider my trust in supporting it a sacred one. I will do more than this, I will take time to cultivate a friendship between me and my family. I will not be too busy when they need me ... even though it is only to catch a football or mend a doll's broken leg. I will love my children as only I can. I will complement their mother's hours of care and concern. I will introduce my children to Christ and share with them the joys of Christian values in a Christian home.

- *The Reminder*, Dexter Church of Christ, Dexter, MO (*Bulletin Digest*) -



Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice. - Proverbs 29:3



Fill your children with good thoughts before they go to bed. Ask them about their favorite part of the day, praise them for a good deed, pray with them, and tell them they're the best gift God ever gave you. They'll fall asleep feeling ten feet tall.

-David Young  
From *A Little Guide to a Big Life*

### News & Notes

**NEW CONVERT CLASS:** Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Canceled for this Tuesday, June 18th. Resumes next Tuesday, June 25th, 9:00 a.m.

**MEDICAL:** Fred Larrimore will have a medical procedure on Friday, June 28th at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. Remember him in prayer.

**ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP:** Friday, June 28th.

**SUMMER BIBLE CAMP:** July 8-13 at Tomlinson Run State Park. Registration packets for campers are on the desk in the foyer. Also, volunteers are needed to help at the camp; use the sign-up sheet also on the desk.

**PANTRY:** Graham crackers.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** Lois Hissom, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.



### Peace, Perfect Peace

by Leroy Brownlow

To be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6



- *Be thankful for life*, because it gives the opportunity to work and to play and to live and to look into the heavens. "He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25).
- *Affirm that our faith is stronger than our difficulties* and that we will conquer them. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).
- *Constantly keep our goal before us.* Never give up our dreams. "I press toward the mark" (Philippians 3:14).
- *Live unselfishly, thinking of others.* The self-centered person can never get enough of himself or herself or the favors of others to find peace. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:4).
- *Be satisfied with our possessions.* Then what you have, you have — not what you have has you. "There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt" (Ecclesiastes 5:13).
- *Stamp our negative thoughts with positive thoughts.* No person gets up the Mount of Happiness in reverse gear. "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).
- *Put our trust in God*, in good times and bad, fully confident that we are in the hollow of His hand. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust" (Psalm 18:2).

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