

FAITHFUL FATHERS

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127:3-5).

What an awesome blessing, as well as responsibility, rearing children is! If only more fathers and mothers had a greater appreciation of this gift and took more seriously their God-given roles as parents (Deut. 6:1; Prov. 22:6; 31:1; Eph. 5:22; 6:4).

"Father's Day" is a day set aside each year to honor our fathers for a job well-done. In addition, it is a day to remind fathers of the influential impact they have on their children as well as society. It is true, "as the home goes, so goes the nation (society)." A strong nation is comprised of strong godly homes; homes led by strong and faithful fathers who ...

- ... love the Lord (Mark 12:30; Matt. 6:33).
- ... love their wife (Eph. 5:25-26).
- ... love God's Word and shares it with family (2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 6:4; Acts 10:33).
- ... are faithful to the Lord and His church (! Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10).
- ... communicate well (James 1:19).
- ... provide for their family (1 Tim. 5:8).
- ... pray fervently and without ceasing (James 5:16; 1 Thess. 5:17).
- ... non-abusively discipline their children when necessary (Prov. 13:24; 22:15).

May all men strive toward these teachings of scripture, and thus build strong homes and a strong nation.

- Terry R. Townsend, *Biblical Messenger*, 9th & Main Church of Christ, San Angelo, TX -

Washington's Mother

A French officer once asked George Washington's mother how she managed to rear such a splendid son. She simply replied, "I taught him to obey."

Obedience is something that must be taught. In the perilous times, there will be those who are "disobedient to parents" (2 Tim. 3:2). The whole idea of rebellion against parents and authority is ungodly.

Children are told to honor their father and mother, obeying them in the Lord (Eph. 6:1-2). We must teach them to obey, or they will have to answer for it.

We should set the example in showing obedience to our Father (Heb. 5:9; 1 John 5:3).

- T. Doy Moyer, *The South End Expounder* -

INFLUENCE — The Young Are Watching

All in vain is splendid preaching
And the noble things we say;
All our task is wasted teaching
If we do not lead the way.

We can never by reviewing
All the sermons on the shelves,
Keep the younger hands from doing
What we often do ourselves.

- Author Unknown -



"The power of a dad in a child's life is unmatched." - Justin Ricklefs

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).



DO YOU KNOW? A Vanderbilt University study shows that *worship is good for your health*. According to the study, middle-aged (ages 40 to 65) adults – both men and women – who attend church or other houses of worship reduce their risk for mortality by 55 percent. Increased religiosity – as determined by attendance at worship services – is associated with less stress and enhanced longevity.

RETIREMENT: Mike Martin retired yesterday from Nickles Bakery after 30 years service. Best wishes to him for many healthy and happy years in his retirement.

PANTRY: Kool-aid and marshmallows.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: For Katelyn Gorby (niece of Iris Durbin). Katelyn has serious health problems. Please pray for Katelyn and her mother who is caring for her.

CONTINUE TO SEND CARDS: Cheryl Renfro Walker (Cheryl has cancer), 229 Belgium Lane, Chester, WV 26034. Josh Morrison, 428 Burnside Rd., Canonsburg, PA 15317.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Beulah Walker, Tim Martin, Marilyn Miller, Shirley Beagle, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Alex Harless, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

1. Do people know I'm a Christian where I work?
2. Is my Lord respected or reviled because of my lifestyle?
3. Do I criticize the church and the brethren in front of my children?
4. Does my speech suit one in the world, or that of a Christian?
5. Do I read my Bible daily? Do I desire to?
6. Can other people work with me? Can I work with them?
7. Am I a selfish person? Do I look for others needs before my own?
8. Do I practice what I preach to others?
9. Am I an asset or a liability to the church?
10. Do I come to worship when I can or when I want?

- Keith M. Greer, *The Seeker*, Avenue N Church of Christ, Rosenberg, TX -