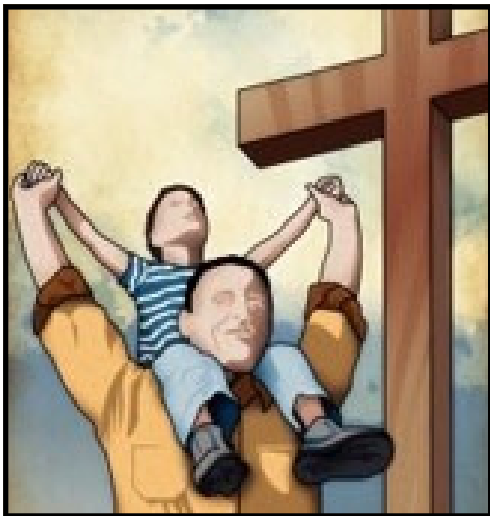


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Dad



Happy Father's Day!

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it . . .
Dad.

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- ♥ Thank you for the sandwiches, pasta salad, and coleslaw you gave our residents. **Staff and Residents at Love and Care**
- ♥ I appreciate the birthday cards. They were each so nice. **Brenda Feick**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards. I enjoyed each one. **Ed Collins**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and encouraging letters. **Reba Hirzil**
- ♥ Thank you for the birthday cards and gifts. **Stormi Frazier**
- ♥ Thank you to everyone for the birthday cards I received. **Jansen Goldsmith**
- ♥ We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful anniversary cards!
Cody and Kristi Hoover



Camden Clark - Jim VanCamp (ACU 28)

Riverside Hospital in Columbus, OH - David Frazier

Jim Henry is scheduled for surgery Tuesday at Ohio State University.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, De Fleak, Bob Fox, David Frazier, Jim Henry, Zandra Holleron, Linda Moncrief, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Teresa Steed, Jim VanCamp

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Olivia Alexander, Kenadie Barclay, Gert Barnes, Kelly Boyce, Chlorie Burns, Karen Caplinger, Gary Chandler, Madison Cottrell, Rhonda Couch, Shellie Damsa, Christopher Daniels, Lidia DiConcilis, Owen Dulaney, Ronnie Dye, Barbara Elliott, Sharon Fluharty, Tim Fought, Charlotte Frame, Nancy Hardman, Anna Hicks, Reba Hirzil, Adam Hoschar, Helen James, Brenda Jones, Glenn Jones, Lorean Jones, Phillip Johnson, Bob and Colleen Keister, Paul King, Julia Knight, Kenny Kreaps, Bob Laishey, Cybill Lockney, Rick Lucas, Paul Mace, Larry McIntire, Jr., Shawn McNemar, Lynda Mills, Betty Morris, Cathy Morrison, Jamie Moyers, Carrie Nichols, Ann Owens, Robert Peters, Sharon Pugh, Dale Putnam, Scott Riser, Louise Rudolph, Darrell Sams, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Ronnie Smith, Anne Spokes, Valerie Stevens, Lisa Taylor, Alexander Trippett, Gina Uhl, Lisa Wagner, Carol Weekley, Angel White

Please notify the office of any updates in our PRAYER LISTS.



CARE GROUP 1 MEETING THIS MORNING

Care Group 1 will have a meeting today between worship and Bible classes in the front of the auditorium by Dana's office. This is to discuss work camp that will begin tomorrow.

MEN'S MEETING - BIBLE BUSTERS TODAY

The Men's Meeting will be today at 5:00 with Bible Busters at 5:30.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORK NIGHT

All VBS teachers and anyone willing to help will meet tomorrow at 6:00 for a work evening. Pizza will be provided. We will also be distributing flyers in the neighborhood. We need everybody to help, especially our youth.

SOJOURNERS SING TOMORROW EVENING

There will be a Sojourners sing tomorrow evening at 7:00 at Ohio Valley University. For more details, contact Everett Sams.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 23

Our Super Saturday Vacation Bible School will be Saturday. Registration will start at 9:00. VBS will begin at 9:30 and conclude with lunch at 1:00.

OHIO VALLEY YOUTH CAMP - CAMP HERVIDA

Junior Week (June 17-22) and Intermediate Week (June 24-29). Registration forms are available in the foyers.

DEACON'S MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, JUNE 30

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, June 30 at 8:30 at the Haid's cabin. The sign-up sheet and maps are on the counter.

CD's are still available on the counter of our recent Gospel Meeting with Clarence DeLoach.



Daily Bible Reading

June 17 - Jn 19:1-16, I Ch 13-15
June 18 - Jn 19:17-42, I Ch 16-17
June 19 - Jn 20:1-18, I Ch 18-19
June 20 - Jn 20:19-31, I Ch 20-21
June 21 - Jn 21, I Ch 22-23
June 22 - Acts 1, I Ch 24-25
June 23 - Acts 2:1-21, I Ch 26-27
June 24 - Ac 2:22-47, I Ch 28-29



SUMMER SERIES

Our Summer Series will continue this Wednesday at 7:00 with Tom Miller.

Topic: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

Congratulations!



Ray and Phyllis Johnson are the proud grandparents of **Sarah Elizabeth Johnson.**

She was born June 7 weighing 10 pounds, 13 ounces and 22 inches long.

She is the daughter of Bruce and Melissa Johnson. Her big brother is 4 year old Ben.

They reside in the Chicago area.



The church picnic will be Saturday, August 4 at DuPont Park. We plan to meet at 3:00 and eat at 4:00.



The Importance of Fatherhood

The importance of fatherhood can't be overstated. The relationship a child has with his father greatly influences the kind of person that child will become. Absent or abusive fathers can cause psychological harm that can manifest physically in a child. That's why responsible fatherhood is necessary to the growth and development of children.

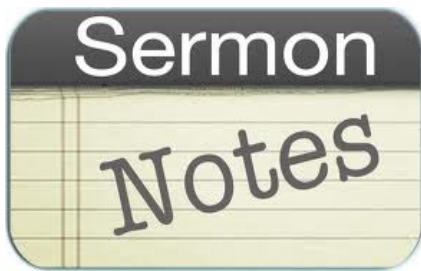
What Dads Do

Studies have shown that males growing up with an absent father have a higher rate of juvenile delinquency and incarceration than those with a responsible father figure. Girls who lack fathers often feel a lack of security in their lives, which leads to unhealthy relationships. Studies have found lower school performance for boys and girls who don't have fathers in their lives, as well as an increased rate of teenage pregnancy among girls.

Being a dad isn't just about paying the bills. Fathers need to be the authority in the lives of their children. They also need to explain the importance of hard work and responsibility. By being involved in your child's life, you set a great example of responsibility. You also show your child that you care, which helps to build confidence and self esteem.

Not all involvement is beneficial, however, so dads need to set clear expectations with children. Abusive parents can cause physical harm and lifelong emotional trauma. Being too controlling as a parent can keep your child from achieving. Understand that your child isn't you. They have their own personalities, interests and desires. While you need to keep them safe, you don't want them to live solely for your approval. Give them the freedom to take small risks and support them in everything they try to do, whether they succeed or fail.

Fatherhood is something to be enjoyed. It's your duty as a dad to teach your children about the world around them. You need to be there to give them structure and guidance. You give them love and watch them grow up to become adults. All you can do is hope that the things that you instilled in them as children will stay with them through the rest of their lives.



Fathers (Hebrews 12:5-11)

“Furthermore, have had human _____ who _____ us, and we paid them _____. Shall we not much more readily be in _____ to the Father of spirits and live?” (Hebrews 5:9)

#1) To be a successful father, you must _____ there. It takes _____ to be a successful father. Why Samuel failed as a father: “So Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. He went from year to year on a circuit to _____, _____, and Mizpah and judged Israel in all these _____. But he returned to Ramah, for his _____ was there.” (I Sam. 7:15-17)

#2) To be a successful father, you must be a _____ in your home. Why God chose Abraham: “For I know him that he will _____ his children and his _____ after him, and they will keep the ways of _____.” (Gen.18:19) **Fathers provide leadership in _____ guidance and training.** “And you _____, provoke not your children to anger, but _____ them up in the _____ and _____ of the Lord.” (Eph.6:4)

Biblical examples of fathers who failed: _____ the High Priest. “I will judge his _____ forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves _____, and he did not _____ them.” (I Sam.3:13) _____ the King. Of Adonijah his son “and his father had not _____ him at any time.” (I Kings 1:6)

Three primary responsibilities of fathers: They must _____ for their family; They must give _____ guidance; They must _____ their children. “One who rules his own house _____, having his _____ in submission with all reverence.” (I Tim.3:4)

#4) To be successful as a father, you must show approval and _____. “As you know how we _____, and _____, and charged every one of you, as a _____ does his own children.” (I Thess. 2:11) Don’t wait until it is too _____ to express your love. Fathers, _____ your children.

To be a successful father - _____ what you want them to _____. “Ask your father and he will _____ you.” (Deut. 32:7)

Paul Never Graduated From First Grade

~Paul Nygard



Our family was living in south Texas when my oldest two children ‘graduated’ from first grade. That’s right, I said ‘graduated’. Don’t get me wrong, I was proud of them for doing their best in school, getting good report cards, and being recognized for doing well. But there is just something about the way we reward every child in the same way, no matter how well or poorly they do that seems to totally devalue all of the hard work and praise given to them.

Do we honestly believe children are so shallow in their understanding that when we reward them all in the same manner year after year, no matter how much work they put in or what grade they receive, that they will strive to achieve even higher goals set before them? I think most kindergarteners would be happy with an ice cream cone from Dairy Queen and a great big hug from mom and dad on the last day of school, letting them know that they are proud of them. Graduation should be reserved for something really special.

The apostle Paul made similar arguments. He often described our lives on Earth to that of an athlete or a soldier. Even as children we recognize quickly that not everyone can be an Olympian and even if we could, only a few would ever win! Paul states, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.” (I Cor 9.24)

Do not be fooled by popular preachers who teach that to call yourself a Christian is all that is needed to get to heaven. Just believing in God is not enough, we must run the Christian race with endurance and self-control or else we will be disqualified (I Cor 9.27). Can a disqualified Olympian still receive the gold medal? What about a disqualified Christian, can they still receive a crown of life?

Judgment day is not the same as first grade graduation. Not everyone will be rewarded with a eternal crown no matter how they lived. Only those who love God, follow His example, obey His will, endure, keep their eyes straight ahead on Jesus, and press on toward the finish line will be rewarded. Paul says, “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ” (Phillipians 3.14). He still keeps our eyes focused, even today, on that great prize no matter how difficult things may be. I too encourage us all to run the Christian race with patience and love for God, following in the footsteps of Jesus. In the end, the reward will be far greater than we ever imagined it would be.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1 - *Jeff & Julie Taberner
July 3 - Michaela Miller
July 4 - Phil Deem, Bob Fox, Janet Plant
July 5 - Nancy Putnam
July 6 - Ron Holleron
July 8 - Danielle "Dani" Barclay
July 11 - Ben Sheppard
July 12 - *Shorty & Gloria Frazier
July 13 - Don Dougherty
July 15 - Richard Marshall, Jim VanCamp
July 16 - Judy Hupp
July 18 - Harold Stanley
July 20 - Madeline Gregg, Ruth Sams, Chris Tallman, *Keith & Eloise Smith
July 21 - Brenda Dougherty, Mackenzie "Kenzie" Inman, Gary McConnell, Stacy Smith
July 23 - Margaret Dawkins
July 24 - Melissa Caplinger, Carla Wadlington, *Bill & Jane Pralley
July 25 - *Rick & Kay Stanley
July 27 - Debi Inman
July 28 - Emma Hershman, Phyllis Johnson
July 30 - Kobe Wade, Dan McNemar
July 31 - Linda Moncrief

* Anniversaries

If your birthday/anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to be on the church calendar, let the office know this week.

Minute of Meditation

Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Well, did you hear the latest!?! The international Journal of Medical Ethics published an article favoring what they call "after-birth abortion" - previously known as infanticide. They now want to include children and adults who are a burden to their families. These people are defending the killing of any humans incapable of "attributing any values to their own existence." What an evil web we weave!

First some on our society justified killing babies within the first 3 months of conception to protect the health of the mother. Then they justified killing babies any time before they are born because "women have a RIGHT to choose." Then came partial birth abortion which kills the

baby just as it is being born. Now these same people are saying that "if abortion is permissible, infanticide should be permissible." In other words, kill once and it gets easier to kill again. When will it **STOP!** When will God fearing people say **NO MORE!** We must use our vote this fall to stand up and be counted!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where **you** are **always** welcome.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Next Sunday, June 24

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman

DEACON IN CHARGE - Scott Johnson

SONG LEADERS

AM - Brian Haught

PM - Kyle Inman

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Delmas Carr

Close - Rick Stanley

6:00 PM - Barry Mills

Close - Ed Collins

SCRIPTURE

AM - Mike Wade

PM - Don Gaston

COMMUNION TABLE

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Bill Hoover
Donovan Walton

PA SYSTEM - Jim Galloway



My Father Is a Christian

My father is a Christian;
He leads our household well;
With instruction from the Bible,
Right behavior he'll compel.
Yet he steers us with compassion;
His gentle love is true;
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,
So we know just what to do.
He teaches us with purpose,
Guides us in all Godly ways,
So we will take the right path,
And serve our Lord with praise.
I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;
You help me see things clearly.
I'll always look up to you,
And love you very dearly.

J. Fuchs

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include Steve
Allen, Delmas Carr,
Todd Kirk, and Daniel
Nygard.



Facts and Figures

June 10, 2012

AM Service.....270

Bible Study.....226

PM Service.....196

Wednesday.....188

Contribution.....\$10734.22

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

Baptisms.....6

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....10

Friday Night Sing



The Friday Night sing will
be at the 36th Street
congregation in Vienna at
7:00.

Watch "IN SEARCH OF
THE LORD'S WAY" each
Sunday morning at 7:30
on WTAP-TV.



UPCOMING TOPIC

June 24
"GOOD PEOPLE"

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Study.....7:00

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL FATHERS AND
GRANDFATHERS!**

I love you, Dad!

FATHER
Kind trust
nurturing friend
WISDOM
family man
thoughtful
STRONG patient
LOVE