



Weekly Newsletter

June 21, 2020

A FATHER'S HEART

The last verse of the Old Testament looked forward to one who would come to “turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers” (Mal. 4:6). This expectation was fulfilled in John’s efforts to “make ready for the Lord a people prepared” (Lk. 1:17). The turning of the hearts of the fathers to the children was a basic fruit of the repentance John demanded.

Men, it is still the case that one of the first indicators of our faith in Christ is our attitude toward our role as fathers. Our children will never outgrow the need for the affection, approval and advice of their fathers. We as fathers will always need a relationship with our children which is a high priority in our lives and which gives us a powerful incentive to be the men we ought to be.

Think of “the father of all who believe” (Rom. 4:11). God changed his name to Abraham, “father of a multitude” (Gen. 17:5). He explained, “For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice ...”(Gen. 18:19). That is the exalted goal of fatherly love.

When fathers neglect their role, they, their children and their neighbors suffer. That final phrase in the Old Testament indicated that the hearts of fathers had to be turned to their children lest the land be struck with utter destruction. Of our own society, David Blankenhorn wrote, “For unless we reverse the trend of fatherlessness, no other set of accomplishments—not economic growth or prison construction or welfare reform or better schools—will succeed in arresting the decline of child well being”

In 1999 a third grader won the Father of Year Essay Contest. The child wrote: “One day my dad had something really important to do for work, but he had already told me he would take me for ice cream. He wanted to go to work, but he chose to take me to get ice cream. That made me really proud because it seems like my feelings are important to him.” That man had a father’s heart.



- Bill McFarland

Order of Worship

10 AM Service

Greeting
Justin Hatfield

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

Opening Prayer

Message
Bill McFarland

The Lord’s Supper

*Announcements/
Closing Prayer*
Jon Ewing

4 PM Service

Greeting
Justin Hatfield

Song Leader
Briley Ewing

Opening Prayer

Lesson
Bill McFarland

The Lord’s Supper

*Announcements/
Closing Prayer*
Barney Crawford



Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 24, 1 - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. To schedule your appointment call 417-227-5006 or go to www.cbco.org/donate-blood. Photo identification required. Please eat well/drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

- **Debbi Ratterree** is now home with hospice care. Call David at 417-812-4081 to set up a time to visit.
- **Sue Lewis** is recovering from retina surgery.
- **James McCall** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Ruth Raines** was in the hospital last weekend after suffering a stroke; she has no visible signs of paralysis; she also needs to have hip replacement surgery.
- **Judy Kirby** has the shingles.
- **Clint Holden** has been in Mercy this past week dealing with pneumonia but is now home.
- **Truman Coltrane** as his health has declined recently; he is home with constant care from Helen and Scheryl as he falls a lot.
- **Oran Green** is in Cox South with declining health.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, as she deals with chemo treatments.
- **Julie Alexander's** surgery is 7/27 at Cox South. She has an appointment in St. Louis on 7/16.
- **Shirlane Horton** will have dental surgery on 6/22 and knee surgery on 8/11. She also has a bulging disc and will see a back specialist.
- **Connie Thompson** as she deals with complications from throat cancer.

Continued prayers for health concerns: Ron Stokes, Carolyn Young, Don Essex, Marty Long, Frank Cunningham, Marlene Matthews, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Ruth Raines, Dennis Smith, Lynette Schreiwes, Rachel Lilly

Shut-Ins
Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence Feeny
Ola Jean Feeny
Cecil Frost
Wanda Frost
Doris Iorg
Oran Green
Debbi Ratterree
Jim Reaves
Ruth Reaves
Doris Tobler
Nursing Homes
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingenet
Nancy Snider



Expectant Moms
Chelsea Thrasher
Girl/August 10
Alison Thurlkill
Girl/August 31



Everyone is invited to a **Wedding Shower for Mercedes Valeika and Josh Luna on Sunday, June 28, at 2 PM in the fellowship room. They are registered at Walmart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.**



Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 12, for our delayed

Graduates' Reception. Graduates (or parents), please touch base with Carrie Lines if you have not already gotten information to her. We have a card box on the Information Desk if you would like to bring a card before the reception.

Birthdays

22 Cierra Jackson
 25 Dedra Jones
 Kindale Asher
 26 Norma Lorenz
 27 John Mahon
 7/1 Carolyn Young
 Andy McFarland
 2 Tate Thrasher
 4 Vern Thompson
 Robin Scott

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER SERIES: We hope you're enjoying our Wednesday evening summer series. This past week Bill interviewed Mike & Gena Ussery. Our theme is "We're Part of the Family." Bill will be interviewing several of our people who've been through things during this time about what we've laughed and cried over, and about what our dreams are now. We'll live stream for now, of course. Please join us Wednesday at 6:30. If you missed any of the interviews in this series, please go to the Water Mill Facebook page and take the time to watch.

Schedule of Services

- ◆ Sunday In-Person Worship at 10 am and 4 pm.
- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Wednesday Bible class live on FB at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming youth and family events!

Stay tuned for more information about the following events!

- Youth Group backyard movie nights.
- Camp Water Mill
- Backyard Bible study at the Hatfield house.
- Outdoor Mini VIP (very important people!) for our young kiddos!



We've received so many lovely letters from Springfield. With the daily struggles, we simply don't have the energy to write thank you letters. However, I want to assure you that we are very thankful for the kind words. Ross & Victoria Lacy (Don & Ruth's granddaughter & her husband)

THE GOLDEN RULE

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Matthew 7:12



June Anniversaries 21-30

21 Bob/Leona Snider 67 yrs.
 25 Mark/Cheryl Friend 33 yrs.
 27 Oran/Nadean Green 62 yrs.

Know Your Bible Graders: Feel free to check your baskets in the Know-Your-Bible Room.