



Family

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A Preacher's Perspective

Happy Fathers' Day! It's really great to be a dad, but dads aren't common in many of the families of America. A radio commercial yesterday reminded us that if you have a father in your life, you're very lucky. Great majorities of those with criminal records, including, of course, those who are incarcerated, have no relationships with a father.

Be grateful if there's a father in your life.

The proverbs are about the teachings of a father to children. The counsel and wisdom of God is passed on to children through the teaching of parents who fear the Lord and who follow that pattern of teaching so familiar to us in the *shema* from **Deut. 6** which we noted last week.

Proverbs has many examples of these teachings. A favorite text to me is from chapter 6: ²⁰My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.

²¹ Bind them upon your heart always; tie them about your neck.

²² When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.

²³ For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way

of life, **Proverbs 6:20-23 (RSV)**

Now I'm sure that all you children still living in the home think of your parents' teachings, rules, and guidelines as "garlands" to wear around your neck. That may sound pretty funny, but it's sad that it does. The culture and worldview of scripture is one which holds the teachings of parents as a very precious and important family legacy.

Remember the story of the Rechabites in **Jeremiah 35**? This was a family whose ancestor, Jonadab, had asked them to follow a family tradition: they were not to drink any wine or live in cities. They were only to live as nomads.

Now, it was not that this kind of life was the only way to please God, but God used their family faithfulness to their father's traditions to scold Israel for their unfaithfulness to their God.

Your family may have some unusual and strange

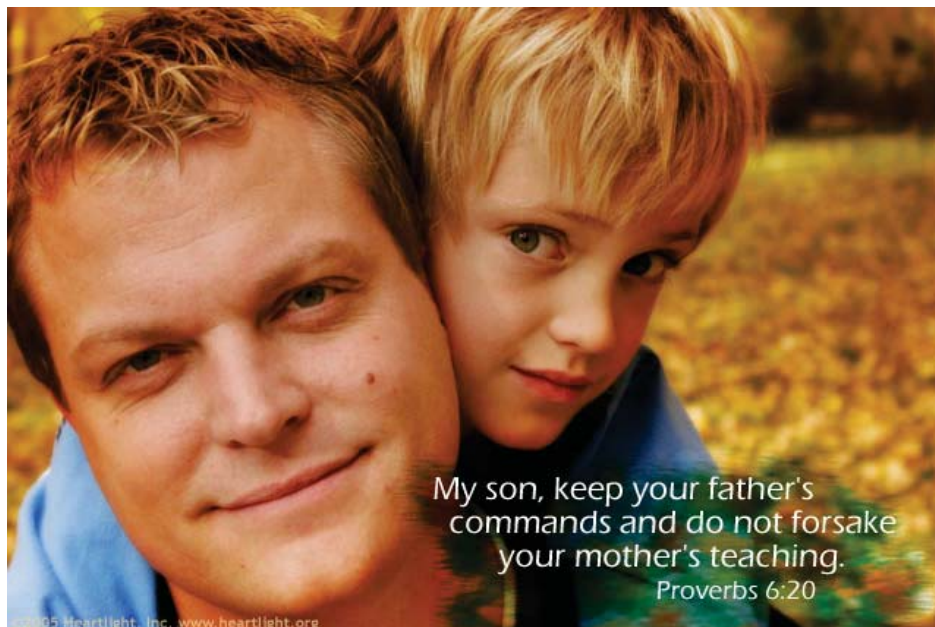
traditions, but if you have a father and mother to hand them down to you, you are blessed, indeed.

God uses our parents to channel spiritual blessings to us. That's why the first commandment with a promise is to honor our father and mother.

Grieve for those who do not

know the relationship of a father. Theirs is a great poverty.

Pray for our land that fathers' hearts may be turned again to their children.



My son, keep your father's
commands and do not forsake
your mother's teaching.
Proverbs 6:20

Chuck Miller

Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes begin at 9:30 and are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders: Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership

Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence

Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening (last Sunday of each month) . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer Curt Robinson

Kids Connection Brian Gifford

Praise Songs Rick Root

Psalm 18:1-3 "The Lord is my rock, my fortress"

#10 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#414 Anywhere With Jesus

Psalm 48:10b-14 "...be our guide even to the end."

#844 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

#457 How Firm a Foundation

Psalm 37:23-26 "Our Father's Nurture & Care"

#406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Communion Don Brewster

#337 Hallelujah, What a Savior!

Sermon Chuck Miller

#909 There's a Fountain Free

Prayer Cards Don Brewster

#755 God Be With You Til We Meet Again

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 19 Justin Avey, Jeff Robinson

Dates to Remember

TODAY Father's Day (no Community Groups)

TODAY Family & Friends Fellowship (class time)

June 20-23 Vacation Bible School

June 24 Mens Prayer Breakfast

June 26 Praise Sunday Picnic!

June 27-July 3 Union Hill Church of Christ Teens

June 28 Mobile Market

July 1 Mens Prayer Breakfast

July 7 Food Pantry Delivery

July 8-16 RCC Senior Week

July 16-23 RCC Intermediate Week

July 23-30 RCC Junior Week

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Sunday Morning Worship

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

Contribution \$1,998.30

Nursery Workers Joan Avey, Jamie Miller

Collection Counters Scott Drumheller, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Herman Biggers, Josephine Haggerton's brother, is having problems with his leg. They thought they may have to amputate, but are trying medication first. His other leg was amputated a few weeks ago.

Bobbye Miller was in the hospital this week with pancreatitis. Chuck was unable to go to Mexico.

Wilmon Moore is a good friend of the Millers who is in hospice care in Kentucky with leukemia.

Our Mexico Mission Team arrived back Friday evening. The team included Thelma Griffin, Cyndi Perez, Frances Shearer and Dan Vantreese. They traveled with the Watson's and members of the Church of Christ in Elgin.

Helen Plummer, Joan Avey and Cliff's mother, is doing better and is out of ICU. The doctors feel her improvement last week was a miracle.

Sandy Root, Rick's mother, will have her second carpal tunnel surgery soon.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman – Bobbie Whitman

Justin Avey

Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents

Bonnie Bingham

Nancy Brewster

Jim & Julie Chavez

Dachielle – Blake Mullins's friend

John Day

Al Dorsey

Doug Dorsey – Al's son

Joyce Duke – Bobbie Whitman's sister

Joyce Eakins's siblings

Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew

Josephine Haggerton

Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew

Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister

Mason Hutchins – friend of Alec Boyd &

Rourke Mullins

Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece

Myrna Levake

Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother

Jack Lockett – father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,

Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen

Mike Lockett – Joan's son

Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother

Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's cousin

Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and

the son of Marion Lake's cousin

J.D. Potts – the father of Cyndi Perez

Kay Schrader

Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts's cousins

Ernie & Rose Stirrup – Kelly Ieler's parents

Joe Stone – a friend from RCC

Jim Whitman

Moms-to-Be:

Beth Amato – Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter

Sarah Rentschler – Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman – Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew
is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Klinton Wheeler – Afghanistan

Jonathon Young – a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria

Living Room Café – Chicago

Mission Lazarus – Honduras

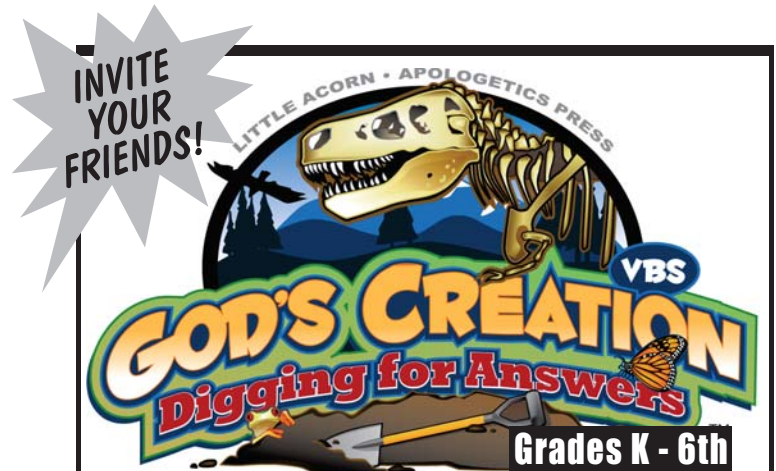
Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers

Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection – West Chicago

Students of Joe Voigts – China

Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria



Vacation Bible School

June 20-23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to Vacation Bible School which begins tomorrow evening, Monday, June 20 and will continue through Thursday, June 23! We'll learn about God's Creation through songs, skits, games snacks and crafts. **Bring your friends along!**

Registration forms are available in the foyer if you have not pre-registered. If you would like to be a helper, see Cindy Drumheller or Sally Hearn.

Volunteers: If you plan to eat dinner at the church building, please let Joan Avey know so she can plan accordingly.

Upcoming Events!

Following is a list of exciting events in which every member will want to take advantage:

This morning during class time –

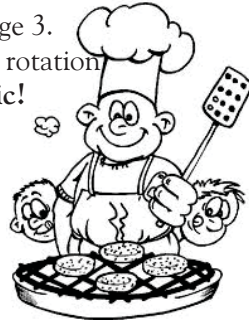
Family & Friends Devotional – EVERYONE is encouraged to join our devotional for all ages in the fellowship room!

June 20-23 – Vacation Bible School – see the special announcement on page 3.

Sunday, June 26 – Start of next teacher rotation

Sunday, June 26 – **Praise Sunday Picnic!**

Join us on the church grounds after worship for our annual picnic. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts to share, lawn chairs and blankets. Bring your friends for a fun-filled afternoon!



Shults Lewis

Pickup your change can from the foyer and start collecting your change. Bring your full cans to Annual Day on Saturday, September 17. See where your money goes and how it is being used. If you can't attend Annual Day, give your cans to Dwayne Smith, Justin Avey or Kyle Wheeler on Sunday, September 11, or Wednesday, September 14th.

Several workshops are scheduled to discuss and work on items for our Shults Lewis Annual Day booth. Dates are as follows. Please see Lynette Root with any questions.

June 28, Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

July 12, Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

August 9, Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

September 8, Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.

HONOR that
YOUR it may
FATHER go well
AND with
MOTHER you and
that
you
may enjoy
long life
on the
earth

from
christians
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The Union Hills Church of Christ Youth Group will be visiting our youth group from Monday evening, June 27, until Sunday, July 3, after worship. Tim Miller is their youth minister. We will have housing, chaperoning and food needs. If you can help in any way, please speak to Jon Miller or Brian Gifford. If you are interested in hosting a couple of the kids, please see Sally Hearn.



The two youth groups will be spending a couple of days downtown Chicago. They will also be having campfires and game nights at the church building. One of the scheduled events will be serving at a **Mobile Market on Monday, June 28**, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the church parking lot. Adult volunteers will also be needed. Also, at 10:30 that morning they will be doing a **service project at Franciscan Court Supported Living Facility.**

Rockford Christian Camp summer sessions – don't forget that registration forms need to be postmarked 2 weeks prior to the camp session beginning to forego a late fee:
Senior week (completed grades 9 - 12): July 8 - 16
Intermediate week (completed grades 6 - 8): July 16 - 23
Junior week (completed grades 2 - 5): July 23 - 30
Check www.rcchome.com for more information.



Mobile Market
June 28th
5-7 p.m.

Teacher's Workroom Supplies

If you have any craft supplies at home that you don't need, please consider donating them to our Teacher's Workroom. See Cindy Drumheller or Julie Dean if you have any questions.