

## HONOR YOUR FATHER

No matter how well they are able to get along with him, a family is never truly complete without a father. Many families today are one-parent families, meaning that in most cases the family consists of a mother and children rather than a father, mother and children.

This is taking its toll on America and the church. So many children do not have a male figure to be close to, and the result is that they often get misguided ideas about men. We realize, of course, that there are many children whose fathers are not proper male figures either, but that's another subject.

The fact is that God planned for a man and his woman to marry and then have children. Further, He planned that both father and mother would be responsible for those children, guiding them and helping them as mature parents.

There is no substitute for a Godly father in a family no matter how mature and capable the mother is. It takes both parents working together to provide the parental guidance and help that God intends.

The father-role is being played down in many circles now as though the mother is able to be both mother and father to her children, and does not need her husband except for the biological fathering of the baby. The result is that not only are many families incomplete in God's sight, but many are dysfunctional as well.

Today, on Father's Day take the opportunity to honor your father, whether he is still living or deceased. Likely, our fathers who have done their best in rearing us are much more important than we realized at the time. Let us take a moment to thank our Heavenly Father for our earthly father. Then, if your father is still living, do something thoughtful for him and wish him a Happy Father's Day. If he is not living, say something kind about him to someone else just to memorialize him. Now, to each father who is reading this, we wish you the happiest Father Day ever!

- James Haney, via *Bulletin Digest* -

## A Christian Father Will ...

1. Put the kingdom of God first in his life and teach the same to his family (Matt. 6:33).
2. Teach his sons and daughters to love, respect, and obey their parents.
3. Be a loving and considerate father and husband.
4. Not only provide the physical things, but the spiritual things as well for his family.
5. Be honest in all of his dealings with others.
6. Set aside the first day of the week for his family to worship. (Heb. 10:25).
7. Be big enough to love and respect the loves and freedoms of each family member.
8. Rule his household with great love.
9. Never speak or act in a manner that is unbecoming to a Christian father.

- Kenneth McClain, *Bulletin Digest* -

## A Father's Advice

On the birth of his first daughter, Lt. Commander J. P. Carr received a letter of advice from his father: "Teach her as many of the seven thousand words of the English language as you have time to, but be sure she knows that:

- ◆ The greatest word is *God*
- ◆ The longest word is *Eternity*
- ◆ The swiftest word is *Time*
- ◆ The nearest word is *Now*
- ◆ The darkest word is *Sin*
- ◆ The meanest word is *Hypocrisy*
- ◆ The deepest word is *Soul*."

- *Bulletin Digest* -

# Happy Father's Day!

Parents can tell but never teach until they practice what they preach.

## News & Notes

**CONFESSION & RESTORATION:** Kim Powell, 105 Harrison St., Newell, WV 26050. Phone: (304) 374-3959. Add to your directory.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Canceled for this Tuesday, June 20th. Resumes Tuesday, June 27th at 9:00 a.m.

**SERVICE CHANGE:** Wednesday, June 28th will be Bible study.

**SUMMER BIBLE CAMP:** July 10-15. Teachers are needed. If you would like to teach, a sign-up sheet is on the desk in the foyer. Submit camp applications ASAP.

**PANTRY:** Baked beans.

**REMEMBER WITH PRAYER & CARDS:** Susie Haught (daughter-in-law of Skip & Sue), 220 Rexroad Drive, Weston, WV 26452. Angie Malcomson (daughter-in-law of David & Janet), 2322 S. 8th Ave., North Riverside, IL 60546. Margie Chisler (Peggy Williams' sister), 1596 Daybrook Road, Fairview, WV 26570.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Glen McMahan, David McCoy, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Lewis Call (Cindy Miskimen's dad). **CITY HOSPITAL:** Eva Stefl (Rm. 525). **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **CLEVELAND CLINIC:** Connie Goppert (daughter-in-law of Eva Stefl). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.



**VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL**

Tomorrow, June 19th  
through  
Friday, June 23rd.  
7:00 p.m.  
Classes for ALL ages.  
Adult Class:  
Gary Bailey

## Who Is Jesus?

He is our Savior  
*Acts 4:12*  
He is our Sacrifice  
*Hebrews 9:28*  
He is the Solid Rock  
*1 Peter 2:4*  
He is our Shepherd  
*John 10:11*  
He is the  
Source of Light and  
Life  
*John 1:19; 11:25*

He is the One  
You need in your life!

*Come Unto Me* (Matthew 11:28)

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**M** stands for **M** iddle-Aged People  
**E** stands for **E** veryone