

# Mt Zion Christian Church Newsletter-JUNE 2019

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## What the Father Says About Fathers by Paige

I was well into my 30s when I learned to love my dad for who he is; not for who I thought he should be. He's always been a good man – a hard worker, volunteer, churchgoer, encourager. But growing up, I thought I needed more from him – more hugs, more tenderness, more lets-sit-down-and-talk-about-our-feelings. I was angry, compared him to others, blamed some of my life choices on my perception that he wasn't "there" enough. But the truth is, God knew long before we showed up on this earth that we'd be family.

He knew that my dad's strengths and struggles would come together with my own to create a relationship, and it would be a journey, and if we allowed it (which we have!) He would use those things to grow us more and more into the people He created us to be. Through the years, I've come to realize that my Dad did the best he could with what he had at the time as a father. And I've discovered how deeply he cares for me (quirks and all!) even if he shows it in different ways than I do. In fact, today I can truly say that he is one of my very best friends.

There are all kinds of fathers, and yours may be a whole different story. But there is one thing they all share: No matter what their personalities, gifts, struggles, circumstances... every one of them is called to live God's way. And when they do, their families are blessed, communities are strengthened, and a ripple effect of goodness happens in the world.

Our Heavenly Father has much to say about fatherhood:

***As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Psalm 103:13 NIV*** When our fathers show compassion, they give us a glimpse into the heart of God. Strong -- yet tender, deeply understanding, fiercely loyal, and always ready to help us through the toughest of times.

***Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 NIV*** Bringing up a child with healthy boundaries and godly discipline is no easy task. But even in the most frustrating moments, a loving father is called to be like Jesus – standing firm in the truth, yet grace-filled; never critical and demanding.

***The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them. Proverbs 20:7 NIV*** The actions of a father speak volumes to his children. Even if they can't articulate it when they're young, they're watching and learning. And even if they won't admit it when they're older, there's a strong pull to follow in his footsteps.

***When a father chooses the right path, his family is blessed. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents... Malachi 4:6 NIV*** A father's deep affection offers a sense of security and assurance that nothing else can give. The heart of a child is beautifully designed to respond to that love; it's a connection strong enough to last a lifetime.

As you reflect on God's Word about fathers, what thoughts come to mind about your dad or father figure? Maybe he's been a great

example of service to others; Maybe he spent time with you as a child, helping you learn to navigate life; Maybe he showed a spirit of grace in a moment when you just knew he'd had it with you.

Will you join me this Father's Day, and consider writing a card to that father in your life? Let him know something you appreciate about him, something specific you remember; some way he has helped to shape the person you've become. Share one of the Scriptures above and show him how his life has been a reflection of God's truth.

And if your dad is no longer with you, there is surely another dad in your life – a husband, a relative, a friend - who'd be so blessed to receive a thank-you note of encouragement.

We all know that no earthly father is perfect, but we can choose to focus on their life-giving ways and trust that God is always working to bring out the very best in them. (Philippians 1:6)

The men in our lives need to be lifted up, to be reminded that we are strengthened by their presence, that we see the love of our Heavenly Father reflected in theirs, that we honor who they are and who - by His grace - they are becoming.

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The April Men's Prayer breakfast was held on April 27th with 9 enjoying good fellowship. We had a small crowd but plenty of food. Attending were: Rodney Walker, Doug Atkins, Dean Shue, Johnnie Parker, Pete Enroughty, Gary Moran, Max Thompson, Jerry Lane and Rev Rick. Our May breakfast was held on May 25th with 10 men sharing a delicious breakfast and great fellowship on Memorial weekend. Those attending were: Rev Rick, Max Thompson, Asie Glasgow, Jerry Lane, Gary Moran, Pete Enroughty, Haywood Shue, Johnnie Parker, Doug Atkins, and Anthony Cole. We prayed for all our sick and hurting in our families, our church and our community. We remembered those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. Our next breakfast will be on June 29th. Please come and join us!

Jerry Lane

The Mt Zion Support group met on May 1st at La Fiesta with 4 attending. We had a good meal and enjoyed great fellowship. We will be meeting 11:30am June 5th at "Junction on 70" on Center Street in downtown Mebane. Please come and join us.

Libby Atkins

Happy Birthday

- 6/3 Joy Toellen
- 6/4 Derek Shue, Nelda May
- 6/5 Rob Crawford, Jackie Younger, Mike Powell,  
Keith Wilkerson
- 6/7 Lewis Baker
- 6/8 Gary Shafer
- 6/10 Braedon Byrd
- 6/11 Ashley Singleton, Mark Schnell
- 6/12 Debbie Byrd
- 6/14 Will Oates, Jimmie Ferrell, Roger Tate
- 6/15 Tom Bradley
- 6/16 Rachel Monk, Paula Mullis, Rev Dave Gilbert
- 6/18 Madison Yeatts
- 6/20 Johnnie Parker, Junior Kernodle
- 6/22 Rev Donald Thompson, Stan Cole
- 6/24 Jackie Byrd, Danny Webster
- 6/25 Harper Wilkerson, Charles Bradley
- 6/26 Taylor Johnson
- 6/27 Bobby Williams
- 6/28 Stephanie Patterson
- 6/29 Sarah Younger, Kathy Oakley
- 6/30 Kimberly Jones

Happy Anniversary

- 6/5 Max & Donnie Thompson
- 6/10 Matt & Olivia Chilton
- 6/11 John & Jackie Byrd
- 6/14 Harry & Peggy James
- 6/15 Rev Rick & Cathy Webster
- 6/16 Brandon & Jennifer Wilkerson
- 6/21 Wayne & Sally Greenstock
- 6/22 Dean & Janet Thompson
- 6/25 Sammy & Melissa Singleton
- 6/29 Buddy & Beth Danford
- 6/30 Jim & Debby Stephenson, Jonathan &  
Jenny Day, Rev Donald & Faye Thompson

Each month we will show an individual's favorite hymn and Bible verse.

Connie Yeatts  
 "Blessed Assurance"  
 1 Corinthians 13 "Love never fails....."  
 Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd...."

STRONGER TOGETHER

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 union, Community, Cover, Don't  
 neglect, Easier, Encourage, Faith,  
 Fellowship, First church, God's plan,  
 Habit, Heavy books, Important,  
 Lifestyle, Love others, Many  
 membered, Oneness, Pillar, Prayer,  
 Sacrifice, Same spirit, Shareholder,  
 Shortcomings, Stir up, Time,  
 Withstand

After you have found all the words, put the leftover letters in  
 the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.  
 Last month's answer: LAMB

Activities for June 2019

- Each Wednesday Night-----Adult Bible Study @ 6:30PM
- 6/1 Ladies Bible Study (1st Sat-June, July, Aug, Sept,  
Oct) 9-10:30AM with light breakfast provided
  - 6/2 Flower Fund---Sunday School
  - 6/5 Mt Zion Support--11:30AM--Junction on 70
  - 6/10 BOCE/Deacons/Deaconesses Meet
  - 6/16 Father's Day
  - 6/29 Men's Prayer Breakfast
  - 6/30 Deacon's Fund Collection

Daddy's Hands  
[Holly Dunn](#)

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer  
 And reachin' out to hold me, when I had a nightmare  
 You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines  
 Years of work and worry had left their mark behind

I remember daddy's hands how they held my mama tight  
 And patted my back for something done right  
 There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved about the man  
 But I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands

Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was cryin'  
 Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong  
 Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to  
 understand  
 There was always love in daddy's hands

I remember daddy's hands workin' 'til they bled  
 Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed  
 If I could do things over, I'd live my life again  
 And never take for granted the love in daddy's hands

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