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The Privilege of Being a Father

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Last Father's Day began like others before it. The sun had barely risen, and my sons, Trent and Troy, were bouncing around our bedroom, urging me to open my present. Groggy and not entirely pleased at having my Sunday slumber cut short, I sat up to greet the day — and my happy boys. "You gotta open it, Dad!"

Clearly, this task required immediate attention, so I tore into the box to discover a beautiful watch. I loved it, of course, and told them so, but I later thought that their wide smiles and enthusiasm were the best part of the gift. They were so excited to give their father a present! I was reminded again how great it is to be a dad, how privileged I am to join my wife, Jean, in the task of raising Trent and Troy.

But sometimes we dads get distracted from that privilege. Personally, I'm not immune to getting wrapped up in my work. Although I believe I'm right where God wants me, I still struggle with balancing my responsibilities as president of Focus on the Family and the needs of my own family. How can I avoid being consumed by the good work of family ministry at the expense of my ministry at home?

I often think that a big part of wisdom is in one's ability to glimpse the end while still at the beginning. When I'm old and the boys are

grown, will I look back on how I raised them with a sense of peace? Or will I wonder what could have been?

When I think back on my life as a dad so far, here are the things I remember:

Hearing the boys' first cries and holding Trent and Troy tight, scared to death I might drop them, but knowing I never would.

First steps, first words. The pain of leaving on ministry trips; the joy of airport reunions. Budget vacations. Cars that won't run; boys that won't stop. Skinned knees, bloody noses and a DVD player that somehow caught fire. Teaching my boys how to ride their bikes. Ball games, board games and flashlight tag.

And, best of all, seeing my sons' hearts open to the Gospel.

Time will not scatter these memories. And if in the end these moments with my boys will matter the most, I must make the most of our time together today.

To the dads reading this, I hope your memories will be filled with the energy and excitement of life with your kids. Happy Father's Day!

Upcoming Events

- **May 30 - June 3**
VBS
- **June 10-14 –**
Atlanta
Mission Trip
- **June 17th –**
Father's Day
- **June 22-29 –**
Honduras
Mission Trip
- **July 16 - 20 -**
Jerusalem Project

Upcoming Mission Trips

We have two exciting mission opportunities coming up this month.

Atlanta – Pray as we join our partner Collaboration Church in hosting a sports camp at the Brady Center, which is similar to the Boys and Girls Club. At the end of the week, we are hosting an event for the 30 kids and their families, as well as the surrounding community where the gospel will be shared and the people will be introduced to Collaboration Church and Pastor Jason Lumpkin and his family.

Honduras- Pray as our team continues to help strengthen Salem Church in Galeras and reach their surrounding community with the gospel. Our team will host a family conference, kid's ministry, soccer camp, hygiene clinic, and evangelize the neighboring communities. Pray for Pastor Frank and his family and their efforts to reach the area the Lord has assigned him to.

Last year they had just started construction on their new church building and we are excited to see the changes that have taken place since then.



Big Thanks!

We want to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that helped with VBS this year. You were amazing and VBS was a major success!

New Central App

Watch Facebook for information about a new Central app coming soon!

We will have an app you can download and receive the latest information. A launch date is coming soon! Watch for an announcement and how to get the app!



Biblical Finances

The financial class, *Create a Spending Plan*, went very well and we had some key learnings about how to spend God's money that he has entrusted us with.

If you were not able to take part in this class, the good news is that the online course itself is just two classes that you can watch through RightNowMedia.org with your FREE access as a member of Central!

You can easily access this course online and watch it in less than two hours. Also, Crown ministries offers many FREE resources online at www.crown.org that we are utilizing as a class to make the most of what we learned.

Something we learned that we want to share with the entire church is that there are things we need to have in place, and if you do not have those things in place, it is never too late to start! Things like Life Insurance, a Will, Long Term Care Insurance, and if you have children, a 529 College Savings Plan.

In the fall, we will have a representative from Edward Jones Investments come share with our church about these topics. You can also plan to meet one on one with him if you want more information.

We are excited to offer these resources to our church members and hope you will all take advantage of this online course.



Serving Calendar

Deacon of the Week

- 6/03 Gary Snead-
Phone: 864-489-9913
- 6/10 Chester Woodfin-
Phone: 864-415-9812
- 6/17 Daniel Ward-
Phone: 864-491-6074
- 6/24 John Westbrooks-
Phone: 864-838-2091

The Treehouse Ministry

- 6/03 Rhonda Keller/Allison Turner
- 6/10 Jane Cook/Lori Turner
- 6/17 Billy & Melissa Pennington
- 6/24 Nick & Nicky Federico

Nursery

- 6/03 Byron & Angie Burnett
- 6/10 Melissa & Mya Pennington
- 6/17 Deedie & Shea Phillips
- 6/24 April & Noelle Bridges

Security

- 6/03 Billy Pruitt
- 6/10 Robbie McCraw
- 6/17 Daniel Branham
- 6/24 Justin Harvey

Soup Kitchen

- 6/03 Team # 1-Reda Herrin
- 6/10 Team # 2-Corinth
- 6/17 Team # 3-Nick Federico
- 6/24 Team # 4-Tina Toney

TIME TO CELEBRATE

Birthdays

Nicholas Federico	06/01
Darlene Babcock	06/03
Juanita Coyle	06/03
Sheri Crocker	06/04
Joshua Bridges	06/05
Collin Mullinax	06/05
Davis Pennington	06/06
Shana Harvey	06/08
Lacey Prinz	06/08
Belle McClain	06/09
Robbie McCraw	06/09
Laurie Pruitt	06/11
Sarah Beth Woodfin	06/11
Sherry Blackwell	06/12
Jake Crocker	06/18
W. J. Foster	06/19
Carrie Smith	06/24
Devin Payne	06/26
Phyllis Strawser	06/26
Reagan Elliott	06/27
Faith Hammett	06/28
Paul Lester	06/29



Anniversaries

Terry & Sandra Green	06/04
Rick & Reda Herrin	06/06
Roger & Debbie McAbee	06/10
Daniel & Lisa Ward	06/19
Robbie & Shirley McCraw	06/26
Steve & Teresa Bratt	06/30

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25.