

#### The Legacy of our Fathers

It has often been said, that a person's understanding and picture of God are greatly colored by our earthly father. If he is loving and kind and graceful then we find it easy to identify with our heavenly father, but if he is absent or cruel or judgmental, then it makes it much more difficult to connect. There is truth to this idea, but not the whole truth. For the reality of our God is that he is The Father of the fatherless and the hope of the oppressed.

Still our earthly fathers have a major influence in our lives. They go a long way towards developing in us our approach to life, our habits of work and play, our picture of marriage and parenting, and our understanding of love and forgiveness. In this edition of the newsletter we have given you the opportunity to share some about the influence that your father or another Godly man had on you. We hope you are encouraged and challenged by these thoughts.

#### **Church Events**

• June 15-24

**Diamond Willow Mission Trip** 

• June 16-24

**Honduras Mission Trip** 

June 20

Comfort & Joy Sewing 5:30p

June 20

**Senior Moments Event 12p** 

June 29-30

**Church Camp Out** 

My father always puts others first. I watched the way he treated customers in business and the way he serves friends and family. His example taught me a lot about seeking the benefit of others ~Ryan Mowry

My dad always told me "can't never could till he tried." He always told me that when I whined about how I couldn't do things. He has always been there to give me words of encouragement. Another thing he always said was "It's not broken till dad can't fix it." ~Makenzie Frontz

At a young age I learned from Dad to respect others because everyone has value. He taught me that all work is honorable, and a good attitude is the most important thing to have as a worker. I learned to appreciate the beauty of nature, God's creation, through the eyes of my dad. He was a person of integrity, and a fine and generous man. ~Dianne Kehl

I'm very blessed to have Larry Thompson as my dad. He's very generous and always willing to lend a helping hand. He has shown the importance of being in the Word every day. I'm also very proud of his service to our country!! Missy Smith

My dad is the greatest. I love my dad very much. Every Sunday he takes me to church. Thank you dad for everything you do for me. Love you always, Your Daughter. ~Lori Shaffer

Children, listen to the instruction of a father, and be attentive in order to know insight - Proverbs 4:1 Thank you, dad, for teaching me, and guiding me my entire life. I am grateful for having such a godly influence for both myself and my children ~ Love, Britany Dudgeon.

My dad, Murrell Hamilton, a church elder and leader was a kind man, always helping out the family of which he was the oldest and breadwinner when his dad died at a young age. My dad was on the board at the Lexington Church of Christ when they approved buying Round Lake as our church Christian camp 60+ years ago. PTL!! ~Paul Hamilton

My dad, Willard Shaffer was a very kind hearted man to everyone, always teaching honesty. He was always helping someone through hard times of the depression. ~Martha Hamilton

My father, Frederick Jones was a major influence in my life. He was very generous in a humble way and he loved his family so much. He was kind, patient and thoughtful. He was very appreciative of things in life. He loved nature, hot weather, mountains and the ocean. Life was blessed with him as my father.

~Lani Snyder

The person that had the most spiritual influence in my life was my grandfather, Clifford Dixon. He was a minister and loved to preach the gospel. He was a very outgoing man, who never met a stranger. I remember when we would visit, he never walked by me that he didn't give me a hug. If the saying "You grow an inch with every hug, was true, I would be 10 feet tall. Everyone loved my grandpa. I will never forget when he passed and at the funeral there were so many flowers that they had to put them in multiple rooms and up the staircase. I pray that I have inherited some of his loving qualities. ~Sherri Benick

May your Father's Day be filled with Love

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it

Proverbs 22:6

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### From the mouths of babes

This section is from the kids, unedited.

Dear Dad,

Thank you for being pashinte with <u>Me</u> and making time for <u>Me</u>, even on bisey days, and carring for <u>Me</u>! I love you, Happy Father's Day! If you weren't here, I wouldn't be here. I am very thankful for you.

Children obey your parents. This is the first command with a promise. Ephesians 8:1-2. As Hope always says: "Love you to the moon and back". ~Sadie

Dear Dad,

Thank you for my quaud, for taking me to Cider Point, for also taking me swimming at the lake. ~Love, Morgan

Dear Dad,

Thank you for getting me roller scates and playing with me and you buy me stuff. Happy Father's Day, ~Brooklyn

Dear Dad,

Thank you for everything. You're the best dad in the world.

Dear Grandpa,

I like when you play games with me. I like when you say sorry. Thank you.

~Ava

Dear Dad,

I love you holl buchis! You are the best dad ever!

~Your son, Aiden

Dear Dad,

Thank you for loving me. Thank you for making food for me. I love you very much. Thank you for playing with me.

~Love, Hudson

Dear Dad,

Thank you for playing with me. Thank you for taking me to church. I like when you make me food.

~Gavin

Thank you for teaching me how to drive the vechicals. ~Love Jenelle

# June Birthdays

- 1 Shirleen Gordon
- 4 Kay Buxton, Scott Cromer
- 5 Jamie Ward
- 9 Jennifer Greer
- 11 Mary Crawford
- 12 Loretta Ernsberger, Anna Kindt
- 13 Ruth Manning
- 14 Grace Johnson, Cork Mowry
- 15 Logan Roseberry
- 17 Shawna Dudgeon, Aimee Ford, Larry

Greer, Jan Snavely

- 18 Joshua Johnson
- 19 Larry Awwiller
- 20 Don Basye
- 23 Ashley Bowers, Sadie Thompson
- 24 Chase Starling
- 29 Eric Ellis

#### From the mouths of babes continued!

A big smiley face ~ Kilian

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day, I love you! !~Cayden

Dear Dad,
Thank you for teaching me how to shoot a BB gun. Also, thanks you for letting me go to work with you.
~Jeremiah

Dear Dad, I enjoy helping you throw wood into the basement. Also, thank you for teaching me how to shoot a little gun. I love you, Dad. ~Jay

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 4 – Independence Day, Office Closed

July 18 - Comfort & Joy Sewing 5:30pm

July 18 - Senior Moments Event

July 22-28 – Missouri Mission Trip

July 30-August 10 - Safety Town