

## I WISH I COULD ASK MY DAD

It's almost impossible for me to believe that it has almost been a decade since my father passed away, but that will be true this coming December. That means that this is my ninth Father's Day without a father to call, visit, or even send a card to. I sure would like to turn the clock back to a time before December of 1999. If I had that power, there are some things I wish I could ask my dad. As I grow older and the years keep slipping by, I am coming to the realization that there's a lot about him I never knew (and now will never know). Among other things, I'd like to ask my dad -

- Exactly where and when did you and mom meet for the first time?
- What attracted you to her?
- What was it like to live through the Great Depression?
- What did you do in the year between your junior and senior years in high school (when you had to set out because you could not afford to go)?
- How hard was it to begin your service in the armed forces when you were well into your thirties?
- Who instilled that sense of duty into you that caused you to enter the armed forces during World War II even when one of your relatives offered you a legitimate way to not have to serve?
- Tell me about the loss of your mother when you were a very small boy. How did you recover from that (or do you think that you ever fully recovered)?
- Where did you get those remarkable qualities of honesty, integrity, and industry that people still talk about almost a decade after your death?
- Am I making you proud that I wear your name?

OK; I know this is *way* too personal, but there is a point to all of this. You see, I made some mistakes for the fifty-one years that I had my dad. I am hoping that what I write here will prevent those who read this from making the same mistakes.

First, I guess I thought I'd have my dad forever. I never really "factored in" the possibility that there would be day when I couldn't get in touch with him.

Second, I always was too busy. Depending on the stage of my life, I had "important" things to do; things like school, sports, dating, marriage, my own job(s), time spent with my own wife and children, time with friends, errands, hobbies, etc. Far too late I've learned that I often confused what was urgent with what was important. I guess I also believed in some sort of "mental osmosis." I guess I figured I would learn the things about which I was curious without ever really taking the time to sit down and have long talks with my dad. All that information would just "rub off" somehow. It didn't happen. I'm still curious and there is nowhere to go for the answers.

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## For Your Information

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Eddy is on vacation for the next couple of weeks and we will enjoy hearing from several different men in his absence!

### STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Pick up a form to fill out for your child's accomplishments. They are located in the foyer and are due into the office by TONIGHT. The list of accomplishments will be in the following weeks bulletin!!

### TUBING TRIP

The youth group is going down the James River in Buchanan on Tuesday, June 29 at 10:00 AM and they are inviting the whole congregation to come. It's a great time in the water and lunch is delivered after your first trip down. Sign up on the Youth board by Wednesday, June 23 if you are interested and fill out and return the forms by Sunday, June 27 to Ryan or Jo Ann!

### TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents will begin on June 29. See Jeremy White for details and sign up on the board for the meal to be served at the kickoff session.

### ANDERSON BABY GIFT BASKET

Aaron and Emilee Anderson are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first baby. Instead of a baby shower, there will be a **gift basket** in the foyer. Anyone wishing to send well wishes to them in the form of a baby gift or gift cards to Target or Walmart for them to purchase diapers and other baby items-please put them in the basket. Proud Grandparents Jerry and Kay Anderson will deliver the gifts to them. If you have questions see Melissa Rogers.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, **July 24**. Save the date, plan to help as a teacher or Bible character, and invite your children's friends. See Ryan Davis to volunteer. More details to follow.

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## Virginia Christian Camp

Virginia Christian Camp starts today!!! Several members are going up this year as staff and lots of our youth will be campers. Everyone is looking forward to a great year!



Rocky Mount Church of Christ will dedicate their new building on Saturday, June 26 at 1:00. They will also have a Gospel Meeting starting Sunday with various speakers. See the board for more details!!

# Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson  
Norma Biller  
Betty Buckner  
Marguerite Charles  
Jim Dorsett  
Al Furrow  
Collin Gregory  
Walter & Betty Jenkins  
Martha Keith  
Margaret Kratz  
Miriam Majors  
Jo Musgrove  
Grace Myers  
Evelyn Scott  
Elsie Smith  
Ruth Stanton  
Evelyn White  
EV Wimmer  
WJ Wood

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- **Annette Shrader** will be returning to UVA on Tuesday to schedule her next procedure.

### Remember in prayer:

Rachel Strickland, Jack Cook, Wanda Marshall, Doris White, Shannon VanRavestein

## BAPTISMS

Be sure to welcome our newest Sisters-in-Christ: Gladys Carter and Cindy Williams were baptized last week. They are Jeff Guilliams mother and sister.

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## “But God...” (6)

**Announcements** David Brown  
**Song Leader (AM)** Jeff Durham  
**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
6/6 Bob Garby  
6/13 Eric Earnhart  
6/20 Glen Gabbard  
6/27 Charlie Maness

**Preside at Communion** Don Pettit

### Serve Table

John Black, Jim Harrington  
Mitch Jearls, Ed Mickens

### Closing Prayer

6/6 Danny Guard  
6/13 Adam House  
6/10 Mike Durham  
6/27 Jeremy White

### Song Leader (PM)

Adam House

### Opening Prayer (PM)

6/6 Charlie Gwaltney  
6/13 Greg Edwards  
6/20 Garrett Durham  
6/27 Ethan Rogers

### Scripture Reader

Jimmy Harrington

### Closing Prayer (PM)

6/6 Herb Baker  
6/13 Jeff Durham  
6/20 Jim Bush  
6/27 Sam Valentine

### Serve Table (PM)

Nathan Pelfrey, Cameron Brown

### Song Leader (Wed)

Eric Earnhart

### Prayer (Wed)

6/2 AC Janney  
6/9 Norris Gearhart  
6/16 Gene Benefield  
6/23 Mark Brooks  
6/30 Tom Rogers

### Open/Close Bldg

Squeaky Valentine

### Greeters

Valentines, Jearls

### Nursery Attend

Hazel Maness (AM)  
Emily Gray (PM)

### Ushers

Roger Mays, Mark Laplante

### Handouts

Noah & Garrett Laplante  
Kevin Mickens

### Prepare communion

Audrey Gabbard, Rebecca Durham

### Last weeks attendance 6/13&16/10

Bible Class— 127    Worship Service—157  
Sunday Eve.— 134    Wednesday Eve.—133  
Contribution—\$5305

The phrase “but God” shows a contrast in what man thought, said or did with what God ultimately said or did. This results in the ending’s being changed completely by what God said or did. Our study now takes us into the Psalms.

The 49<sup>th</sup> psalm is anonymous, but was obviously penned because of some hardship brought upon the poor writer by some rich and powerful individual. The writer speaks of the justice that awaits such individuals ultimately. One of the most important matters revealed in this psalm is the unwavering belief in life after death. The psalmist wrote, “Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling” (Ps. 49:14). Although the wicked are laid in the grave like dead sheep, unlike dead sheep, something awaits them “in the morning” (a reference to the resurrection). Those who were corrupt and ungodly will be surpassed by those who were upright (“the upright shall have dominion over them”). Paul made a similar declaration to those of Thessalonica (II Thes. 1:6, 7). The psalmist then states, “**But God** will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me” (Ps. 49:15). The contrast is obvious. Heavenly redemption awaits the righteous while Hellish rejection awaits the unrighteous. The word “receive” has the same connotation as the word “took” with reference to Enoch (Gen. 5:24), and the phrase “taken away” with reference to Elijah (II Kgs. 2:9). Paul told the Corinthian Christians, “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (I Cor. 15:22). However, even though all shall be made alive (resurrected), the victory over death (in the heavenly realm) awaits only those who are steadfast in Christ (I Cor. 15:57, 58). Has your soul been redeemed by the blood of Christ through your obedience to His gospel (cf. II Thes. 1:8)?

-Eddy