

The Effects of Fathers

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). From this we see that fathers are to have direct influence on the training and guiding of their children.

Too many fathers abdicate their responsibilities along these lines to mothers. Mothers are to do their share of teaching, training, and nurturing of children, but God intended that dads actively participate too.

We see a lot of young people today who are frustrated because they lacked adequate male role models in the home. Young boys learn from their dads how to be a man — how to treat women, how to be lovers, providers, leaders and protectors of homes. A little girl needs the father in her life so she can learn to relate to the opposite sex, to whom she will be married some day. As a little one she probably “falls in love” with her own father, later to withdraw from him, in order to fall in love with one she will make a home with.

If children have violent fathers with uncontrollable tempers, they will more than likely display the same.

If children have fathers who are absent physically or psychologically most of the time, they will feel unloved, unwanted, insecure.

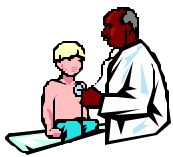
If children have fathers who demonstrate strength, love, affection, and even tears, they will grow up with healthier emotional development.

If children have abusive fathers, they may grow up hating their fathers, their self-esteem may suffer, and they may mourn throughout their lives for that “loving” father they never had.

If children grow up under permissive fathers, they will likely grow up to disrespect rules and regulations of all kinds, e.g., the law, government, church, school, or society. (If the majority of young people were like this we would have total anarchy and total destruction!) The good news is that we have many good fathers in the land and in the church. Fathers can always change for the better, and children can also overcome a lot of negative fathering. In Christ all things are possible!

Sick

Continue to remember in prayer: Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson, Martha Keith, Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood, Jonnie Charles, Tim Darr, Jim Dorsett, James Paul, Vernon Daniels, Jim Lane, Heather Ray, Hannah Duke



- Bob Garby will be having eye surgery on June 25 & July 9.
- Euline Gilpin, Eddy's mother remains in the hospital.
- Patty Gwaltney had surgery last Wednesday, she hopes to come home this weekend from LGH.
- Carolyn Drewry, friend of Nancy Benefield will have surgery on June 30 at UVA to treat a brain aneurysm.
- Berke Villars, David Brown's uncle, suffered a heart attack last week in WV.
- Buddy Martin will continue his treatments for two more weeks. Although the transplant went well, the doctors are still concerned about its effectiveness.

Happy Birthday this week to:

David Brown—6/25
Connie Harrah—6/28



Happy Anniversary this week to:
Barry & Gloria White—
6/25



JUNE ITEMS FOR THE STAFF-

FORDS: Dentyne Fire Gum (spicy cinnamon) , cool lime Blast gum and vanilla wafers. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



All upcoming events for July and August need to be in the office by June 28. Thanks!



Upcoming Events:

Team 2 (Garby) will be having a picnic on Saturday, 6/27 at Madolia's home. Sign up sheet on the board.



July 4th Congregational Picnic 11 AM - 2 PM at the WS Pavilion. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and paper products will be provided. Look for a sign up sheet to bring canned drinks (bring on July 1 to put in the fridge), side items, and desserts and to let us know how many in your family will be attending. Bring your outside games and equipment to enjoy together.

Teens

June Events



VCC—6/21-27
Summer Youth Devo—6/29
Tubing Trip—6/30

As you can see Luke has lots of things planned. Make sure you check out the youth bulletin board for events and sign up sheets.

The Youth will be going down the James River again this year. This was a great event last year and anyone who would like to come and spend the day in the water or just join us for a picnic on the river bank see Luke or Jo Ann for the forms!! Forms and money (\$15 for tubing; \$5 for lunch) need to be turned in by next Sunday, 6/28.



WOW

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14 at 10:30.

For Your Information

Weekly Reminders

2009 SUMMER SERIES

Our annual Summer Series will feature Tom Duff from MSOP this Wednesday. Make plans to be here to hear all of the speakers that are lined up for this summer.

TUBING TRIP

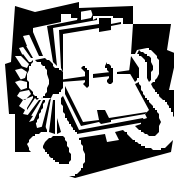
Anyone interested in joining the youth group for a tubing trip down the James River on June 30 is welcome. The group will be leaving the building at 9:15 AM to go to Buchanan. Cost is \$15 for the tubing. **Or** just join us for lunch on the river bank at 11:30, catered by Jo's Catering—the cost for lunch is \$5. Pick up the form and menu from Luke or Jo Ann and turn them in by next Sunday, June 28 with your money.



Virginia Christian Camp starts today!
Several members are going up to work and 22 of our Youth will be there to enjoy!

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Eddy & Jeanny are no longer using the land line phone number and will be using cell phones only.



Clarence B. Kelland

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

Mark Twain

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

William Shakespeare

It is a wise father that knows his own child.

Charles Wadsworth

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong."

Prayer list:

Marguerite Charles
Lyn Anderson
Martha Keith
Miriam Majors
Betty Jenkins
WJ Wood
Margaret Kratz
Jonnie Charles
Jim Dorsett
Tim Darr
Lori Whitlow
James Paul
Carolyn Drewry
Bob Garby
Euline Gilpin
Patty Gwaltney
Vernon Daniels
Jim Lane
Heather Ray
Hannah Duke

Activities:

Virginia Christian Camp
All week



June 2009

Newborn Fathers

Announcements Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM) Jeff Durham
Opening Prayer (AM)
6/7 Richard Simms
6/14 Jerry Anderson
6/21 Danny Guard
6/28 Wayne Dixon

Preside at Communion Tom Richardson
Serve Table Adam House David Brown
Tom Rogers Sam Valentine

Closing Prayer
6/7 Roger Mays
6/14 Barry White
6/21 Greg Edwards
6/28 Jim Cooke

Song Leader (PM) Jason Oldham
Opening Prayer (PM)
6/7 Mitch Jearls
6/14 AC Janney
6/21 Glenn Hartman
6/28 George Mellon

Scripture Reader Nathan Pelfrey
Closing Prayer (PM)
6/7 Josh Whitlow
6/14 Don Pettit
6/21 Mike Durham
6/28 Eric Earnhart

Serve Table (PM)
Garrett & Bradford Durham

Song Leader (Wed) Bob Garby
Prayer (Wed)
6/3 Fred Altizer
6/10 Charlie Gwaltney
6/17 Gene Benefield
6/24 Jim Cooke

Open/Close Bldg Greeters Danny Guard
Bush/Gilpin

Nursery Attend Hazel McFalls Lisa Valentine
Ushers Norris Gearhart Curtis Oakes
Handouts Jim Harrington Bob Martin
Cameron Brown Paul Mays

Alternates Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion Peggy Paxton Mitzi Pettit
Cards & Pencils Caroline & Jimmy Harrington

Last weeks attendance 6/14&17/09

Bible Class—161 Worship Service—184
Sunday Eve.—157 Wednesday Eve.—146
Contribution—\$5951

Chapter one of The Father Book, is entitled “The Birth of a Father.”¹ In it the authors make the statement, “When the family’s first child is born, a father is born” (p. 11). Certainly, at the birth of a child (especially the first child), most of the attention is focused on the baby. We seldom stop to realize that with the birth of that first child comes also the “birth” of parents. And, along with it come great demands and huge responsibilities. But, along with it also come great privileges, opportunities and blessings.

Today there are thousands of men across the nation who will, for the first time, see Father’s Day in a different light- as newborn fathers. It may be that the realization of fatherhood has not yet hit them. Oh, sure, the realities of late-night cries, first-time sickness, changing and feeding times and other such physical aspects of parenthood have become very obvious. But, the greater responsibilities have perhaps either been lost in the overwhelming demands of a newborn, or not yet understood at all. Paul said, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). Sadly, those greater responsibilities are never understood by far too many fathers.

Fatherhood is an almost constantly changing role. As one’s children grow their needs change. In their earlier years they need almost constant attention, instruction and correction. Progressively, they obtain more freedoms and demand less attention. However, they are never beyond the need of the good example of a loving father. Being the kind of dad the Father wants one to be requires much effort and constant awareness of the role he plays in the lives of his children. The mold is cast early. Too quickly the clay hardens. Fathers must take their responsibilities seriously and fulfill their roles completely.

God said of Abraham, “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him” (Gen. 18:19). This was said of Abraham before he ever became a father. The pattern for being a good father is not set on the day one becomes a father. As with Abraham, it should begin much sooner. However, whether one is a “newborn father” or a grandfather, he still has a great influence over his children. Can the Father depend on you as a dad?

¹The Father Book by Frank Minirth, Brian Newman and Paul Warren, Nelson Publishers, 1992

-Eddy

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