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Happy Father's Day

Fathers Like Job

Many years ago, I came across a short poem that every father should take to heart. It is entitled, "A Little Fellow Follows Me." The words of the poem are:

A careful man I want to be, a little fellow follows me.

I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the selfsame way.
I cannot once escape his eyes, whatever he sees me do, he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be, the little fellow who follows me.
He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see, the little fellow who follows me.
I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I am building for the years that be, for that little chap who follows me.

The unknown author of these words understood and appreciated

the nature of how we teach our children, especially in the case of fathers and sons. His words should strike deep within our hearts so we will consider the things we do each day. While we may not give a second thought to many of the things we do, our children and grandchildren are watching and taking note of it all. We may tell them not to do as we do, but deep down inside we know that our words are useless in this regard. Our children idolize us as fathers, and even if they do not like certain aspects of our character, they will very likely copy them as they grow to maturity. This thought should sober us all.

As fathers we have an awesome responsibility, even if our only interest were in worldly matters. It takes wisdom and tenacity to raise children to be good citizens and hard-working contributors to the good of society. If it were easy, there would be no slackers in the world. But the responsibility, and the challenge, is even greater when we take a spiritual perspective on life. When we think spiritually, we are not just preparing our children for life. We are, in fact, preparing them for eternity.

What we need today are more fathers like the patriarch Job. Of all the earthly fathers mentioned in scripture, he is perhaps the greatest, and the reasons are pretty clear. In Job 1:1 the scripture says that Job was "*blameless and upright, fearing God and turning away from evil*". In v. 8 God Himself testified to this truth. So as a father, Job gave his children the best possible example of what it means to be a godly man.

Secondly, Job was conscientious about his children's conduct, and led them in proper devotion to God. In Job 1:5 the scripture says that after Job's children had completed their days of feasting, he would offer burnt offerings for them before God, in case one of them had sinned against God in some way. The scripture says, "*Thus Job did continually*." So not only did Job's children see the godly conduct of their father, they also saw, and were led by him, in continual expressions of worship to God.

Third, when Job was mercilessly attacked by Satan, and suffered many afflictions by his hand, the scripture says that in all of this, "*Job did not sin nor did he blame God*" (Job 1:22). Job's first children did not live to see this example, but his later children were surely aware of it. In these ways Job presented the best possible human example of what a father should be.

Let all of us who are fathers do our best each day to be like the patriarch Job. Let us strive to be blameless and upright before God, so our children will see the best possible example in our lives. Let us also continually lead our children in devotion to God so they will see what it means to properly love and honor Him.

- Fred Dominguez (Submitted by Angel Bobe, Sr.)

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

"6:52 AM!"

First of all, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Our world needs more loving, good, dedicated, God-like fathers. It needs more men who will, like our heavenly father, invest a delicate blend of love, tenderness, and discipline into their kids. Having just returned from Timothy Hill Children's Ranch, I witnessed first-hand what happens to kids when they miss the benefit of dedicated mothers and fathers guiding the home with love and discipline.

When godly mothers and fathers are not present and engaged in homes, there is low self-confidence, disrespect, insecurity, rebellion, and apathy in the kids. Good dads increase stability, confidence, initiative, discipline, and love. In essence, what Timothy Hill Ranch does is to instill within kids whose parents were desperately lacking, maybe even still immature kids themselves; a second chance to have good parents. The Ranch does an amazing job with these neglected, abandoned, and troubled kids.

Thanks to all of you who offered your financial support to Greg and me for our Iron Man competition at Timothy Hill. Together, we raised \$5,000 to help support the Ranch. At last count, the total Iron Man goal of \$160,000 was nearing completion. I will keep you posted. BTW, you will be encouraged to know that Larry Kellum, who oversees our Caring and Sharing Ministry, directs that we budget to the Ranch \$100 per month to support this wonderful work.

What is 6:52 AM? Two things: **6:52** is the time we showed up for breakfast the morning that we played 100 holes of golf! (And, I am still feeling the 100 holes of golf!) **6:52** is the time Dottie showed up last Sunday morning to begin her work here at the church building. **Today, when you see Dottie, say, "Hello, Minister!" Or, "You are a Minister!"**

BTW, I am in Springfield, Vermont this weekend for my 50th High School Class Reunion. I am also presenting a lesson at my home church in Springfield. Thank you for your prayers.

- Happy Father's Day, from **Dan**, the Soon-to-be-Semi-Retired, Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Derrick Busch
Minister

As Christians,
let's honor
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what it truly is;
the will of
God!

We're All A Mess

Happy Father's Day

Well fellows, Happy Father's Day! One of the first thoughts that often captures and stirs in the hearts and minds of many Christian men, and perhaps the entire Christian community every Father's Day, is the world's narrative on fathers and fathering. In regards to fathers, they are often broadly portrayed as: emotionally and cognitively clueless; emotionally and physically detached from their wives and children. In regards to fathering, they are often encouraged to be harsh, no nonsense, physically aggressive and Rambo-like, unemotional, and the list can go on and on. I'm sure you have encountered several other adjectives that discourage or throw-shade on the role of fathers and fathering. Throw-shade...? Connect with a younger person for that definition (big smiles to those who participated in the Cross-Generational Ministry Class last quarter).

So, how do we deal with this? How do we combat this onslaught that bombards our hearts and minds by way of influence via social media, Netflix, and the like? What are we to do? Here's my recommendation, remember the rightful owner of the name, Father! God the Father owns the name, and for our focus, God the Father is the model Father for both believers and unbelievers (**Ephesians 3:14-15**). We must get back to and be refreshed by God's definition and model of fathers and fathering by having our minds renewed from a worldly perspective and onslaught, to God's way, again and again (**Romans 12:1-2**)!

The role of fathers and the model for fathering comes from God! God loves fathers and His will in general and specific to fathers and fathering is good, pleasing, and perfect (**Romans 12:2**).

In short, where do we go from here? As Christians, let's honor fathers and the role of fathering by proclaiming what it truly is; the will of God!

- **Derrick**



You're Invited

Sunday, June 23

Please join us for a graduation and going away blessing for **Luke Olley** on Sunday, June 23rd, in the Family Life Center immediately following worship.

We'll have refreshments, cake, and a time of blessing to share scriptures, prayers, words of advice, and encouragement. Luke reports to The United States Military Academy at West Point on July 1st.



PRCOC Welcome Ministry

Volunteers are URGENTLY NEEDED for the following roles...

Greeters (Front-Door and Back-Door)

Before class and worship: Welcome visitors and arriving members, hand out bulletins, provide visitors info about where to go for adult and children's classes, help those needing assistance (unloading cars, wheelchairs, etc.)

Welcome Center Attendants

After worship: Welcome visitors, receive connection cards, answer questions, provide welcome center materials, hand out gift bread.

Contact andym@cochrist.org if you can help!

Baby Bottle Campaign Ends TODAY!



"Choices of the Heart": TODAY is the last chance to participate!

Our church family has a wonderful opportunity to share the love of God with women and families facing a crisis pregnancy. We have chosen to raise funds for "Choices of the Heart" Pregnancy Center in Turnersville by conducting a "Baby Bottle Campaign." **Please return your baby bottles TODAY to a teen in the church foyer**, filled with change, dollars and checks! 🍼🍼🍼 **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for supporting this life-affirming organization!

Important Note: "Choices of the Heart" does not perform abortions nor refer clients for abortions. It seeks to help them find alternative choices...thus the name, "Choices of the Heart."

- **Diana Hutchinson**



(Pictured above is last year's float and marchers!)

Plan to attend the annual July 4th festivities with Pitman Road!

View the Pitman July 4th Parade from the Cooper's front lawn.

View the Alcyon Lake Park fireworks from our property as we host the local community.

IMPORTANT - There will be a Pitman Road Church Float in the Pitman Parade. Volunteers are needed for the following things:

- We need help preparing the float.
- We need participants to walk the parade route.
- We need help passing out hot dogs and water to the folks who are watching the fireworks from our parking lot.

There are two sign up sheets at the Welcome Center. One is for the parade, and the other is for the fireworks.

For more information, you may contact or see **Troy Spencer** about the parade, or **Tim or Melody Davis** about the fireworks.



Evelyn Jefferson was baptized here last Sunday morning at the conclusion of our worship service. The angels in Heaven are rejoicing, and we rejoice with them! Congratulations, Evelyn. Welcome to the family!

Our next Family Promise Host Week is July 14 - July 21



There are still a number of volunteers needed for our host week. Please see **John Ashton** in the foyer to see how you can help build communities and strengthen lives! You may also contact John at **609-214-8522** to sign up!

Profiling Our Graduates

It has become an annual tradition for us to publish a profile of our congregation's high school, college, and technical program graduates. If you have a graduate you would like to see highlighted in the bulletin, **please send the following information to kikeorha@cochrist.org by June 30th:**

- Graduates name as you want it published.
- Where they are graduating, and any degree or certification.
- Any honors they received upon graduation (scholarships, awards, honor or academic societies).
- What their future plans are (college, continuing education, military service, certifications, employment, etc.)
- A photo.



Last Sunday, we prayed with **Cassidy Davis** as she prepared to leave for a mission trip to Ecuador. She left this past Tuesday, and will return on July 23rd. While there, she will be ministering to people by using the Bible to teach English. We continue to pray for her and the lives she will touch while she's there. We're so proud of you, Cassidy!

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	107
Worship	263
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NC

Giving for May

May GOAL	\$39,320.00
Total May Contribution	\$35,621.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$471,840.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution Through May	\$459,001.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

John Schofield, Jayne's husband, went into cardiac arrest last Monday night. He is in stable condition now.

Leanne, Judy Campbell's daughter, had surgery last Monday to put in a port for her chemo treatments for a lump in her breast. After six weeks of treatment, she will have surgery to remove the lump.

Mandy Mansdoerfer, waiting to hear about jobs she's interviewed for. Also asking for prayers about interviews coming up.

Gerrie, a friend of Van Edwards and the Points, preparing for back surgery again. Please pray that her doctors and surgeon will be able to make spinal repairs that will take care of her intense pain.

Barbara Robinson has gotten some vision back in one eye after suffering a stroke that caused blindness. She is now home.

Max Lancaster continues his amazing recovery. He and Debbie are very grateful for all the prayers on their behalf. He is now home.

Janice Raively, recovering from back surgery this past Monday.

Marlene Patterson, diagnosed with colon cancer. Please pray for her and her son, Evan.

Jerry Rizzuto, diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer. Had laser ablation treatment in Florida this past Tuesday.

Zach Rizzuto will finish his current chemo in August, and will have another MRI in June.

Eddie, son of Debbie Camorata's friend/coworker, having several very serious health issues. Looking at liver transplant.

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, recovering from surgery for breast cancer.

Dante, husband of Sandy Sheehan's friend, Nancy, fell at work and sustained a traumatic brain injury. He has a long way to go.

Rich Gray, co-worker of Tammy Cerquoni, was sent to the University of Penn to get surgery for a spot in his brain.

Rebecca Reimels, Joyce Reimels' granddaughter, facing a crisis. Doing better, but prayers are still needed and much appreciated.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda People's mom, is home but continues to face serious health issues. Brenda is still there with her mom.

Please pray for Brenda as she cares for her mother and her brother.

Jayne Schofield, right wrist broken and casted. Having serious problems with her left ear and jaw due to bone deterioration.

Please continue to pray for **Larry Kellum, Sr.**, **Clare Hightower**, **Patti Frambes**, **Doug Oliver**, **Elinda Hunter**, and **Linda Prenger**, as they receive treatment for/recover from cancer, as well as **Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** and **Je'Ani Lyles** in their rehabilitation/recovery from life changing injuries.

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Elder on Call for June: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lynne Sbaraglia
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Greeters: Back Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	Mike Lazar & Corey Peoples
Shepherd's Call	Horatio Fenton
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson



Last Sunday, our graduating high school seniors were honored at the annual Graduation Luncheon. Thank you once again to **Tim and Melody Davis** for coordinating the wonderful meal and festivities! Pictured here along with Tim and Melody are four of our eight graduates: (from left) **Javon Willis**, **Adriana McDade**, **Brianna Peoples**, and **Luke Olley**. Unable to attend, but present in thought and prayer were **Sarah Pearl**, **Justin Steward**, **William Bartley, Jr.**, and **Phylicia White**.

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Beginning TODAY, Kids for Christ and Junior Worship will be taking a break for the summer. **Please be prepared to have your children, ages 3 and above, sit with you during the worship service.** Nursery for infants and toddlers under the age of 3 will continue to be available through the summer.