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The Hearts of the Fathers

The angel Gabriel announced to the priest, Zechariah, that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a son. The son was to be called John. Gabriel also said that John would bring "many of the people ... back to the Lord" and would "turn the hearts of the fathers to their children" (see Luke 1:5:ff). Recognizing that there are countless loving fathers today whose hearts are turned to their children, it is still true that far too many have hearts turned elsewhere.

Russell Miller's book called *The House of Getty* offers a heart-tugging story that makes the point. Timothy Getty, the young son of J. Paul Getty, the oil tycoon, had a frail body and was often ill. When Timothy was 11 and about to turn 12, his father telephoned him and asked what he wanted for his 12th birthday, "I want your love, Daddy, and I want to see you." But the father felt that he couldn't see his son then. Too many business obligations.

Shortly thereafter, Timothy died in a hospital without ever seeing his father. J. Paul Getty, known at the time as the world's richest man, was devastated by the death.

The story brings to mind Socrates' warning to the people of Athens: "Fellow citizens, why do you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth, and take so little care of your children, to whom one day you must relinquish it all?"

— See Miller's *The House of Getty*



SUNDAY, JUNE 18

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

Mark Cader

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb

Irma Newell Hart

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb

Dr. Brantley Pace

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb

Pat Webb

- Frank M. Patty M/M Camp King
- Catherine Schultz M/M Steve Newman
- Kent & Brent Ballow Betty Crawford
- Stephen & Delores Howell
- M/M Mark Jordan JoAnne Collins
- M/M B. Bryan Jones, III Hazel Strong
- Frances Elizabeth Sanders
- Frances Pierce



- 20. Melinda Richards
- 22. Mary Kay Phillips
- 23. Jason Patterson
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- 21. Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Hatfield
- 23. Mr. & Mrs. Edwin McDonald
- Mr. & Mrs. Louis Thompson
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Rob Hines

Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

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Important Reminder

Please remember that there is to be NO food or drink in the Sanctuary. Please help us keep our Sanctuary clean and fresh by following this request.





Hiskidz and Bible in Life

As we continue with our summer series in Sunday School, **Rules to Live By**, this week's lesson is "Honoring Parents." This lesson tells the story of a woman named Ruth. Ruth chose to honor her mother-in-law, and God blessed Ruth in doing so. We will talk about this story on Sunday and learn more about the relationship that Ruth had with Naomi.



HISKIDZ

Summer Activities are in the works, so be watching so you can mark them on your calendar.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates will be Monday, June 26- Thursday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. VBS cannot happen without volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Tera Smith or the church office. We will reach out to those who would like to help. Bible School is such a fun and important part of being a child. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS.

Youth Sunday School

This Sunday we will cover lesson 3 in our Sunday School series for the summer. This week our lesson, "Rules for Getting Along" leads us through some of Commandments 5-10. Obeying our parents and authority can sometimes be a hard thing during the teenage years. However, we must remember that we need to base our relationships off the guidance that God gives to us.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Several outings and gatherings will be happening throughout the Summer. I know we all stay busy during the summer, but let's continue to spend time together as a youth group.



M28 Camp dates at Lake Junaluska are July 6-10. We are so excited at the number of youth who have signed up to attend this Summer. We will be taking 21 teens, and we ask that our church family be in prayer for these students. The theme this year is ***Faith Can Move Mountains.***

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Greeters	LaShone Robins/Frances Pierce
Scripture	Genesis 6:5-10
Sermon	“Noah: A Legacy of Faith”
Flowers	Linda Ketchum

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE

18. 3rd Sunday after Pentcost

19. An awesome presence

20. A stronghold in God

21. Armored in righteousness

22. Exalted in honor

23. Good and pleasant unity

24. Now is the time

Mark 4:26-34

Matthew 15:29-31

Psalm 9:29-31

1 Samuel 17:32-49

1 Samuel 17:5-18:5, 10-16

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6:1-13