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“Your Son”

“Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love...” - Genesis 22:2

I takes a child to make a father. At the same time, it is not just having a child. There are a lot of men who lend their biology to children, but never become fathers to them.

Twenty-five years after God promised a heritage to Abraham, his son of promise was born. The well being of that son was so important to Abraham that he allowed Ishmael (Hagar’s son) to be “sent away”. A few years later, God called on the old father to sacrifice that beloved son. While it may seem counter to the care of a father, that sacrifice is really at the heart of a caring father. It was a move of trust. It is about trust in the One who is the source of life to that very son. He knew, without devotion to God, there is no purpose to drive fatherhood. He may not have stated it in such a manner, but his actions testified to it. His actions and faith found testimony in the writing of the letter to the Hebrews: “... *concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense*” (Hebrews 11:19). To do otherwise would have been a selfish indulgence and not the act of a loving father. What we often see as a challenge of faith, was in reality a deeply provoking gift of love.

Real fathers are prone to design lives for their children. Those lives are generally shaped by a father’s experience and desire. It is the common tendency to invest in the next generation what has been invested in our own. At the heart of it is the hope of replicating the best things that have been known in our own lives. It is a picture that we try to paint. It is not born of some intentional personal gratification. At the same time, it is within our framework of what we understand the expectations of life to be. So, there may be objective limitations. For, we can only share what we know. Still, it is a sincerely applied effort to give the best opportunities to our children. Real fathers long for their children to live long, happy, and comfortable lives.

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Being a good father is the toughest job a man will undertake in his life. From the time a child is born, it is a twenty-four hour a day responsibility that takes no vacation time. I know that fathers don't do it alone. They are still fully responsible. Paul's admonitions about child rearing are clearly pointed at fathers.

Some of the toughest moments are when a father knows it will be difficult for his child. There is the emotional inclination to block and absorb anything harsh or unkind. At the same time, a father knows that only by enduring the toughest challenges can his child grow stronger. He also knows that his child needs to understand the marvelous power of God, and the obedient faith that must be engaged. No father really wants to send his child to fight for the defense of cause or country, but he must. And no father seeks to sacrifice his child, even for God, but the good father will.

Abraham left more than a legacy of faith. He left an example of love for his son as he pointed him to God.

— Russ

June - Daily Bible Reading

18. Jeremiah 34-36
19. Jeremiah 37-39
20. Jeremiah 40-42
21. Jeremiah 43-45; Matthew 27
22. Jeremiah 46-47; Matthew 28
23. Jeremiah 48-49; Philippians 1
24. Jeremiah 50; Philippians 2
25. Jeremiah 51-52; Philippians 3

Happy Anniversary

Tom & Karen Elmore	-	6/18
Tres & Mandi Lowrance		6/20
Sam & Mattie Ruble	-	6/26
Kevin & Joan Keenan	-	6/27
Fred & Karen Holland	-	6/27
Arless & Sue Murray	-	7/27
Dwain & Jane Thacker	-	7/6

Happy Birthday

Crystal Cowan	-	-	-	6/18
Sam Ruble	-	-	-	6/19
Linda Marcum	-	-	-	6/23
Don Worden	-	-	-	6/25
Tom Elmore	-	-	-	6/28
Tripp Humphrey	-	-	-	6/28
Blue Suarez-	-	-	-	7/4
JR Suarez	-	-	-	7/5
Darla Holland	-	-	-	7/7
Dennis Weber	-	-	-	7/9
Karen Holland	-	-	-	7/9

Homebound or Limited:

Aline McDaniel
Ella McKeel
Marguriete Shobert

News That Is of Interest to You

Keep In Prayer

- ◆ **Karen Ruminer** had knee replacement surgery on Monday, and it home recovering.
- ◆ **Karen Elmore** is beginning a series of radiation treatments to help prevent a recurrence of the cancer.
- ◆ **Wayne Haynes** is having trouble with severe physical weakness.
- ◆ **Riley Baldwin** - continues to have surgical procedures on his throat .



Monthly Fellowship Dinner—To avoid a conflict with Father’s Day, we will have our monthly dinner on the 4th Sunday in June (6/25). At this dinner we will also be honoring our two “expecting” families. **Amber Mason**, and **Julie Henderson** will each be having babies in a few weeks. There will be a table for gifts or gift cards for each family. For more information, see Lindsay MacDonald, Teah Ausmus, or Jacque Glasgow.

The Ladies' Coffee meets on the 1st Friday of every month at the church building at 10 am, and is studying the

God is Good! -
- All the Time!

book of Daniel. This has become a great time of sharing and praying for each other. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come and be a part of this gathering.

Men’s Breakfast - June 24th, 8 am. Come share the food and the fellowship.

The Tipton Home truck will be here in July. Shopping lists are in the foyer or, you can donate money to Dwain Thacker or Kim Berry to do the shopping.

Placing Membership

We want to welcome these two special ladies into our family.

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Thank You!

A special thank you to everyone who helped organize, teach, assist, cook, feed, decorate, sing, enroll, clean-up, and any other work that went into making our VBS such a wonderful event. **You are Fantastic!!**

Who Said?

- ◆ Who said: *My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist!*

Answer next week

- ◆ Last Week: Simon Peter—Luke 5:5

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Scheduled to Serve Next Week

(6/25/2017)

Announcements

Joe Downs

Greeters

Randy & Linda Vance

Roger Scott

Teah Ausmus

Lord's Table (am)

Prayers: Arless Murray

Dale Crews Dewayne Ross

Dwain Thacker Fred Jones

Fred Babbit Gerald Harden

George King Walter McFadden

Lord's Table (pm)

Layne Adams Bill Fleming

Prayers (am)

Floyd Marshall Tres Lowrance

Prayers (pm)

Roger Scott Blue Suarez

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Worship 10:00 AM

Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Order of Service

Announcements

Scripture:

Matthew 6:9

Prayer

Song - 523

Our God, He is Alive

Song - 180

God is Love

Song - 287

I Love the Lord

Comments

Lord's Supper

Collection

Song - 984

We Bow Down

Sermon

Our Father in Heaven

Song — 667

There Is Power in the Blood

Song — 200

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Prayer

<i>Elders</i>	<i>Deacons</i>		<i>Minister</i>
Kevin Keenan Keith McDougal Horace Phillips Bill Sherman	Michael Berry Joe Downs Brian Jaworsky	Darrell MacDonald Dwain Thacker Randy Vance	Russell Dyer