



ROUGE FREE WILL BAPTIST

MASTER'S MEN NEWSLETTER

MASTER'S MEN REPORT: JUNE 2025

John Zubor & Roger Phillips: Directors

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

From the Director's Desk

The Master's Men gathered on May 13th at our usual meeting location of Leon's Family Dining on Telegraph Road, in Taylor. Eleven men were in attendance. And as always we were pleased to see the women of the church meet in the main dining room.

After a fine meal Bro. Roger opened the meeting by giving the financial report through the month of April. Bro. Roger also provided us with an update of the 2026 Water's Edge Advance. We have now secured the dates of February 22nd through February 25, 2026. The price will remain the same as this year.

If you have not joined us in the past we sincerely hope that you will make plans to join us in the new year. This time away is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and grow in God's word.

Once the financial report was concluded we began our discussion on the Question of the Month: Who were all that were referred to as "the son of perdition?" Perdition meaning eternal damnation and punishment. There was a wonderful discussion, citing verses of scripture, where the term is used. It is always wonderful to have such a good study and we appreciate the sharing of knowledge! We closed our meeting in prayer.

This was our last meeting before the Master's Men take a break for the Summer. Our monthly meetings will resume in September. Watch the newsletter for the exact date and make plans to join us. We would love to have you!

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MASTER'S MEN MISSION STATEMENT

The Master's Men of the Rouge Free Will Baptist Church are called to lead men to a mature spiritual relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In doing so, it is our intent to nurture Christian fellowship with each other, enrich the relationships with our families and support the ministry of the church.

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Bro. John Zubor was unable to join us for our last meeting due to illness. We are asking that you keep Bro. John in prayer as he recovers. Bro. John's monthly devotion was truly missed, but we look forward to it when we return in the Fall.

WATER'S EDGE ADVANCE

As mentioned the dates for the Water's Edge Advance in February have been secured. We are so happy to say the Evangelists are also on board. So mark your calendars and plan for time off to join us for a wonderful time praising and worshipping our Lord. It is truly a time of joy unspeakable!!

HAPPY SUMMER

While enjoying our time off the Master's Men pray that you and yours have a relaxing, fun filled and safe Summer. We will see you in September!!



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All-New Dad Jokes for 2025



From Country Living Magazine

- What kind of shoes do frogs wear? Open-toad sandals.
- I just built an ATM that only gives out coins. I don't know why no one's thought of it before: it just makes cents!
- What happened when two slices of bread went on a date? It was loaf at first sight.
- Why do crabs never volunteer? Because they're shell-fish.
- What's a shark's favorite saying? "Man overboard!"
- What did one slice of bread say to the other before the race? You're toast!
- How did I know my girlfriend thought I was invading her privacy? She wrote about it in her diary.
- I'm such a good navigator, a self-driving car once asked me for directions.
- Why do melons have weddings? They cantelope.
- What did the bison say to his son when he left the ranch? Bi-son.
- Watch what you say around the egg whites. They can't take a yolk.
- What's the best way to save your dad jokes? In a dadda-base.
- I got a new pen that can write under water. It can write other words too.
- My boss said "dress for the job you want, not for the job you have." So I went in as Batman.
- I went to the aquarium this weekend, but I didn't stay long. There's something fishy about that place.
- What do you call a sheep who can sing and dance? Lady Ba Ba.
- Why can't dinosaurs clap their hands? Because they're extinct.
- I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did jobs 1, 3, and 5. Turns out he only does odd jobs.
- Where do rainbows go when they've been bad? To prism, so they have time to reflect on what they've done.
- Dogs can't operate MRI machines. But catscan.

Feel free to groan now!!! Happy Father's Day!



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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

COMMANDMENT II: "NO OTHER GODS"

There are more Idols than ever... Let's discuss the Second Commandment according to the oldest, that is the Jewish, enumeration of the Ten Commandments. In Christian tradition it is the First Commandment. The most common translation begins: *"You shall have no other gods before me."* The commandment then goes on to prohibit both making idols and worshipping idols.

Most people, when they think of this commandment, understandably think that it only prohibits the worship of idols. And the worship of gods such as the ancient pagan gods of rain, of fertility, all the other nature gods and chief gods such as the Roman Jupiter and the Greek Zeus. However, there is a major problem with this understanding of the commandment. Since no one today worships these gods, let alone worships idols made of stone, most people think this commandment is irrelevant to modern life. The irony, however, is that this commandment is not only relevant to modern life but also in many ways the mother of all the other commandments.

Why is it relevant today? Because today we have as many false gods as the ancients did. And why is it the mother of all the other commandments? Because if we identify false gods and avoid worshipping them, we will eliminate one of the greatest barriers to a good world—false gods. So, let's begin by defining a false god. The point of biblical monotheism is that there is only one God and that only this God, the Creator of the universe who demands that we keep these Ten Commandments, is to be worshipped. Why? First, because one God means one human race. Only if we all have the same Creator, or Father, as it were, are we all brothers and sisters.

Second, having the same parent also means that no person or group is intrinsically more valuable than any other.

Third, one God means one moral standard for all people. If God declares murder wrong, it is wrong for everyone, and you can't go to another god for another moral standard.

When anything else is worshipped, bad things result. Not only things that can obviously lead to evil such as the worship of power, or race, or money, or flag. But also things that are almost always seen as quite beautiful—such as art, or education, or even love. Yes, any of these often wonderful things, when worshipped, can lead to terrible results.





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Take art. Many of the cruelest humans in history loved beautiful music and art. But, as a music lover, I learned early in life the sad fact that great music can be used to inspire people to follow evil just as much as it can be used to inspire people to do good. The great Hollywood director Stanley Kubrick vividly made this point in his classic 1971 film, *"A Clockwork Orange."* In it, men rape and murder while classic music plays in the background.

Take education. We all recognize how important education can be—from preparing people to be able to find work to understanding the world. But education in and of itself, divorced from the higher ends of God and goodness, can lead, and often has led, to great evil. Many of the best-educated in Germany supported Hitler and the Nazis. And almost all of the Western world's supporters of the genocidal regimes of Stalin in the Soviet Union and Mao in China were highly educated.

There is nothing about a Ph.D. that guarantees a person will be wiser, kinder, or more ethical than someone with a high school education.

The same holds true even of love. Love, of course, is often so beautiful. But it, too, can lead to evil. In the twentieth century people who put love of country above love of God and goodness often commit terrible evil.

And here's a test for you: Imagine that the pet you love and a stranger—a person you don't know and therefore could not possibly love—are drowning. Do you first try to save your pet or the stranger? Well, if love is an end in itself, you save your pet. But if you hold human life as a higher value than love, you won't follow love.

This commandment made the ethical revolution of the Bible and of the Ten Commandments—what is known as ethical monotheism—possible. Worship the God of the Ten Commandments and you will make a good world. Worship a false god—no matter how noble sounding—and you will end up with a world of cruelty.

NEXT MONTH:

COMMANDMENT III

DO NOT MISUSE GOD'S NAME

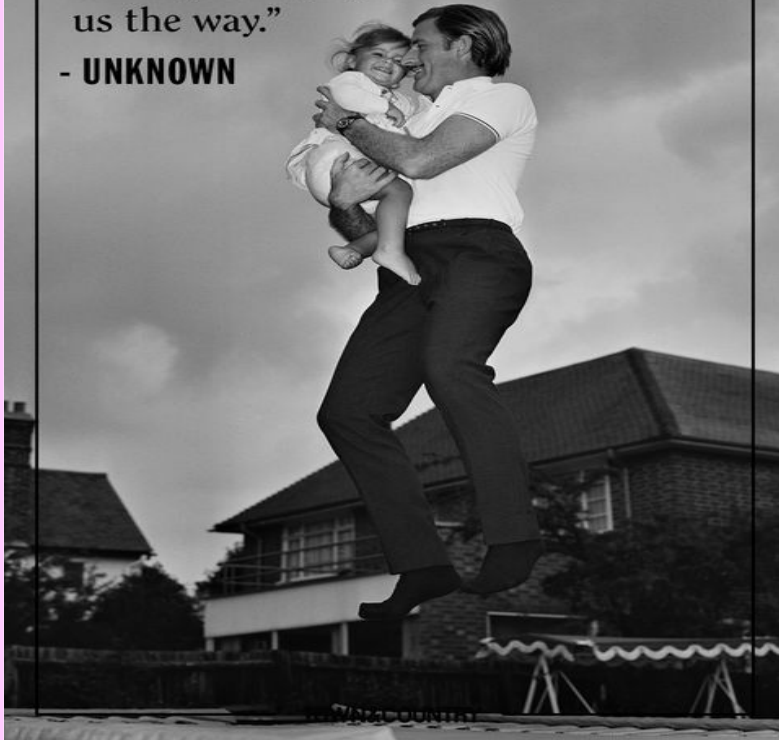


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SALUTE TO FATHERS

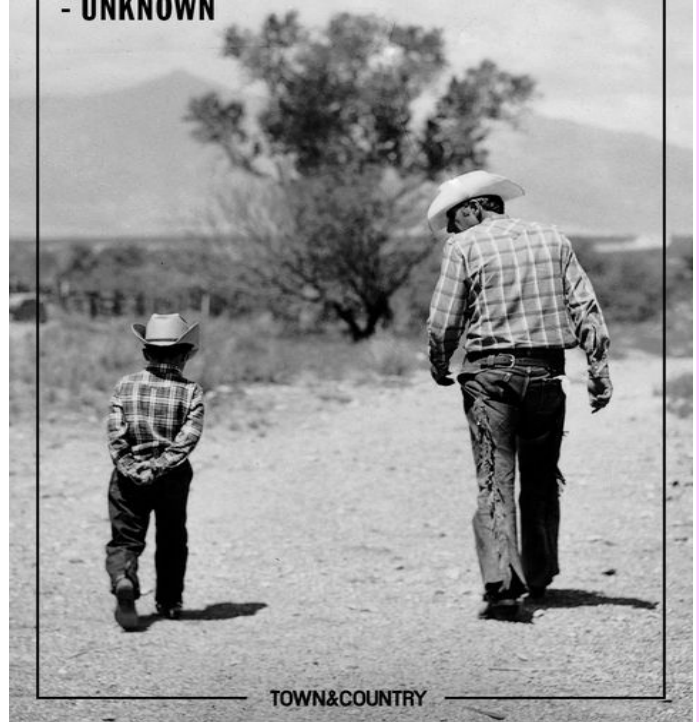
"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

- UNKNOWN



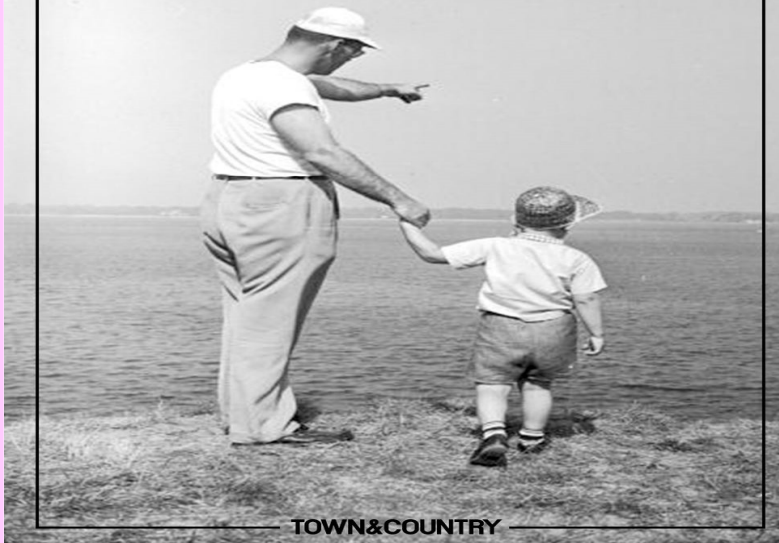
"Fatherhood requires love, not DNA."

- UNKNOWN



"A father carries pictures where his money used to be."

- STEVE MARTIN



A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.

~ Billy Graham





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What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who
wants to catch you before you fall
but instead picks you up,
brushes you off,
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who
wants to keep you from making mistakes
but instead lets you find your own way,
even though his heart breaks in silence
when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who
holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you fail...

—unknown

Inspiring and Positive Quotes

Happy Fathers' Day!

Strength of a Mountain

Unknown Author

**God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ...**

Dad!

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YOUTH CAMP

2024



Pray for the protection of all those going to camp. Pray for the safety and health of every camper and leader. Pray that this would be the best week of the year for everyone that attends. Pray for fun, joy, and adventure. But most of all pray that God will just pour out his love and blessings on everyone this week.

Youth Camp 2025
June 16th-20th

Deuteronomy 6:7



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Flag Day

Popular history holds that Flag Day became a nationally recognized holiday in 1916. However, the story of Flag Day started much earlier and includes one of the most unlikely cast of characters to step onto the national stage.

According to tradition, the city of Hartford, Conn. began this patriotic custom on June 14, 1861, after native son Victor Morris urged his community to celebrate the 84th anniversary of the adoption of the American flag with a special day of remembrance.

Public support for Flag Day picked up steam in 1885, when B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher from Fredonia, Wis., mobilized his students to celebrate "Flag Birthday" on June 14. Cigrand later championed for establishing a national flag holiday when he became editor-in-chief of American Standard magazine.

George Balch, a kindergarten teacher from New York City, brought Flag Day to the children of his school in 1889. Interest in this event became so popular that the State Board of Education of New York soon adopted its variation of Flag Day.

Across the state border, Colonel J. Granville Leach, a noted historian for the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, worked diligently to establish a similar Flag Day event in Philadelphia. On June 14, 1893, school children assembled at Independence Square, where they honored the Stars and Stripes by waving small flags and singing patriotic songs.

Not to be outdone, the American Flag Day Association organized the first general public school celebration of Flag Day in Chicago, Ill. More than 300,00 students participated in this event on June 14, 1894.

It was when Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane delivered a stirring Flag Day speech in 1914 that the nation began to recognize the significance of this event. "I am what you make me; nothing more," said Lane. "I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

All these efforts finally paid off in 1916 when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14 as Flag Day. In 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday.

President Harry Truman later signed an Act of Congress in 1949, officially designating June 14 as National Flag Day.

From nationalflagfoundation.org



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TRAIL LIFE

Trail Life USA Troop MI-0611 - USS Edson Campout Recap

May 30 – June 1, 2025 | Bay City, Michigan

Troop MI-0611 experienced an unforgettable adventure aboard the USS Edson, a retired U.S. Navy destroyer turned floating museum. Over the weekend, Trailmen explored the ship's history, learned about Navy life, shared in worship and fellowship, and created lasting memories.

Night 1 – Shoreline Campout

The troop arrived around 7 PM and set up tents along the shoreline near the USS Edson. After enjoying a hearty dinner of cheeseburgers and tater tots, Trailmen roasted marshmallows around a bonfire. Troop MI-1776's Troopmaster shared a devotion on Jesus feeding the 5,000, reminding us that God can do a lot with a little.

Day 2 – Onboard Experience

Trailmen were served pancakes and sausage for breakfast, followed by a morning devotion on encouragement and building each other up.

A guided tour of the USS Edson offered insight into the ship's radar systems, command center, and daily life at sea. Later, the troop held a respectful flag ceremony on deck to honor those who served.

Dinner featured Domino's pizza, followed by an evening devotion atop the ship on the "Four All's" of the Great Commission. Trailmen spent the night in real Navy bunks used during the Vietnam War.

Day 3 – Worship & Departure

After a quick breakfast of cereal and donuts, the troop participated in a closing worship service on the top deck. Troop MI-0611's Troopmaster preached a powerful message from the book of *Job*, focusing on the assurance of salvation through Jesus' sacrifice.

Reflections

Many Trailmen called it the most exciting campout they've ever attended. The experience deepened their appreciation for our military and their understanding of faith, fellowship, and service.

Special thanks to all leaders, parents, and Troop MI-1776 for helping make this trip possible!



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Trail Life Continued





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Trail Life Concluded





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*Anyone can be a Father, it takes
someone special to be a Daddy!*

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Special 1 Singing PM Service Calvary's Love	2	3	Bro. Mike Ringel 4 Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	5	6	7
Graduation 8 	9	10	Bro. Mike Ringel 11 Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	12	13	14  FLAG DAY
15 	16 Youth Camp	17 Youth Camp	18 Youth Camp	19 Youth Camp	20 Youth Camp	21
22 Sunday School 9:45 AM Every Sunday	23	24	Bro. Mike Ringel 25 Face Book Live & In Person Bible Study. 7:00 PM	26	27	28
Special 29 Singing AM Service Souls Harbor	30					



Dads