

A Fatherless Child

I am one of eight of my father's children. Last fall I did some research on our family tree and was able to identify 216 living and deceased family members. My oldest known Grandparent was born in 1888 and youngest great-great niece was born in 2021. I also discovered that my father died a few years later than I'd been led to believe. The research shows that I was in the third grade when he died. My memories of him are few. He was not there during my later childhood and adolescent years. Nevertheless, God placed father figures in my life. I remember several of them well.

Mr. Roberts was my Junior Sunday school teacher. He and his wife were close friends with my mother. She would ask him to give me a little male discipline when needed. It's hard to imagine anyone being stricter than momma, but he was. He had four daughters. That might account for his stern demeanor. He was a good example to me of a father who loved God and loved his family. He was there for them and took care of them. That became my dream for my future family should the Lord bless me to have one.

Mr. Mills was my seventh-grade art teacher. He took an interest in my talent as an artist. He encouraged and challenged me to do my best. His mentorship resulted in my winning a blue-ribbon award for a painting I sold to one of our city's leading optometrists. I don't remember how much I was paid, but having it hang in his office with my name on it was worth more than money to me. Mr. Mills taught me the importance of developing my God-given, natural talent, by working to make my good work, better work, and my better work my best work.

Being a teenage boy without a daddy was difficult in many ways. I needed someone to help me transition from being a child to becoming a man. I needed help with things like shaving, girls, sex, driving a car, finding a

job, managing money, etc. Thank God for uncle Sam! Not the government but my mom's brother-in-law. He and aunt Ruby would visit us regularly. Both of them always had wise counsel to give. He took time to talk with me about issues I was facing in my teen years. No topic was off limits for him and he was a good listener.

These men and others became a part of my life when I needed them. It was after I became a Christian that I came to realize that God had given me many fathers in place of my natural father. I was not a fatherless child. I was not a forsaken child. I was a forgotten child. I was a Psalm 68:5 child.



Pastor Jones with his daughter, Stacey

Happy Father's Day, Pastor Jones and all the Fathers here at Greater Salem!!! June 19, 2022

Join us on Wednesdays for Bible Study in person (except 4th Wednesdays) and via Facebook Live (Phone number and code: 978-990-5000 — 703263#) as we study God's Word!!!



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Please let us know if you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in July!!!



Please let us know if we fail to list your Birthday!!!

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Sunday School Lessons
At-a-Glance



Quarter At A Glance - by Mark S. Krause

The book of Judges documents a dismal pattern of apostasy, oppression, repentance, and restoration in ancient Israel. But these times of crisis were not unique to the period of the judges (about 1373 to 1043 BC). The two greatest crises Israel faced happened centuries later. These were the exile to Assyria in 722 BC and the destruction of Jerusalem and exile at the hands of the Babylonians in 586 BC.

Back to the Future

The prophet Isaiah lived through the Assyrian crisis, having begun his prophetic ministry in about 740 BC in Jerusalem. He foresaw the coming oppression by Babylon as a time when the land of Israel would be largely emptied of its people (lesson 1). Even so, he offered hope for a future time when “the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones” (Isaiah 49:13, lesson 2). This was a promise to the faithful of Israel, for “those who

hope in me will not be disappointed” (49:23, lesson 3).

Isaiah also saw a future that would involve more than a restoration of peace. He spoke of the final restoration of humanity, when “[the Lord] will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord” (Isaiah 51:3, lesson 4). As the passing of some seven centuries would reveal, that restoration would come through Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Unit 1: God Delivers and Restores

- Lesson 1, June 5 – **God Foretells Destruction** – Isaiah 47:10–15
- Lesson 2, June 12 – **God Foretells Redemption** – Isaiah 49:1–13
- Lesson 3, June 19 – **God's People Shall Prosper** – Isaiah 49:18–23
- Lesson 4, June 26 – **God Offers Deliverance** – Isaiah 51:1–8



Look Who Graduated - CHS class of 2022

These two young ladies are the daughters of Sis. Dana Burns and Bro. Roderick Burns, and the granddaughters of Sis. Regina Burns. They grew up in Greater Salem, singing in the Youth Choir and participating in other youth activities. They graduated last week from Central High School. Rodrionna actually graduated a year early! She is planning to attend the HBCU - [Tennessee State University](#) in the fall and major in nursing.

Congratulations to both, Rodrionna Burns and Rodanay Burns !!!



Rodrionna Burns



Rodanay Burns

Graduation News!!!

Congratulations to Taylor Garrison who received her MSW from the University of Louisville on May 14th. She is pictured below with her "little" brothers, Nathan and Trey Garrison, who are both currently in college.



May 2022 Health Notes: Vaccinating Children and Teens/Self-Testing

From the Nurses Ministry

Why Children and Teens Should Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19

Just like adults, children and teens can get very sick from COVID-19. Children may also experience both short and long-term health problems, and spread COVID-19 to others, including at home and school.

There is no way to tell in advance how children or teens will be affected by COVID-19. However, those with underlying medical conditions or who have a weakened immune system are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19.

Those without underlying medical conditions can also experience severe illness. In fact, almost half of children younger than 18 years old hospitalized with COVID-19 have no underlying conditions.



Children and teens who have already had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated. Emerging evidence indicates that people can get added protection by getting vaccinated after having been

infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. So even if a child has had COVID-19, they should still get vaccinated.

Self-testing at Home or Anywhere

Self-tests for COVID-19 give rapid results and can be tak-

en anywhere, regardless of your vaccination status or whether or not you have symptoms.

When to take a self-test:

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms test immediately.

If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 – test at least 5 days after your exposure. If you test negative for COVID-19, consider testing again 1-2 days after your first test.

If you are going to an indoor event or gathering – test immediately before the gathering, or as close to the time of the event as possible. This is especially important before gathering with individuals at risk of severe disease, older adults, those who are immunocompromised, or people who are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines, including children who cannot get vaccinated yet.

Order free tests at www.COVIDTests.gov

Buy tests online or in pharmacies and retail stores. Private health insurance may reimburse the cost of purchasing self-tests.

The COVID-19 Hotline (800) 722-5725 can answer general COVID-19 vaccine questions.

Sources: *Center for Disease Control and Prevention, www.CDC.gov/COVID-19 and www.kycovid19.ky.gov*

Attention: All Greater Salem Members!!!

The Next Quarterly Business Meeting is on
July 6, 2022.

Everybody Needs to Be There to make
an Important Decision as well as to
receive Updated Information!!!

News from the Pews!!!

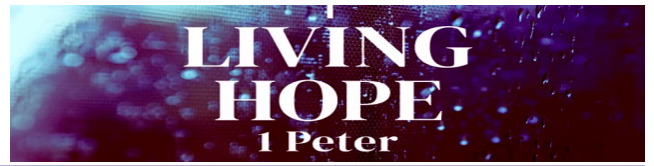


Supporters of the Scholarship Fundraiser of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc..

The Louisville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. would like to THANK YOU for attending our 46th Annual Delta Day at the Races: The Night Edition Scholarship Fundraiser Program for High School Girls. Thank you for choosing to spend your Saturday evening with us. We look forward to seeing you next year on Saturday May 13th, 2023.

Best Wishes,
Jean Phillips ΔΣΦ

Pictorial Review of Resurrection Sunday and Mother's Day



Meet Your Pastor's Search Committee

Sister Jacqueline Austin - Chairperson



Sister Austin grew up in Greater Salem, she joined the church in 1963 under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Ryan. She has been a member for 59 consecutive years. Sister Austin is the Superintendent of the Youth and Family Ministry, the leader of the Scholarship Ministry, former Vacation Bible School Director, and Coordinator of Black History Month Presentations.

Sister Austin's willingness to be a member of the Pastor's Search Committee is driven by the love she has for Greater Salem and her strong desire to see the church continue to grow and progress in the future. Sister Austin is a retired Jefferson County Public School administrator.

She is married to Deacon Larry Austin. They are the parents of one son, Gary and two grandchildren, Arion and Trey. Jacque's favorite scripture is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will direct your paths." Proverbs 3: 5-6

Deacon Stefan Dennison



Deacon Stefan Dennison expressed he is willing to work on the Pastor Search Committee because he wants to serve God and the church. "This is a very serious task that I wish to take on with prayer and God's Guidance."

Stefan works for UPS, where he has been employed since 1998. Stefan has been a member of Greater Salem for 24 years. He serves as a Deacon Director and is the designated deacon for members with last names ending in the letter B. Deacon Dennison is also a member of The Youth and Family Ministry, the leader of the Audio/Video Ministry and a Sunday School and Bible Study Teacher for youth.

Stefan is married to Lenette Dennison, they are parents of three children: Kiara, and twins, Kaylin and Kameron. Stefan's favorite scripture is "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Sister Wanda Ellis, Secretary



Wanda L. Ellis has been a member of Greater Salem for 17 years. She works with the Adult Ushers and has participated in the Women's Ministry. Wanda explains her willingness to be a member of the Pastor's Search Committee by stating, "Searching for a pastor is very important to me and the congregation. I want to do God's will and be a part of the process." Sister Ellis further stated that when she was asked to be a part of the committee, her response was, "I'll see what's involved before I comment." After the first meeting, she said "I knew I wanted to be involved. I pray that I am an asset to the committee. Philippians 4:13 is my encouragement."

Wanda is serving as the secretary of the Search Committee. She is retired from AT & T. Sister Ellis is divorced and is the mother of three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Wanda's favorite scripture is "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me". Philippians 4: 13

Deacon Theron Exum, Vice Chairperson



Theron Houston Exum has been united with Greater Salem Missionary Baptist Church for twelve years. He is a Deacon Director and serves faithfully as the designated deacon for Congregational Care, serving members with the last name ending in the letter C. He is also currently actively involved with the Youth and Family Ministry, Junior Ushers, Discipleship and Edification Ministry and Decision Counselors Ministry. He also serves as a Sunday School and Bible Study Teacher for the youth.

Theron works at Spectrum as a Specialist in the Internet Repair Department.

Deacon Exum is single and doesn't have any children. He stated that he has made the commitment to work on the Pastor Search Committee, "To help be a voice for the youth and next generation. When looking for a pastor, you must look past today and tomorrow. Instead, you must look two, three or even ten years into the future and consider what kind of pastor will be needed to meet the needs of the congregation at that time."

Deacon Exum is serving as Vice Chairman of the Pastor's Search Committee. His favorite scripture is "And there came a voice from Heaven saying, Behold This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am Well Pleased." Mark 1:11

Pastor's Search Committee - Cont'd

Willie Glover expressed his willingness to become a member of The Pastor's Search Committee by simply stating "There was a Need!" Deacon Glover has been a member of Greater Salem for 57 years. He is retired from General Electric Appliance Park.

Willie, also known as Tee, serves as a Deacon Director and is the designated Congregational Care Deacon for members with last names ending in S. Deacon Glover is also a member of the Male Chorus and the Evangelism Ministry. He is married to Deaconess Patricia Glover and is the father of two daughters, Patricia Unseld and Carolyn Foote.

Deacon Glover's favorite scripture is *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8

**Deacon Willie Glover****Deacon Gary Head, Prayer Leader**

Gary Head united with Greater Salem Missionary Baptist Church in September 1968. He is a Deacon Director and serves faithfully as the designated Congregational Care Deacon for members with the last name ending in H. He also works with the Special Events Ministry.

Gary is retired from Veterans Hospital.

Deacon Head explained why he is willing to be a member of the Pastor Search Committee by stating "As a follower of Christ, I want to live for Him and serve Him in every way. I want to be involved in the changes that are coming in the future." He serves as the Prayer Leader for the Search Committee.

Gary's favorite scripture is: *"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."* Philippians 2:5

**Deacon Kenny Smith**

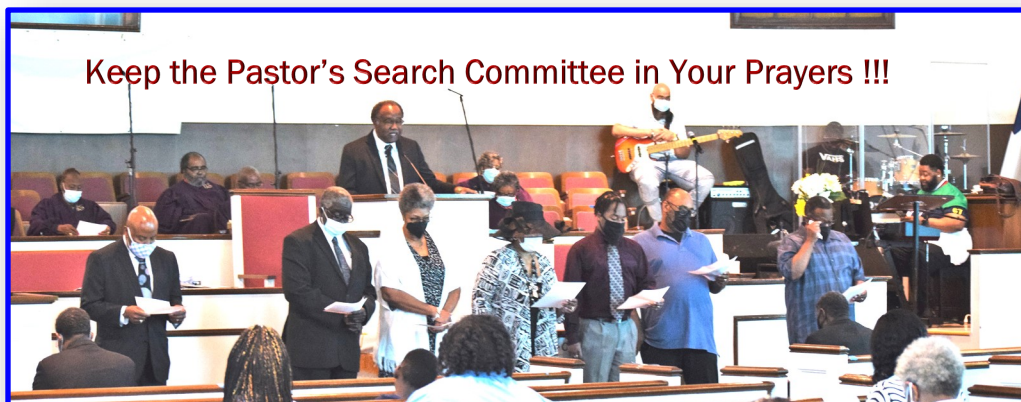
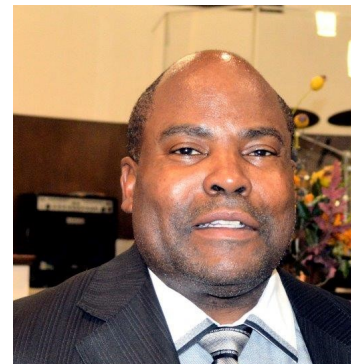
Kenny Smith is a lifelong member of Greater Salem. He was born into the membership as a baby and was baptized here in 1972.

Kenny is the son of the late Deacon Glenn Smith and Deaconess Everlean Smith, who served faithfully here at Greater Salem for many years. He is the Congregational Care Deacon designated to serve members whose last name ends in the letter A. Kenny is also an active member of the Adult Ushers Ministry.

Deacon Smith is a widower and was married to the late Linda Smith. He is the father of two daughters, Dana, who lives in Florida and Sherisa, who resides here in Louisville. He is self-employed and owns Oasis Coach Line. Deacon Smith also works as a local contractor.

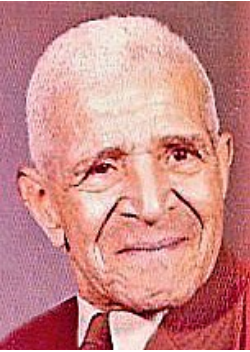
When he was asked why he accepted the request to serve on the Pastor's Search Committee, Deacon Smith said that he wants to be a leader and a mentor in the church for future generations.

His favorite scripture is *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16



A Tribute to one of the World's Greatest Fathers

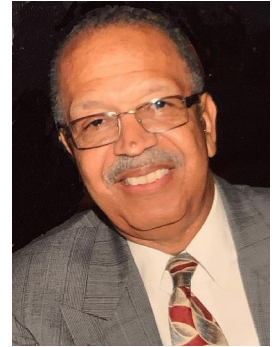
-Like Father, Like Son-



This Father's Day, it is an honor to pay tribute to one of the world's Greatest Fathers: Wesley Austin, Sr.

Wesley Austin, known as "Wes" to his close friends, "Big Daddy" to his grandchildren, simply "Daddy" to his children and Deacon Austin to his church family, at Hopewell Baptist Church in Dalton, Georgia.

One of his children, his youngest son, is a member of Greater Salem Baptist Church, Deacon Larry Austin.



Like Father like Son: the first similarity of this father and son duo is they were

both selected to be ordained deacons and made the commitment to serve their Lord and their Savior faithfully as men of God. Deacon Wes Austin served as Treasurer of his church in Dalton. Deacon Larry Austin is serving faithfully as the Finance Ministry Leader at Greater Salem... Like Father, Like Son, they both served with the Finance Ministry of the church. Mr. Wesley Austin was not only actively involved in his church, he was actively involved in his community. He was a member of the Mason's Lodge #238. He attained the highest ranking officer of Grand Master. He was recognized in 1990 for 52 years of dedicated service. Deacon Wesley Austin was an army veteran. He joined the army on April 24, 1917 and proudly served in World War I. He was recognized in his hometown of Dalton as the last living World War I Veteran. A plaque recognizing his distinguished honor still hangs in the City Hall of Dalton today. Deacon Wes Austin went to Hawaii for his army training, where he said the mosquitoes would put you out of bed if you let them!

While serving in the army, he used his horse riding skills that he learned growing up on his family's farm in Georgia. He was one of only four mounted men in his company to have this honor. Deacon Wes Austin shared, in a newspaper interview once, that one of the most exciting times he spent in the army, was chasing Mexican Bandit Revolutionary, Francisco "Pancho" Villa across the dessert sands of Arizona. He was part of the expedition of soldiers who were sent deep into Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa.

Deacon Larry Austin is also an army veteran. Although, he was drafted into the army and didn't join willingly, he served in the Vietnam War: Like Father, Like Son, another similarity, they both served their country in the army branch of the military. While serving in the army, Wes Austin played the bugle. He once explained this job required him to be the first man up every morning. His son, Larry followed in his footsteps...while serving in the army Deacon Larry Austin also played the bugle. Another similarity, Like Father, Like Son.

After his army days, Mr. Austin worked as a cook on the L & N Railroad and at the Whitfield County Jail. Wes was known for his cooking on and off the grill. He was the king of BBQ and could prepare any type of food! He was known for his golden brown finger licking good fried chicken and his perfectly fried catfish. He was a true Top Chef! This might be where the similarities end for father and son...Although Deacon Larry can hold his own in the kitchen, he hasn't quite achieved the Master Chef status.

Mr. Austin was well known and well respected by everyone who knew him. Over the years, due to his strong character and integrity, the Austin name gained respect and carried clout in his community, even with those individuals who had never met him.

Working on the railroad for many years required Deacon Wes Austin to be away from home all week. Until he retired, he was only able to spend weekends at home with his family. This limited time at home did not affect his ability to form a close and loving relationship with his children or hinder him from teaching important life lessons.

One of those lessons that has stuck with his children, especially his youngest son, throughout the years, is "You can learn more by listening, than talking. Listen carefully and be slow to speak." Although Wesley Austin wasn't a man of few words (he could talk to you for hours and never run out of things to say) when he spoke, he got your attention. He was a true pillar of his community and was deeply loved.

This Father's Day we give thanks for the life of Wesley Austin, Sr. If he were alive today, he would be 124 years old. He passed away in 1992 at the age of 94. His legacy lives on and the precious memories we have of him will be cherished in our hearts forever.

What a Man, What a Father, What a Blessing!

Black History Highlights: So You Want to Learn about Juneteenth

By Derrick Bryson Taylor June 19, 2021 (Edited by GNL staff due to limited space. See address below for full text)

This story was first published in 2020. It was updated in June 2021

On June 19, 1865, enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas, were told they were free. A century and a half later, people in cities and towns across the U.S. continue to celebrate the occasion.

Juneteenth, an annual holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, has been celebrated by African-Americans since the late 1800s.

But in recent years, and particularly following nationwide protests over police brutality and the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and other Black Americans, there is a renewed interest in the day that celebrates freedom.

The celebration continues to resonate in new ways, given the sweeping changes and widespread protests across the U.S. over the last year and following a guilty verdict in the killing of Mr. Floyd.

Here's a brief guide to what you should know about Juneteenth.

What is Juneteenth?

On June 19, 1865, about two months after the Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Va., Gordon Granger, a Union general, arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved African-Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. General Granger's announcement put into effect the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued more than two and a half years earlier on Jan. 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln.

The holiday received its name by combining June and 19. The day is also sometimes called "Juneteenth Independence Day," "Freedom Day" or "Emancipation Day."

How is it celebrated?

The original celebration became an annual one, and it grew in popularity over the years with the addition of descendants, according to Juneteenth.com, which tracks celebrations. The day was celebrated by praying and bringing fam-

ilies together. In some celebrations on this day, men and women who had been enslaved, and their descendants, made an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston.

Celebrations reached new heights in 1872 when a group of African-American ministers and businessmen in Houston purchased 10 acres of land and created Emancipation Park. The space was intended to hold the city's annual Juneteenth celebration.

Today, while some celebrations take place among families in backyards where food is an integral element, some cities, like Atlanta and Washington, hold larger events, like parades and festivals with residents, local businesses and more.

While celebrations in 2020 were largely subdued by the coronavirus pandemic, some cities this year are pressing forward with plans.

Galveston has remained a busy site for Juneteenth events over the years, said Douglas Matthews, who has helped coordinate them for more than two decades.

In 2021, the city will dedicate a 5,000 square-foot mural, entitled "Absolute Equality," on the spot where General Granger informed enslaved African-Americans of their freedom. The city will also mark the holiday with a parade and picnic.

The History and Meaning of Juneteenth

"When I think about Juneteenth as Emancipation Day, and I think about this moment, I feel like we still need to be emancipated." *June 19, 2020*

A new national holiday

Previous efforts have failed to make it a national holiday, and few have fought harder for the recognition than Opal Lee, an activist in Fort Worth who campaigns for the cause.

On June 17, 2021, it became the 11th holiday recognized by the federal government. The Senate on June 15 passed a bill to recognize the day, and

the House approved the measure the next day. President Biden signed the bill into law the day after that, immediately giving federal employees the day off this year.

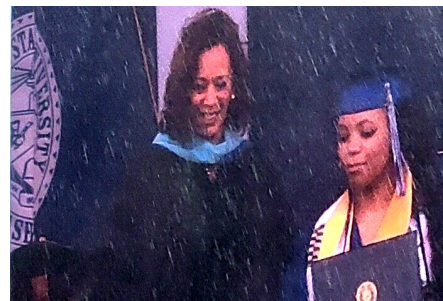
In 1980, Texas became the first state to designate Juneteenth as a holiday, though the recognition is largely symbolic. Since then, at least 45 states and the District of Columbia have moved to officially recognize the day.

<https://www.nytimes.com/article/juneteenth-day-celebration.html>



Congratulations to Jekeya Hyler 2022 who graduated from Tennessee State University on Saturday May 7th, 2022 Jekeya graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Psychology.

Pictured above: Jekeya's Grandmother Elaine Hyler, Jean Phillip, and Jekeya's grandfather, Wayne Smith. The commencement address was delivered by Vice President Kamala Harris. It poured down on Saturday morning, but that did not stop the commencement.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY FOR JUNE

BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: Fathers of the Bible

OPENING PRAYER: “Lord, thank you for our fathers. Thank you for all fathers who point us to you. Help us learn from their examples as we strive to obey your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURES: Genesis 6:6-10, Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 22:1-2 & 9-12, Matthew 1:18-24

LESSON OBJECTIVE: To learn how God used biblical fathers to display his own unique qualities and to fulfill his plan of redemption.

MAIN IDEA: Learning from biblical fathers (and fathers around us) will help equip and motivate us to follow God’s will.

MATERIAL(S): blank paper, pencils, pens, and large white poster board.

MEMORY VERSE: “Honor your father and your mother as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 5:16

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Fathers have a great impact on our lives and our faith. In this lesson, children will learn about three biblical fathers: Noah, Abraham, and Joseph. They will learn that obedient, faithful service to the Lord is a part of the great plan for mankind to be redeemed through Jesus Christ. Children will also gain an understanding that even though earthly fathers aren’t perfect, God is the perfect, eternal father who has a special plan for each of their lives.

As you begin the lesson, remind your children again that in this Bible Study today, we’re going to learn about three very important fathers in the Bible who trusted God and obeyed Him.

1. Start the lesson by reading about Noah in Genesis 6:6-10. Ask, “How is Noah described (righteous, blameless, favored, faithful)?” Write the answers on the white poster board and explain that Noah was chosen by God because he was faithful even while living in an evil world. We can also learn about “Noah’s legacy” when we read about him in the New Testament.

Have your children turn in the Bible to Hebrews 11:7 and follow along with you as you read the scripture aloud. After reading the scripture, share with them that Noah’s “holy fear” enabled him to be obedient to God. Because of Noah’s obedience, he was rewarded by not only saving the lives of his own family but by becoming an “heir of righteousness (of Christ).” Emphasize that Noah’s example of faithful, holy living challenges us all to choose obedience to God over anything the world has to offer. Explain this further by sharing that “Noah was faithful and God considered him ‘blameless’ even though he wasn’t perfect. But Noah’s ‘favor’ with the Lord shows us that God knows our hearts and will reward us for our faith.”

2. Next, read Genesis 22:1-2 & 9-12 to discuss Abraham’s qualities. Identify the words that describe Abraham’s actions: (sacrificial, trusting). Remind your children that Isaac was Abraham’s ONLY son, yet he was still willing to give up Isaac as a sacrifice to God. Ask, “What does Abraham teach us about obedience to the Lord (that we should obey him even when it’s hard)!!” Explain that Abraham was also rewarded for his trust in God because he became the leader of the Hebrew people and heir to the Savior, Jesus Christ.

These two examples are about fathers who obeyed God many, many years ago and how God rewarded them for being obedient. We must remember that we can also expect God to do amazing things for us today when we

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are willing to make sacrifices to obey Him. Share that God made the biggest sacrifice of all – sending his son, Jesus, His ONLY son to die for us!

3. Finally, share the third father in the Bible we are learning about today. Read Matthew 1:18-24 and discuss the characteristics of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. Identify words that describe Joseph's actions: (obedient, humble). Share how "fascinating it was that Joseph willingly decided to be Jesus' father even though he knew there would be many challenges for him. We learn from Joseph's example that we can be obedient and serve God even when we are faced with a tough job and a hard decision. God expects all fathers to be examples of His loving and protective nature. Even when human fathers fail, we can trust in a God who is always there for us and will never leave us and will never let us down.

PLAY THE GAME: "Name that Father"

Give your children paper and pencils or pens to write with. Ask them to number from one to eight. Then write the answers to each question on the large white poster board (in random order) so your children may choose from the words (answers) written on the poster board. As you read the questions below, out loud, ask your children to write one of the names listed on the poster board to answer each question.

1. Which father almost sacrificed his son in obedience to God? (Abraham) *The story starts in Genesis 22. In the first two verses, God has a challenge for Abraham. He tells him to take Isaac to Moriah and offer him up as a burnt sacrifice.*
2. Who was Solomon's father? (David) *2 Samuel 5:14 — These are the names of David's sons who were born in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,*
3. Who had twin boys? (Isaac) *When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. 25 The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. [b] 26 After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. [c] Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.*
4. Who was the first father on earth? (Adam) *Just as Eve was the first mother, Adam was the first father.*
5. Whose sons became the twelve tribes of Israel? (Jacob) *The Israelites were divided into 12 tribes named after Jacob's sons*
6. What was the name of John the Baptist's father, who was silenced by God until John's birth? (Zechariah) *Zechariah is also a prophet in Islam, and is mentioned in the Qur'an as the father of Yahyā (John the Baptist).*
7. Who was Jesus' earthly father? (Joseph) *God chose Joseph to be the earthly father of Jesus.*
8. Which father lost all his children on the same day but later received more children as a blessing from God? (Job) *A mighty wind swept in from the desert" and destroyed the house where all of Job's children were gathered for a feast, killing all of them (Job 1:18-19)*

Review the answers and discuss the Godly qualities each of the fathers represented, by explaining, "In this Bible Study lesson, we have focused on three specific fathers from the bible and how their obedience to God played a part in God's plan to save mankind through his son, Jesus." If your children have difficulty identifying the fathers, take time to read scripture that will help them identify the right father.

Repeat the MEMORY VERSE: have your children write the memory verse on a strip of construction paper. Circle the word father and point out that this is the same memory verse we learned last month when we learned about mothers in the Bible. They should have it memorized by now. Glue the two ends together to make a loop.

Parent Connection: *Parents can hang the paper chain in your child's room and encourage him or her to recite the verse at bedtime and each morning. Watch the paper chain get longer as children memorize more Memory Verses!*

CLOSING PRAYER; "God, thank you for being our perfect heavenly father. Help us follow the faithful and obedient examples of the fathers in the Bible and the fathers who have directed us to you. Amen.



Submitted by Sister Jacque Austin
Youth and Family Ministry
Reference: Ministry to Children

The 94th Anniversary of Greater Salem Baptist Church was held during the morning Worship Service. The theme for the day was "Faith Makes All Things Possible" Luke 1:37. The unity colors of Green and Gold could be seen throughout the sanctuary. Pastor Deryk D. Hayes of the St. Paul Baptist Church at Shively Heights delivered the message "The Beauty of Boldness" from Acts 4:13-22.

94th Church Anniversary

April 24, 2022



Historical GSBC Photos



Sis. Wanda Ellis served as the Prayer & Worship Leader/M. C.

Sister Hattie Hunt was recognized as one of 6 living GSBC members 94+ years old



Pastor Deryk D. Hayes encouraged us to be Bold Christians



(Above) Members of GSBC who have been members for 50+ years were recognized



Usher Charles Forbes dons the Gold Unity color during the Celebration



Deacon Chairperson James Toney recognized GSBC Members for years of membership

Deacon James Toney presented Bro. Harold Gilmer with recognition from Sister Henrietta Studdard and GSBC for 34 years of service as the GoodNewsLetter Editor.



Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!

⇒ Sunday Worship services are held in the sanctuary and streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.

⇒ The weekly Bible study will be held live in the Sanctuary and continue on Facebook Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. The number and access code are: (978) 990-5000 - 703263#.



⇒ You can join in the weekly Sunday School Class in-person in the Sanctuary or via conference call at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Just call (978)990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code: 721799#.

⇒ On Wednesday nights after bible study, we now have an in-person Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Although it is not shown on FB LIVE, those who are watching bible study on FB LIVE and anyone else can call in to join us for prayer service during that time. The Dial-in number is 605-472-5736. Access code: 2239663. .

⇒ Wednesday's Noon Day Prayer Service meets in person each week in the Church Sanctuary .

⇒ The Women's Ministry's Bible Study classes will resume once the schedule is determined. All women, ages 18 and over are welcome.

⇒ Men's Bible Study is being held In-Person in the sanctuary and by Conference call on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month at 10:15 AM. The dial-in number is (605-468-8738. The access code is 5398693.

⇒ Tithes and Offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings. Online Giving can be accessed on the church Website through VANCO. Vanco Online Giving is on the GSBC website, greatersalembaptist.org under the HOME/Give heading. Click on the link and follow the simple step-by-step Process.

⇒ If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)

⇒ You can get a paper copy of the Good-NewsLetter on the first Sunday after worship service or via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.



PUZZLE

A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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“But you will receive _____ when the Holy _____ comes on you; and you will be my _____ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the _____.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV



FOLLOW ME
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN
Matthew 4:19

Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron



Answer: (See Exodus 32:1-6.)



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



Christian Symbol

SEED

The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV).

<https://peacewithgod.net/god-please-help-me/>

WILL GOD HELP ME???

SOME STEPS TO RECEIVE HIS HELP

“GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, ALWAYS READY TO HELP IN TIMES OF TROUBLE” (PSALM 46:1).

Commit your life to Jesus and then strive to commit your problems to Him every day.

Step 1 – God’s Purpose: Peace and Life

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and eternal life.

The Bible says:

“We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Romans 5:1

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16

“I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
John 10:10

What keeps us from having the life God planned for us?

Step 2 – The Problem: Our Separation from God

God created us in His image. He gave us a will and the freedom of choice; we choose to disobey Him and go our own way—which is called sin. This separates us from God.

The Bible says:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 6:23

Our choice to sin separates us from God. People have tried many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God.

The Bible says:

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”
Proverbs 14:12

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”
Isaiah 59:2

No bridge reaches God... except one.

Step 3 – God’s Bridge: The Cross

Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. When He did He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between us and God.

The Bible says:

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 2:5

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”

1 Peter 3:18

God has provided the only way back to Him. You must make a choice.

Step 4 – Our Response: Receive Christ

We must trust and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Bible says:

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

Which side are you on? The side with Christ or without Him?

Here is how you can accept Christ into your life:

- Admit your need. (*I am a sinner*)
- Be willing to turn from your sins. (*Repent*)
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. (*Be saved by faith*)

Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to control your life through the Holy Spirit. (*Receive him as Lord and Savior*)

Pray this Prayer

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

If you are interested in and want to talk to someone about this, you can contact the Church office at 502-587-8869 and speak with Deacon Merrill or any member of the Evangelism Team!!!

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(See Page 13 for updated schedule of in person and online audio or video opportunities)

A Note from your GNL Editor

Thank You Greater Salem for sharing your Personal and Ministry Good News and Testimonies each month. If you have something you'd like to share next month please give it to me; send it to me at hegilmer1@msn.com; or leave it in the church office!!!

Harold E. Gilmer

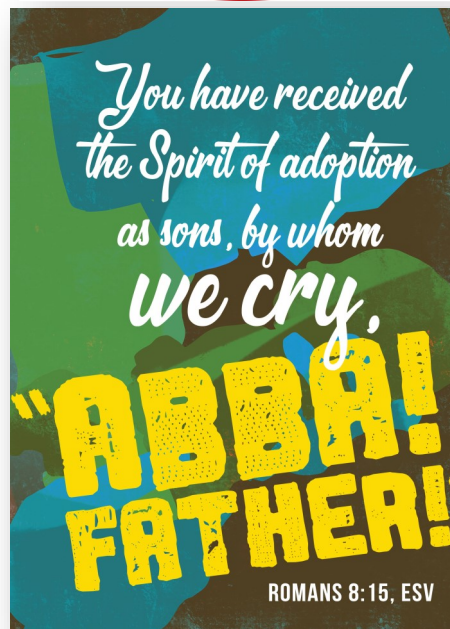


That's Father!

Now I think of all achievements 'tis the least
To perpetuate the species;
it is done By the insect and the serpent, and the beast.

But the man who keeps his body, and his thought,
Worth bestowing on an offspring love-begot,
Then the highest earthly glory he has won,
When in pride a grown-up daughter or a son
Says "That's Father."

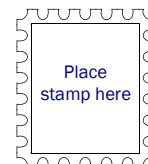
—from "Father," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox
—Peggy Ferrell



MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST
ONE HEART AT A TIME - ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

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6/19/2022

DON'T FORGET— FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 19TH