



# Cancer

**Brad Hurd.** Liver cancer & spreading to lungs.

**Steven Kelly.** Friend of Lovell's. Stage 4.

**Ken Moran.** Odell's son. Stage 4 cancer.

# Special Needs

**Ryan Kendrick.** Special needs.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.

# Nursing Home

**Sibbie Byrd.** Health issues.

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Dementia .

# Need for Prayer

**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

**Jack Beavers.** Health concerns.

**Pete Beavers.** Jack's brother. Broken foot.

**Dixie Clifton.** Undergoing some medical tests.

**Drew Clifton.** Dixie's grandson.

**Mary Grace Faulkner.** Severe burns.

**Larry Guilliams.** Recovering from a heart attack.

**Norman W. Hill.** Health concerns.

**Hester Hollandsworth.** Health issues.

**Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health issues.

**Rita Lawless.** Recovering from Pneumonia.

**Odell Moran.** Health concerns.

**Amanda Smith.** Recovering from a broken foot.

**Prayers for Caregivers.**

**Prayers for our Country, Military.**

**Prayers for Israel, Palestine, & Ukraine.**

*To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact*

*Matthew or Jonathan.*

*Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.*



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### Times We Meet:

#### Sunday:

**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.



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## How We Honor Our Fathers

My father passed away in 1996. My maternal grandfather left this earth in the 1960s. My dad's dad died in the mid-1970s. Yet, I plan on honoring my "fathers" today in a special way. While we are worshipping and praising the Lord, I plan to thank the Lord for the influence my father and my two grandfathers had on my life.

It might surprise you to know that the Bible is full of examples of how godly people continued to honor their fathers (and mothers) even after their deaths. One example is Joseph, son of Jacob. His life's story is found in the last half of the book of Genesis. When Joseph was on his deathbed, he made a request that when the Exodus occurred, his family would take his body back to the Promised Land and bury him (Genesis 50:25). Four hundred years later, when the Exodus happened, Joseph's "sons" honored their "father" by doing what he had asked (Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32).

Thanking God for the good things our fathers provided is certainly a good and scriptural thing to do (Philippians 1:3-4). This is one way we can honor our dads (Ephesians 6:1-3). —Larry Fitzgerald



### Encouragement for Fathers

Being a Dad is one of the greatest honors in life, but it's also one of the most difficult jobs out there. Culture's skewed expectations and diminishing view of fatherhood haven't made our work as dads any easier. We know the importance of providing, protecting and leading; but, how do we do that faithfully in today's world?

Thankfully God's word exists to encourage and lead us in the work of fathering. One place we find great encouragement is the Psalms.

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate"* (Psalm 127).

Here are four lessons that we can quickly take away from these words of wisdom.

**Let the Lord BUILD your home (v. 1).** This isn't talking about nail guns and power tools (although those are cool!). He is raising the question, "Is God at the center of everything holding all things together?" If not, let him build beyond a dwelling and establish your home.

**Accept the Lord's protection (v. 1).** As a father, we take security seriously. While we can check the locks at night and make sure our kids wear their seat-belt, here we are challenged to trust in the providence of almighty God and let Him protect us eternally.

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#### June Birthdays!

20TH KAREN LOVELL  
21ST PETE LOVELL



#### June Anniversary

21ST PAUL &  
SHERRY LIRETTE



#### Potter Children's Summer Commodities Outreach!

This season, we are asked to bring in: **Evaporated Milk, Penne Pasta, Taco Seasoning Packets, Fruit Cups and Rice Cereal.** If you would like to donate funds to help purchase Fresh Foods & Dairy, please put those donations in the offering boxes and mark it for Potter. Please bring pantry items to the lobby. **All items and donations must be brought in by: Sunday, June 23.**



#### 4th of July Breakfast!

We will have a 4th of July Congregational Breakfast. More information to come!



#### Solution

True; heaven, hallowed; bread; evil; trespasses, Father

## PAUL MAYS HYMNS



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So, what might Jesus give you as a nickname? He knows our hearts and our ways better than anyone. Complainer? The Servant? Joy Killer? Learner? The Encourager? The Gossip?

What trait is the one that defines us in the eyes of others? Is it one that is befitting of a Christian?

*“Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name” (1 Peter 4:15-16). —Barry Haynes*

***“On the Lighter Side”******Unwanted Visitor***

A man, down on his luck, went into a church which catered to the “uppity.” Spotting the man’s dirty clothes a deacon, worried about the church image, went to the man and asked him if he needed help. The man said, “I was praying and the Lord told me to come to this church.” The deacon suggested that the man go pray some more and possibly he might get a different answer. The next Sunday the man returned. The deacon asked, “Did you get a different answer?” The man replied, “Yes I did. I told the Lord that they don’t want me in that church and the Lord said, “Don’t worry about it son; I’ve been trying to get into that church for years and haven’t made it yet.”

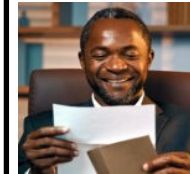


# Happy Father’s Day!

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**Let the Lord guide your work (v. 2).** The role of provider is not something most dads take lightly. However, we can easily become entangled in the grind and exhausted from the tempo. Remember, reliance upon God in all things leads to peace.

**Enjoy the reward of children (v. 3-5).** Sometimes screaming babies, inquisitive toddlers, needy young ones, and temperamental teenagers can cloud our eyes to the blessings of our children. Don’t forget to stop and enjoy the joy that they are now and will continue to be in the future. Thanks for being a dad who puts God first!  
—Ryan Parsons

***Thanks Dad***

William woke up at his usual time on Sunday morning and headed for the kitchen. As he walked down the hall, he remembered that it was Father’s Day. But this would be a different Father’s Day than all the ones before because this would be the first one in which his 18-year-old son, who was away at college, would not be around. As he sat reading the paper, his wife brought his breakfast along with a card in a big tan envelope. He opened the card to read:

Dear Dad,

Sorry I can’t be with you this year for Father’s Day, but I wanted to write and thank you for a few things...

- Thanks for taking the time to teach me about life.
- Thanks for catching me before I fell.
- Thanks for letting me fall so I could learn to get up.

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### Matthew 6:8-15



1. True or False: God knows the things you need before you ask Him.
2. "Our Father in \_\_, \_\_ be Your name."
3. "Give us this day our daily \_\_."
4. Jesus encouraged His disciples to pray to be delivered from the \_\_ one.
5. "But if you do not forgive men their \_\_, neither will your \_\_ forgive your trespasses."

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- Thanks for showing me how a man should treat his wife.
- Thanks for teaching me how to work hard.
- Thanks for showing me a man can be strong without being mean.
- Thanks for praying in front of me.
- Thanks for baptizing me.
- Thanks for teaching me about Jesus.

*"Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding" (Proverbs 4:1).*

—Jay Launius

### **Cross Cutting**



I once saw a cartoon reminiscent of the scene from Mark 8:34 in which the Lord Jesus challenged believers to "take up your cross." Within the cartoon, numerous figures were dragging large crosses. Each moved slowly under the weight of the oversized burden. Suddenly, a character spoke out and asked, "Is there a way to lift some of this load?" The next depiction showed the cartoon character sawing off a portion of the cross, thereby lightening his load.

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From that moment on, the cartoon character (with his "new and improved" cross) moved out ahead until he reached a large crevasse. The huge gap had no bridge, thereby stranding the character. Others arrived, lowered their crosses onto the crevasse, bridged the gap, and then resumed the journey. Suddenly, the character discovered that his new and improved version did not reach the other side. He found himself stranded. Realizing his mistake, the character fell to his knees in prayer.

This story may be fiction, but it mirrors a common problem: a lack of true dedication among church members. Rather than being devoted to Lord Jesus, some choose to take a non-committal approach. Sadly, the "short cross lifestyle" often leaves people unprepared and unequipped for the tough times. Such a choice is inconsistent with the words of Christ when he exhorted: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23, NKJV).

Don't be a cross cutter!

—Kenny Westmoreland

### ***What's In A Nickname?***

Abraham Lincoln once served as a character witness, although it is doubtful he did much good. When asked about the word of a man named Peter Lukins, Lincoln responded honestly, "Well, he is called Lyin' Pete Lukins."

In the Scriptures, we get some insight into the nature of some biblical characters by the names they are given. For example, Jacob is called Israel or one who struggles with God, and Barnabas is called the "Son of Encouragement."

Some of these names were imparted by Jesus Himself, like Simon Peter the Rock or the Sons of Thunder, James and John.

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