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Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Wes Johnson. Cancer.

Steven Kelly. Cancer.

Ryan Kendrick. Special needs.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Carolyn Roop. Health concerns.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

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To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.

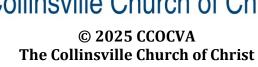




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> **Times We Meet:** Sunday:

9:30 a.m. **Bible Study:** Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:

Virtual Psalms Class:

12:30 p.m. on Facebook.



Fathers

No. 24

June 15, 2025

"Did you do your homework?" I'm very proud of you!" "Do you need anything?" "I love you." "Can you hold this light for me?"

These are just a few of the words I can still hear my father saying to me. Although my father has been gone for 24 years, I can still hear and see him; my mind is never far from him.

I thank God I understand the love, kindness, care, and concern of an earthly father. I miss my father dearly and strive to be the father to my kids he was to me. I have tried to live a life that honors him and shows appreciation for all he has done for me.

Each year our nation sets aside an official day to honor and recognize our earthly father. As I grow older, I continue to remember my father, count it an honor to be my kids' father, and to focus on pleasing my Heavenly Father!

God set the standard for being a father by showing llove.

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Message Alert:

"Fathers" Continued from Front Page... First John 4:7 says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

God unselfishly sent His Son to function as the "propitiation" for our sins. This should motivate us to love God and to live a life of Christian obedience that is worthy of His approval.

God demonstrated love for man in many ways. God created the world (Genesis 1:1), He allows man to have freedom of choice (Genesis 2:15-17), and He made provisions for fallen man (Hebrews 5:8-9).

How does man show love for God in return? We should grow in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18), live a life that displays our allegiance to God, (Romans 12:1-2), and focus on the promise of Heaven if we remain obedient and faithful to the Scriptures (Revelation 2:10).

I miss hearing the words of my earthly father, but I want to live my life so one day, I can hear my Heavenly Father say, "...Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23). —Allen Jones

Who is Dad?

Who is dad? He is a man of **Faith**, that is, he is committed to the Lord Jesus and leads his family is the straight and narrow way. For a man who is a husband and father to not do this is to let his family down.

He is a man **Assured** of his direction in life. When much younger, many boys try to find their way in this world, what do they want to do, how will they make a living, by what philosophy will they live. This is something we all can relate to. Once he finds it, then lands safely on that directive path, he is assured where he is going and how to get there. "Who is Dad?" Continues on Page 3...





Iune Birthdays!

20TH KAREN LOVELL 21ST PETE LOVELL



<u> June Anniversary!</u>

21ST PAUL & SHERRY LIRETTE



Men's Breakfast!

Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat. June 27th! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.



5th Sunday Potluck!

Our Next 5th Sunday Potluck will be on Sunday, June 29th following worship! Please bring your favorite dishes, desserts and soft drinks to share.



Pizza/Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on July 12th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm





New Notification System!

Our Notification - calling system and app will be fully operational next week. Next Sunday following Worship, we will have a brief video to introduce us to the new system. Watch your emails this week, Matthew will be sending out an email that will provide in-

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And God, Could You...

Events unfolding this past week reminded me of something that happened when our children were very young. Our four-year old son was sitting down to eat his breakfast. As we bowed to pray to God, he asked God to help his cough get better and to help his sister get well and not have fever anymore.

Then it happened! What we have all thought but perhaps were hesitant to pray. At the very least, what we have all wanted to say...

"And God, could you do it quickly."

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Do we still have that faith and trust? Do we still believe that God hears and cares? Do we still love to talk to God?

We all want God to act on our behalf - right now!

As we mature in Christ, we come to understand more fully that God's timetable and God's agenda are not always the same as our own. We understand that "the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom" (1 Corinthians 1:25). We grow to have confidence that "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

This does not mean, however, that we should not ask God the desires of our heart. James 4:2 says, "You do not have because you do not ask." Prayer is powerful! Prayer is effective! God hears our prayers!

What beautiful lessons we can learn from our children! Trust God! Tell Him what is on your heart! Let Him do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

To Him be the glory!

—John Helbig

"Who is Dad?" Continued from Page 2... He is Thoughtful man. Not too much good can be said about a reactionary man, something who reacts before thinking. There are times in life when one's anger boils quickly, but it is during those times when slowness to respond is a matter of prudence and wisdom.

He is a **Husband**. When one thinks of father's day, the children are to be the love- product of a father and mother, a man who loves and treats his wife as the Lord treats the church, loving and nourishing.

He is a man who is **Error-prone**. With the positive qualities mentioned thus far, strange that I would include this negative characteristic, I suppose. Yet, it is very much true. Any man who truly knows himself knows he is a man of many failures. Because of this, going back to faith above, he relies on the Father of Glory to give him strength to carry on.

He is a man who is **Reassuring**. Just as the Father of Glory gives reassurance to him, so he is reassuring to those of his family that fail in their own responsibilities. More than that, however, he is reassuring to the many that he interacts, encouraging them, correcting them, being firm with them because he wants what is best for them (all as needed).

Tough to live up to? Not really when you think about the One to whom we must give an account—the Father of Glory.

—Ron Thomas

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Jonah and the Love of God

Before you criticize Jonah too severely, put yourself in his place. God commanded him to preach to Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian

empire. Assyria was a fierce and dreaded enemy of Israel. I could make you nauseous with details of the Assyrians' cruelty to their enemies. The worse the pain they could inflict and the longer they could make it last, the better they liked it. No doubt Jonah would have been happy for God to wipe them from the face of the earth. Good riddance!

How would you react if God told you to go preach to Pyongyang (North Korea, ruled by Kim Jong-un)? Or to Kabul (Afghanistan, ruled by the Taliban)? Or to ISIS in parts of Syria? Jonah's assignment had much in common with those.

Jonah was wrong to disobey God. Let there be no doubt about that! Jonah's nationalism kept him from understanding God's love for even the worst of sinners. God's nature doesn't change. Today He isn't willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9); that was true in Jonah's day too. The sheer ignorance of the Assyrians didn't excuse their hideous abuses, but it did result in the Lord being longsuffering with them even as He was with Israel and still is with us.

Can you love people who hate you and would be all too happy to kill you if they could? Jesus prayed for the very people who were mocking and murdering Him. A few weeks later His blood cleansed some of them from their sins!

God loves the good and the evil, the just and the unjust, His love is perfect (complete, mature, Matthew 5:43-48). It's nothing special to love those who love you (v. 46). But loving your enemies makes you like God.

What a Difference a Day Makes I just had a birthday. It was a birthday that ends in zero. This is the

seventh one I've had. It was a birthday that caused me to reflect on my life. The reflections cause me to look backward and forward. When I was growing up, old folks used to say: "time flies." The writer James told of life and stated, "It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." (James 4:14 NKJV) Reflection is good for the soul. It causes us to look at where we are and where we ought to be. The Psalmist stated regarding life, "For it is soon cut off, and we fly away." (Psa. 90:10)

Where have I been? My past life is gone. The present is now. Whatever mistakes I made in the past I need to forget and move forward. The apostle Paul had to remind himself to do that. He stated he was "forgetting those things which were behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead (Phil.3:13). I can't change the past, but I can make the present better.

Where am I now? God is concerned about where we are now. The urgency of the moment is expressed in several Bible passages. Paul wrote, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). We should be "redeeming the time" (Eph. 5:16).

Where will I be in the future? I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future. The best way to prepare for the future is to prepare now. The future happens with the dawn of every new day. As one person stated, "Today is the start of the rest of your life." My entrance into heaven depends on what I do while here on earth. I have the chance now to do what I must to enter heaven one day. What a difference a day can make. We must obey Jesus today, so that we can see Him tomorrow. (John 12:48; Heb. 5:8-9).