

## A FATHER Kind of Love

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER is about strong, active love. Not sentimental, passive love. His love steps up and changes our future. He is a protector, a provider, a guide. He is a planner and creator. When things fall apart, he steps in and rebuilds. His qualities are praised in scripture: *“The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished”* (Exod. 34:6-7).

It is clear that discipline is part of his nature. Yet the Bible attributes this to his care: *“The Lord disciplines the one he loves”* (Prov. 3:12, Heb. 12:6). The outstanding quality of our Father’s complex nature is his love.

**Our Heavenly Father is the model for fatherhood.** And if you wonder what our Father is like, Jesus said, *“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father”* (John 14:9). Look at Christ! The popular greeting card version of Jesus is watered down. The real Jesus of scripture not only had words of love but strong words of discipline. He was a serious man taken seriously by his followers and his enemies. He accomplished his goal. On the cross he shouted, *“It is finished!”* He defeated death and sin, providing salvation for everyone who would turn to him. He appointed his apostles, gathered his followers and launched a church spanning the world that has lasted 2,000 years. He won. And he is coming again.

God has given us an example to follow. It’s obvious we fall short. All fathers bear the burden of leading while secretly knowing their own shortcomings. Yet a true father sees a need, and steps up to fill the gap whether he feels worthy or not. Too much is at stake to sit on the bench. He knows if he steps up he’s going to take some hits. But like our Heavenly Father, his love is active, not passive. We owe thanks to our Heavenly Father, and our earthly ones too. In their active love, they have both taken their hits for us.

*Mark*

# Happy Father’s Day

**Missions Meeting, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>:** right after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. For all who have been involved in missions and are interested in missions.

**Special TEEN CLASS Starting Wednesday PM:** Starting THIS Wednesday night the teens will have their class at *Chick-fil-A* with Mr. Rick. Be on time since we leave the church at 7:05!

**Youth Group:** Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the church building from 1:00-3:00 for a summer Picnic. Parents and siblings are invited, too. You can bring soda or desserts.

**Children’s Church Meeting, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> Right After Sunday Worship for anyone interested in helping.** We will take a break from Children’s Church until after VBS.

**Elders & Wives Will Meet JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>:** on a Monday, 6:00 PM at the Finn’s home for a meal.

**Cathedral Kitchen:** Our next date to serve is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30pm. Questions? See Vivian.

**Wed. PM – July 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> :** We are taking VBS fliers out into our community.

**"Dressed-To-Serve Sunday" – July 10:** Come dressed to serve as we will be cleaning-up the building in preparation for VBS. We will share a pizza lunch.

**The VBS Team From Sylvan Hills Church of Christ**  
Will be arriving on July 16<sup>th</sup> with **25 people.**

- **MEALS:** We need some serving Christians to sign-up on the bulletin board to help with some lunch and dinner meals, each to feed around 35.
- **HOUSING:** See Chris Ann if you can help with housing for any of our 25 guests.

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Dave Williams

**Welcome & Scripture:** Carl Smith (Psalm 16:5-11)

**Opening Prayer:** Bill Ceraso

**Lord's Supper:** Nelson Nuñez, Bret, Rich Fabi, Hardee Perazzelli

**Scripture Before Message:** Jonathan Powers (Rev. 22:6-11)

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Finn

**Father's Day Presentation:** Rick Boyle

**Remembering Clarence:** It was one year ago this week that our brother Clarence Carter went on to be with the Lord. Our prayers continue with Vivian, Andre, and Ivan.

**Nursery: Brenda & Tina** Next Week: Hoa & Layla

**Green Cleaning Team:** June 22-25 **Hardee** coordinates

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher

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**Worship Total..... 120**

Bible Class ..... 83

LIFE Group..... 18

**Contribution..... \$2,468**

**Budget Goal.....\$4,260**

Daily Bible Readers: 31

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

