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## WHAT I WANT FOR

## FATHER'S DAY

(Author Unknown)

**DAD**  
A son's  
first Hero.  
A daughter's  
first Love.

My son asked me what I wanted for this Father's Day. I appreciate his inquiry. I appreciate it because I know him and I know that he truly wants to honor me. I've given considerable thought to the matter. Here is a list of some of the things that I really want for Father's Day. (I believe every father that is trying to live for Christ has this or a very similar want list.)

- I want each of my children to know in the depth of their heart that I am glad to be their father. Daily I thank God for the privilege of being their father.
- I want them to know that I value each of them highly and love each of them much. When all else is said and done, the embrace of their love makes life worthwhile.
- I want my children to know that I have tried, and am still trying, to be good to them as a father. No perfection is claimed, but my effort is real and from the heart.
- I want them to know that I have only good will toward them and desire only good will from them. Any counsel, any advice, every word spoken has been under control of this desire.
- I want them to know that I have tried to be a good example for them, and if there be any place I have failed to be that for them, I beg their forgiveness. I am aware that the steps I take, the things I do, impact them – and I want it to be for good not ill.
- I want them to know that their faith in Christ and their faithfulness to Christ is very important to me. I pray every day that the Lord will help me draw them and their mates and their children to Him. I want everyone to know the Lord and to live for Him, and especially my children.
- I want them to know the joy and love of family, beginning with mom and dad, to the embrace of their own children, and being extended to the love of the people of God. I want them to know that it is in loving one another that we honor others and God.
- I want them to know the joy of living for Christ, the contentment of a daily walk with God, the strength of character that God provides as they live for Him. I want them to know the reality of "pressing toward the mark for the high calling of God."
- I want my children to know the hope of heaven. I want them to know the compelling power of that hope, the reassuring nature of the hope. I want them to be able to instill that hope in their children, and each of us to be able to share that hope with one another.

This is what I desire for my children each day, and as a father this is what I want for Father's Day. (Thanks for asking, Son.)

## NOTHING FOR MY CHILDREN

Dear Mother and Dad,

I know you will never see this. I wish so much you were both alive so I could tell you about the great debt I owe you. I have been writing articles about the decision parents must make about whether to take children to worship when there are no classes or special activities for them. These articles have, for obvious reasons, reminded me of what the both of you did in raising Barbara, Jerry, Dot and me. I just wanted to thank you for what you did.

How well I remember those days at West Huntsville in that white frame building. I can never forget those Sunday mornings when we divided into classes and went to the four corners of that one room building. I don't remember any lessons, but I know that what I am today was shaped at those times.

I do remember Sunday nights. You have long forgotten that special, little tan notebook you bought me and encouraged me to just write down any verses the preacher mentioned. You might be surprised that I still have it, but it is one of my great treasures. I don't remember any sermons (but those preachers became my heroes)-but you taught me the importance of listening in worship in such a remarkable way.

I especially remember Wednesday nights. There were no children's classes, so we all sat together in the auditorium. (Who could forget that pot-belly stove?) I don't remember any specific lessons anyone taught, but I do remember how intensely you and all the people studied the Bible. I probably didn't even understand what you were discussing, but you, by your very actions, created in me a longing for truth. You talked about it on the way home, and unknowingly, molded my life. I am today what I am because of what you have done. Thank you for taking me to worship even when there was nothing special for me.

~ author unknown

*"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ...bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* I Cor. 11:1; Eph. 6:4b

## From Cody's Desk

Another great week! Of course, with this group it is hard to have a bad one. Our trip to the summer youth series in Fulton was a great time; we had several go and hear *Kirk Brothers* speak. *Brothers* is the head of the youth ministry department at Freed-Hardeman University, and one of my teachers. Hearing him was very uplifting and I think the kids really enjoyed it. This upcoming week we are going to have our first big event of the summer, a lock-in! Which is a little scary to have a group together all night. Though, I am looking forward to another week here.

Devotional Thought:

It's finally summer time! No more classes, no more tests, no more school! Time to set back and relax for a few months. Right? For some of us summer is a lot more tiring and jammed-packed than the school year. Ball practice, ball games, hanging out with friends, youth group activities, and you can't forget sleep. There is nothing wrong with being busy. It has been said that idle hands are the devil's workshop, so being busy can be a good thing. However, sometimes we get busy and it becomes so easy to forget some of the simpler things. Psalm 46:10 tells us, *"Be still, and know that I am God."* Now when you read this verse in it's context, it's talking about God keeping us safe in trials and tribulations. It tells us that we should not fear because God is taking care of us. But summer can turn into one of those times where we are stressed, beaten down, and tired. If we forget to keep God at the center of our life, then a busy summer turns into a really difficult time for our faith. It is going to be hard I won't lie to you. But this summer be sure to take time to slow down and to be still and spend some time with your Father in Heaven.

Events: Lock-in - Friday & Saturday June, 13 & 14 ; Bowling Night - Monday June 16

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## PRAYER LIST



**Pat Reed** remains in the Tupelo Hospital, but is expected to be moved to a rehab facility in the near future.

**Bill Lyon**, received several shots last week to help with his migraines, but they have not yet helped.

**Wadie Lepard** was admitted to the Tupelo Hospital Sunday morning with vertigo. They are also monitoring her heart.

**Rivers Robertson**, mother of *Troy Robertson*, health is declining.

### Continual Prayer list:

**Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Larry Hester, Harvey Lovelady, Phillip Young, Joel Holley, Billy Smith, Nancy Petrowski, Maxine Dunlap, Tetterian Wilson, Tony Cross, Glen Jumper, Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Alicia Dukes, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young**

### Shut-Ins:

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter**

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

**Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn**

### Military List:

**Tim Baxley, David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud**

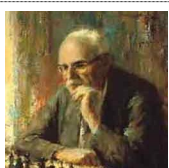
## IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to *Parker & Laura DePriest* of Memphis, TN on the birth of their daughter, *Libby*. *Libby* was born Saturday, June 7th, and weighing 5lbs 15oz and was 19 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are *Steve and Jane DePriest* and great-grandparents *Bill and Helen DePriest*.



## Wise Thoughts

What children say, they have heard at home.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 12..... Collett Cross  
June 16..... Lucille Gibson  
June 18..... Madison Griggs  
June 20..... Cindy Ashmore

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 12..... Rex & Jennie Bell  
June 12..... Martin & Erica Crotts  
June 14..... Austin & Jessica Garrett  
June 14..... Greg & Lynn Harrison  
June 16..... Richard & Kathy Jennings  
June 20..... Dean & Viva Dillard



## THAK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Family,

I am overwhelmed at the love and concern since my surgery. My recovery is going well and I greatly appreciate your prayers and support. Thank You.

In Christian Love,  
Phillip Young

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for the welcoming heart and kindness you all have shown me. I greatly appreciate all the wonderful gifts during my graduation. I am grateful for the Bible I was given. It will help me along in my Biblical studies. Thanks again for all you have done.

In Christian Love,  
Keely Chunn

## 3RD SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Sunday night June 15th, we will have a fellowship supper following services. Bring finger foods.

## AREA EVENTS

You're invited to Vacation Bible School June 15-19th (7:00 nightly) at Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc. There are classes for all ages.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

### MINISTER

Mike King ..... 507-0625  
 Home..... 534-6872  
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### ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....534-6671  
 Troy Robertson .....534-3491

### DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Clay Ormon  
 A.M. Prayer.....Bill Botts  
 Closing Prayer..Hunter Jennings  
 P.M. Prayer .....Dan Cobb  
 Closing .....Perry Jones  
 Wed.6/18 .....Harold Crowe  
 Wed.6/11 .....Shane Crotts  
 Usher & Lock ....Brad Pounders  
 Greeter .....R & K Jennings

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....NA  
 Sunday A.M..... 132  
 Sunday P.M.....90  
 Wednesday..... 117  
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### PANTRY ITEM

Soup

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### Fathers in the Bible

1. Who was the father of Ishmael and Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who was the father of Esau and Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the father of Cain, Abel and Seth? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the father of Joseph and his brothers? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was the father of Manasseh and Ephraim? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who was the father of Aaron and Moses? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who was the father of King David? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who was the father of Ham, Shem and Japheth? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who was the father of the prophet Samuel? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who was the father of King Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who was the father of Joshua? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who was the father of Jonathan? \_\_\_\_\_

See: Gen. 25:8,9; Gen. 25:25-28; Gen. 4:1,2; Gen. 30:25; Gen. 41:51,52; I Sam. 16:19; Gen. 5:32; I Sam. 1:19,20; II Sam. 5:13,14; Ex. 33:11; II Sam. 9:6

