

From The Minister's Pen



Faithful Fathers — Thank You

As we think about the various roles in which our fathers serve in the home, we find no greater example of a loving Father than from the Lord Himself (Eph. 1:2,3,17). One of the most familiar descriptions of our spiritual Father is found in **Psalm 23**. In these beloved six verses, David shows us several pictures of the faithfulness of the Lord. As fathers who follow in the Lord's steps, men of God should likewise be faithful to their children. From these scriptures, three things that are important to faithful fathers are identified:

The **PRESENCE** of Faithful Fathers (vs. 1-3). *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."* Our Heavenly Father has blessed us with bountiful spiritual blessings, in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3). However, we often forget that one of those blessings is His **presence**. Our God loves us so much that He longs to be with us as we live for Him. This is the reason He's prepared heaven as our home (John 14:1-6). As Christians, having the Lord present in our lives gives us the courage to do His will (Matt. 28:20).

Fathers who cherish the lives of their children and truly want what's best for them will be present with them. Although it's his responsibility to provide physically for the family, it's also up to him to determine the home's direction in other areas as well. Making time to spend with children is one of the best ways fathers reinforce proper values in the hearts of their children. One well-known saying is, "Children spell 'love' 'T-I-M-E.'" If men are to be faithful fathers in the mold of the heavenly Father, they must be present with our children. Faithful fathers, we **thank you** for your **presence**.

The **PROTECTION** of Faithful Fathers (vs. 4-5). *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."* There are some things we as God's children are incapable of handling alone. God's presence coupled with God's power gives us ultimate protection from our greatest fears. James tells us that the devil "will flee" from us if we submit into the presence of God. He flees because of the power of our

Father (James 4:6-10). Thanks be to God for His constant protection of our souls.

Likewise, fathers have the responsibility to **protect** their homes. No father would casually allow an intruder to enter his home, leaving his family to fend for themselves. Fathers must make sure they are not leaving their children's souls vulnerable to spiritual intruders. Fathers have the authority and responsibility (Eph. 6:1-4) to lead the home toward spiritual purity while limiting sinful influences. **Thank you fathers**, for your spiritual protection of today's children.

The PROMISES of Faithful Fathers (vs. 6). *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”* At the end of this difficult life, we should be thankful for a God who has great dreams for us, and who has planned and prepared for those to come true. We have the precious and true promises of God awaiting.

Responsible fathers understand the importance of dreaming dreams for their children, and doing all they can to help their children reach those dreams. There are numerous examples where fathers (and mothers) have pushed too hard and been unreasonable with their dreams and expectations. Faithful fathers, however, know the importance of looking to the future as they raise their children. They know today's choices will affect tomorrow's circumstances. Ultimately, fathers dream for their children to become faithful Christians. They make sure to encourage them as they make that decision and long after they've made it. **Thanks to you faithful fathers** who've helped your children **lead lives of faithfulness to the Lord.**

A faithful father looks forward to the day when he—and his child—will dwell with the LORD forever. **THANK YOU FATHERS!**

A Christian Father

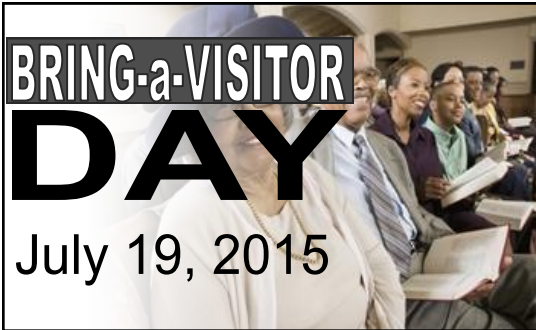
A child's first glimpse of the Heavenly Father's love, faithfulness and provision is the love, faithfulness and provision of an earthly father.

A child's first whisper of the safety, security and guidance that the Heavenly Father offers is the safety, security and guidance of an earthly father.

A Christian father communicates, by his words and deeds, eternal truths about God. Thank you, dads, for being the kind of fathers whose own abundant care of us reflected God's most perfect care.



Church News and Views



BRING-a-VISITOR
DAY
 July 19, 2015



Broward Health “Man Van”

Broward Health has offered the church the “Man Van” for our annual Health Fair. To secure the Man Van, at least **25** people (both men and women) must sign up.

The Man Van is the first of its kind in South Florida. It offers a 30-minute health screening session that addresses an array of health conditions such as prostate cancer, heart disease, diabetes and vitamin deficiencies. Screenings are for both men and women including blood tests for cholesterol, thyroid function, complete blood count and metabolic profile, prostate specific tests for males, blood pressure check, etc. Most insurances are accepted. This represents a **\$2,000** value. If you do not have insurance coverage, it is being offered for an economical flat rate of **\$75.00**. **Please sign up at the Hospitality Desk.**



Vacation Bible School July 5th - 9th, 2015

Get ready for VBS! Each member should have made plans to attend and has invited someone. **Bro. Samuel Pounds** (Winter Haven, FL) will be the guest instructor in this year’s adult class. Bro. Pounds is well-known for his exceptional knowledge of the scriptures and ability to deliver God’s word. **Bring your friends** so that they too can have the opportunity to hear his lessons on the following topics:

- The Bible, God’s Book
- God’s Love for Us!
- Jesus, God’s Son
- Jesus, Our Friend
- God’s Plan of Salvation

VBS workbooks for the adult class are now available in the Education Office.

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Bevon Fitz-Garnett Brown
 (Baptized: June 10, 2015)

Marjorie Balch
Taniqua Smith
 (Placed Membership: June 14, 2015)



71st Church Anniversary and
HOMECOMING
 July 18 - 21, 2015

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VBS Activity Hour

This year's Vacation Bible School will include an "Activity Hour" for attendees. Members of the alumni team and the VBS planning committee have planned fun and interesting activities for our youth and the "young at heart". Activities will include the "Amazing Race to Christ" experience, *Light & Darkness* experience, movie time, and arts & crafts activities. Activity Hour will be on Monday through Thursday of VBS from **4:00PM** until **6:45PM**. Youth and adults who plan to attend should **sign up at the Hospitality Desk**. This will help us determine the amount of materials needed.

Movie Day: Wednesday, July 8th
(All ages invited)

The WORLD
NEEDS
The WORD.

Share the gospel with
someone this week.

Remember to sign the Family Day
food donation list that has been
placed at the Hospitality Desk.

WSWN 900 AM
9:00am (Mon-Fri)

WEXY 1520 AM
12:30pm (Mon-Fri)

Back to the Bible
Radio Program

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Bible Study (5:00PM)..... TODAY
Sick Ministry (7:00PM) June 22
Mid-Week Bible Study (7:30PM) June 24
VBS Planning Committee (10:30AM) June 27

Pray one for Another
- James 5:16

"Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick"
(John 11:3)

Shut-In:

Charles Davis, Camille Ewers, Paul Facyson,
Paul Frances, Ermine Mullins, Joyce Parrish,
Marion Williams, Lillie Jackson

Prayer Requests:

Bobby Ace, Ethel Bess, Laura Blidge, Louise Bowman, Richard Brazil, Arnetta Cross, Raf Campbell, Ron Cullingford, Sydnee Crow, Aletha Denmark, Felisha Downer, Sharon Eason, Nelzene Edwards, Loerine Ellis, Shirley Evans, Bessie Everitt, Barbara Freeman, Hanley Freeman, Dudley Hill, Arbie Humphrey, Lois Hutchison, Jacquelyn Irvin, Veanna Irvin, Becky Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Annie Lee, Kevin Larkins, Nancy Logan, Suzanna Middleton, George & Sharon Monroe, Willie Mae Morris, Jennifer Neita, James Newson, Rosie Newson, Johnny Richardson, Shay Roache, Akiko Robinson, Shirley Seays, Richard & Jean Sherman, Arnold Smalls, Maxine Smith, Yvonne Stokes, Linda Stokes, Brandi Stroman, Alexander (Joe) Sutton, Ernest & Mae Thomas, Samantha Tobias, Rolinne Trompe, Roosevelt Tukes, Johnnie P. Walker, Johnny Walker, Lillie Walker, Lucille Walker, Joshua Webb, Marie Webb, Annie Williams, Betty Williams, Charles Williams, Jackie Williams, Rosa Williams

“We Come Into This House To Worship Him”

(John 4:24)

MONTH OF JUNE

MORNING

EVENING

Announcements

Reginald Johnson

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Song Leaders

Joey Snell

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Prayer

Willie Hamilton

Henry Brown, Sr.

Scripture (Reading)

Raymond Thompson

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Song

Sermons

Dr. W. F. Washington

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Call To Obedience

Counselors: K. Hutchison / J. West
C. Jean / W. Hamilton

Confessions /Prayer Petitions

Keith Hutchison (Officiating)

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Offering (1 Cor. 16:1,2)

AM —Officiating: Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson

Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7)

(1) *Left*, J. Franklin

(2) *Left*, B. Thomas

(3) *Left*, G. Barbee

(4) *Left*, E. Holcombe

(1) *Right*, B. Byrd

(2) *Right*, L. Frazier

(3) *Right*, C. Jean

(4) *Right*, D. Edwards

Alternate: T. Evans

PM —Officiating: Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson

E. Thompson M. Hughes J. Franklin

E. Holcombe C. Jean D. Stokes

Alternates: B. Thomas, M. Strong

Ministerial Announcements

Doxology

Dr. W. F. Washington

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Dismissal

Davonte Gray

Terry Evans

Worship and Praise Leaders

Keith Hutchison, Reginald Johnson

Ushers

Head Ushers: **Tony Hugley, Booker Bess**

Auditorium: Bros. T. Hugley, B. Bess, F. Williams, D. Adams,

E. Thompson, R. Johnson, J. Chance, J. Outler, M. Jeanty,

D. Gray, S. Wilson, D. Freeman, R. Rouse, C. Rouse

Lobby: I. Johnson, H. Penn

Back Hall: D. Brooks, J. West

Hospitality Desk / Concierge

Alice George, Sharon Evans