

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Lovell
(FV) Doug Pruett
(O) Mike Mallett
1st prayer Jorge Garza
2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Kevin Grant

June 19th

Father's Day

June 21st

First Day of Summer

June 26th

Noon Fellowship

July 3rd

Mission Sunday

July 4th

Independence Day

July 10th

Men's Business Meeting

Happy Anniversary

July 10th

Judy & Kevin Grant

July 25th

Valerie & Jorge Garza

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Prayer List:

Families in Uvalde, TX
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Mona Lancaster
Cheryl Burks
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception (and my wife's fervent belief!), was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed, there were no Father's Day cards! Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America, other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

As we celebrate our earthly fathers on the day set aside for honoring them, let's also remember to honor our Heavenly Father. Furthermore, let's realize that we have a duty to honor Him not just one day out of the year, but every day we can awake to a new morning.

Much like William Smart, God has provided for and continues to provide for His numerous children - but in ways that far surpass those of mortal man. God loved sinful man so much that He gave us His only Son to pay the price for our sins (Romans 5:8). Do we show our appreciation to Him for that? Does God know that we love and revere Him? Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15) and again, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

Honor your Heavenly Father every day for all of the good in your life, because our blessings are surely too great in number to count. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Even when we face our darkest hour, when our lot in life seems to be as terrible as Job's, God is still there for us - just waiting for us to make our hearts known to Him (I Sam. 1:15; Heb. 4:16; Jas. 5:16). Honor God by doing His will and by continually thanking Him for all the blessings that are showered down upon us all.

I wish all fathers a happy Father's Day and pray that we all will make every day a "Father's Day" in honor of our Heavenly Father, the God of Heaven from whom all blessings flow.

By R. W. McAlister

Conversion of a Religious Man

The treasurer of Candace, queen of Ethiopia, had traveled over 1000 miles "to worship" at a religious festival in Jerusalem, as recorded in Acts 8:26-39. As he was riding home in his chariot, he was reading from what we would identify as the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. He was met by a stranger, a deacon named Philip, who asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?" Acknowledging the fact that he didn't understand, he was then willing to be taught. Philip, using this scripture as the foundation, "preached unto him Jesus." Isaiah's prophecy, given over 700 years prior to this time, was of the coming of one who would be rejected by His people, but would be as the sacrificial lamb, taking upon Himself the burden of man's iniquities. After foretelling His vicarious death, Isaiah was inspired to affirm the unheard of—the prolonging of His life in His resurrection. This Ethiopian official was learning the identity of the One who on man's behalf has "poured out his soul unto death" and thus "bare the sin of many." A religious man was enabled to have his heart opened to a message of hope. Condemned by God's Law, the light of the Gospel now breaks through any clouds of despair.

When the Ethiopian nobleman heard the Good News, something Philip had preached made him aware that he needed to be baptized. When they had come to a body of water, he asked, "What would hinder me from being baptized." Upon being told, "If you believe with all your heart, you may," he confessed, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Stopping the chariot, both Philip and the Ethiopian "went down into the water", where Philip baptized him. It was then written of him, "He went on his way rejoicing." Though previously religious, he would no longer be in doubt as to his acceptance with God. He had passed from being lost into a state of salvation in Christ.

What this Ethiopian needed is what is still needed today—a knowledge of the fact that the Son of God has come, and that He has taken care of the sin-problem, taking upon Himself our guilt upon the cross, being buried, and rising triumphant from the tomb as the Victor over death. Man today needs the same Good News that Philip preached. Man today needs to respond to that Gospel as did the treasurer—confession of faith and baptism. The promise of Jesus for that day is unchanged today: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). No "sinner's prayer" will suffice. No voting of eligibility by a congregation would be required. What will be required for any to go on his way rejoicing today would be to identify with the Lord's death, burial and resurrection in being "buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). When you have believed what this religious man believed, and have done what he did, you will have become what he became—a follower of Christ, a Christian—nothing less and nothing more.

By Ron Bartanen