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DADDY'S GREATEST ROLE

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Ephesians 6:4
Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

There are many roles a father plays in his children's lives. He is provider, protector, hero, coach, and confidante, to name a few. But his greatest role is to bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. This is the most important role because it not only prepares the children to be good, decent people in this life, but also prepares them for eternity with God. How is the father to do this? Does he need to become a theologian and provide formal classes for his children? No. God gives a guaranteed method of rearing children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

In Deuteronomy 6, God instructs the Hebrew fathers to model godly living before their children. They were to saturate their lives and homes with righteousness and regular, natural conversations about God. This virtuous lifestyle would prompt their children to inquire about its roots (Deuteronomy 6:20). Their questions would open the door for the father to recount the works of the Lord in his life and to guide his children towards putting their faith in Him. It is important to note that the father must model genuine faith because his children will sniff out any counterfeit. A father, then, must cultivate an honest relationship with the Lord. He must trust Christ as his Savior and follow Him as his Lord. As the father enjoys this deep, personal relationship with Christ, his children will learn from observation and experience the difference Christ makes in a life. They will see that Christ makes life worthwhile and, God willing, want Him too.

responsibility? Do you feel inadequate to the task? Are you unsure about your biblical prowess? Focus on following Christ diligently yourself, and trust God to open the doors. God will give you the grace and the strength to live consistently as long as your heart is genuine before Him "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him," (2 Chronicles 16:9).

May God bless you as you embrace your greatest role of drawing your children's heart towards Him.

Pastor James

So fathers, how are you doing with this great

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

JUN 20

Join us via Zoom video
 Please contact Pastor James
 for log on information at
rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

JUN 23

In-person at church.
 For teens
 ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

JUL 2 & JUL 16

Join us in-person
 at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

JUN 25

These ministries are
 available every Sunday
 during the morning service
 Kidzone for ages
 6-12 yrs. old.

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

JUN 22 & JUN 23

In-person at church.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

JUN 25

In-person service and
 Livestreaming on Facebook,
 Youtube and our webpage.

- **Ladies Meeting Saturday** at 10 am (please note adjusted time). Stephanie will be hosting.
- **Vacation Bible School is July 17-21.**
 A) Members may sign up to serve at the Information Center.
 B) Students can be registered online.
- **Explore Mountain Stream Class** for folks interested in becoming members or just finding out what our church believes continues Sunday at 10 am. Sign up at the Information Counter to attend.
- **Growth Groups** continue Thursday and Friday **June 15 & 16.** Please sign up online or at the Information Counter to attend one convenient to you.
- Join us for our **Father's Day picnic** following the morning service on **June 18.** The church will provide the burgers and hotdogs and you may bring sides and/or desserts. Please sign up at the Information Counter if you are bringing an item.
- **Family Fun Day is August 6th** at Bulldog Realty & Property Management (formerly Mountain Manor). Sign up at the Information Counter to help with this wonderful outreach.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!