

## Morning Worship

June 19, 2016

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Sharon Waters

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

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# Happy Father's Day!

Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Chorus # 177 "There's Something About that Name" Tim/People

Offering/Worship Prayer Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Sharon Waters

Prayer and Fellowship with God Medley: Tim/People

#447 "Trust and Obey"

#446 "Take Time to Be Holy"

#445 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Anthem "You are God Alone" Worship Choir

Scripture Reading John 3:16 Allan/People

Message Allan Lane

Hymn # 294 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Tim/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Chorus of # 571 "Let Others See Jesus in You" Tim/People

## The Perfect Father

John 3:16

*We look to the "experts," secular as well as Christian, to help us become better fathers. Yet we need not look any farther than one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. It's a passage that really reveals what the perfect father looks like, because it teaches us four ways our Heavenly Father relates to us. The Perfect Father ...*

### **1) ... loves his children.**

"For God so loved the world..." Here's a fascinating fact: The moment your children are born, you love them. In fact, we love them even in the womb! I used to talk to my children through my wife's belly button! Did you guys do that? I know that most of you men wouldn't admit it, but you probably did the same thing.

The point is this: they haven't done anything to earn your love, but you love them anyway. Why? It's because they're yours. You'll continue to love them, no matter what.

Your children might disappoint you. They might anger you and at times you might want to disown them, but you'll always love them. Even mean fathers love their children. How?

**a) unconditionally .**

**b) expressively .**

Our heavenly father expresses his love to us time and time again. Even in the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve had sinned, God took care of them — He made

clothes for them and covered their nakedness. Throughout Scripture God affirms His love for us. We know He loves because He says so.

God tells us He loves us, and He shows His love for us. His ultimate act of love was sending His son Jesus Christ into the world to die for our sins. Maybe your father didn't know how to express his love for you. If so, you can be sure he regrets it. But don't make the mistake of transferring your earthly father's weaknesses to your heavenly father. God loves you unconditionally. He said so, and He backs up His words with actions. Regardless of the relationship you have with your earthly father, you can have a personal, heart-to-heart relationship with your heavenly father. He loves you unconditionally, just because you're you, just because you're His. That's what a father does. He loves his children. Dads, don't forget to show your children how much you love them. And don't forget to say those words, "I love you."

## **2) ... gives to his children.**

Jesus said... "God so loved the world that he gave..."

What did God give to us? His son. He sent Jesus into the world to die for our sins, so that we could be forgiven and live with Him forever. That's God's ultimate gift to us, but it's not the only gift He's given us. Look around at all you have. He's given us our homes, our parents, our families, our skills, our talents, our intellect. He gives us sunshine and rain, warm weather and cold weather, beautiful flowers and trees to decorate the landscape. He gives us birds to sing to us. He gives us animals and insects to clean up after us. God gives to us every day of our lives. He meets our needs; He answers our prayers. He tackles our problems. Our God is a giving God!

If you're a father, there are two things you need to give to your children.

- 1) Your money.
- 2) Your time.

Both are important. An abundance of one doesn't negate the need for the other. Your children need you to provide for them materially, and they need to for you to be there for them emotionally. That means you must be:

- a) resourceful .
- b) available .

There's a story about a single guy who was visiting his married friend. The married man had a little boy who was playing on the floor in front of them while they talked. As they talked, the married man made an odd comment. He pointed to his son and said, "There goes my chance for ever having a boat. As soon as I get the hospital bill paid he'll need braces, and by the time I get those paid for, he'll want a car. When that's paid off, it'll be time to pay for college. By then I'll be too old to want a boat."

What was he saying? Being a father requires sacrifice on our part. There are some things in life we have to do without because we have a greater obligation: to provide for our children. As a father, there are sacrifices you'll have to make. In fact, you've probably made lots of sacrifices already. They're part of the job description, and part of the joy of being a father. Your children may never fully understand how much you sacrifice for them. Personally, I think that's the way it should be. The last thing your children need to hear is, "If it weren't for you I'd have a boat."

A father gives to his children. He gives time and he gives money. Both are essential, and we have to be diligent to maintain a delicate balance between the two. It would be easier to be just the provider, and let the wife take care of raising the children. But, children need their father to be more than a provider. They need him to be emotionally available, too. If spending time with your father isn't an option, here's something to keep in mind. Your heavenly father is always available. You can call on Him anytime, day or night. You can talk to Him about your troubles, your

fears, your dreams, and He will listen. He is always available. A father gives. He is there for his children.

### **3) ... expects from his children.**

John 3:16 is God's plan of salvation. It shows us what He does for us — He gave His son so that we can be saved — and it shows us what He expects from us: "...that whoever believes in him..."

We have a role to play in our own salvation. God expects us to believe in Him. He doesn't expect more than we can give, but He does expect us to do what we can. We don't have the capacity to be perfect. We don't have the capacity to pay the price for our own sins. But we do have the capacity to believe. This is what God expects from us. Likewise, a good father has certain expectations for his children, certain requirements that must be met. He isn't unreasonable about it, he doesn't demand more than his children can give, but he does require a certain level of responsibility from his own children.

**a) conditions .**

**b) consequences .**

John Grisham's book "The Testament" begins with a story about a man who succeeded in business beyond what most people could imagine, amassing a fortune of eleven billion dollars. Along the way, he married three times and fathered seven children. He provided for all of them financially but he was emotionally absent as a father. He never expected much of them. He gave each child a no-strings-attached gift of \$5 million on their 21st birthday, and each child squandered the money. Eventually, each child wound up deep in debt, resentful of their father, eagerly waiting for him to die so they could collect their share of his will. Though this man was a success in the eyes of the world, he was a failure as a father and his children paid the price.

While this story is fiction, it reflects the truth. It's similar to the Old Testament story of Eli. Eli was a man of God, a priest who served in the temple. Though Eli was faithful as a priest, he was a failure as a father. The sons of Eli had no respect for the law of God. They defiled sacrifices, they extorted from those who brought offerings to God, and they slept with the women who served in the temple. Eli knew about their behavior, but did nothing about it. As a result, God judged Eli as well as his sons (1 Samuel 2).

A father has a responsibility to set the standard for his children. He must say, "This is the way we live, and nothing less is acceptable." And of course, it is the father's responsibility to lead by example. A father's attitude must be "Do as I do", not merely "do as I say." Joshua set the example for all fathers when he said... "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

A father expects his children to act like they belong to him. He doesn't demand more than they can give, and he doesn't base his love on his child's behavior but he does expect the child to do his part. Just like our heavenly father expects that we do our part: we must believe in his son.

### **4) ... prepares for his children.**

The Perfect Father Prepares His Child for the Future. Jesus said, "...that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God has created a great future for you and me. He is offering us eternal life. He doesn't want us to spend eternity without him. He wants us to live in His presence forever, and He provided a way to make that happen. He did this by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to die on the cross for our sins. When we put our faith in Jesus, our sins are forgiven, and God gives us eternal life.

Christianity isn't about man finding his own way to God. It's about God reaching out to us through His Son. God had a vision for your future. It's a future spent in heaven with Him forever and He provided a way for you to get there.

In the same way, earthly fathers need to do what they can to direct the future of their children in a way that will most benefit the child. I say this rather cautiously, because we all know examples of fathers who go overboard in this area: "You're going to be a plumber and that's all there is to it!" We've all seen fathers who try to realize their dreams vicariously through their sons. This extreme attitude is not the kind of direction I'm talking about.

Just because we have seen examples of fathers who do it the wrong way doesn't mean we should shy away from doing it the right way. Fathers should prepare their children for the future in three primary areas:

**a) Spiritually** .

A father should help his child prepare spiritually for the future by bringing them up in a Christian atmosphere, encouraging them to be involved in church, and challenging them to grow in their personal relationship with Christ.

**b) Vocationally** .

A father should also help his child prepare for the future in his or her career. He should help his children identify their gifts, skills, and interests, and help them discover the career that's best for them.

And, by the way, being a wife and mother is a career. In fact, it's one of the most rewarding of all careers. Don't fall prey to the world's idea that a woman who chooses to stay home to be a wife and a mother is somehow inferior. A father should encourage his children to pursue their dreams. He should help them prepare for the challenges they will face.

He should give them his total support as enter life as an adult.

**c) Relationally** .

A father should also help his children prepare for developing relationships. A father should teach his children the kind of person to choose as friends, the kind of person to look for in a life mate. Without specific direction, they won't know the kind of person they should marry.

Our heavenly father has prepared a future for us in heaven. Earthly fathers must help their children prepare for their future on earth.

## **Conclusion**

God gives us a blueprint for fatherhood, because He is the perfect father. He loves us, He gives to us, He expects us to follow him, and He prepares a future for us. These are things we can do for our children.

Not as a tyrant, but as a gentle, loving, caring father. If your father is gone, if you didn't have the relationship with your father that you would have wanted, you can take comfort in the fact that God is your father, and He is exactly the kind of father you want. He loves you, and He will help you experience fulfillment in this life and for all eternity, if you will put your faith in Him.

## ***Follow God's Blueprints! Honoring Godly Fathers***

It seems the pattern for most of our society is to exalt (or praise) motherhood on Mother's Day and beat up (or criticize) Fathers on Father's Day. Whenever there is a reason to address men, people look for ways to celebrate all their shortcomings. Preachers have not necessarily been the exception. They usually join the fray by telling dads how important it is to spend more time with their families, to not be spiritual deadbeats, and to love their wives as a Biblical example to their children. Sometimes it comes across as such harsh criticism that it's amazing

that any men come to church the following Sunday after Father's Day, with all the complaining about their lack of male presence. After all, who can live up to the perfect example of our Heavenly Father?

Yet year after year, some believe that tradition shouldn't be broken. If you are one of those, then let's get it over with. *"Brothers, spend more time with your family and don't be a spiritual wimp. Be the head of your home that you know God wants you to be!"* There now, don't we all feel better?

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Her father was born in June, so naturally she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th day of June in 1910. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

So, in honor of Father's Day, I would like to go on record this morning to say that a true Christian Father is one of the most unsung, upraised, unnoticed, and unappreciated heroes of all times. Why? Because I believe that being a Christian Father is one of the highest callings any man can ever achieve in his life.

Surely you have heard of the peanut butter slogan that says, "Choosy Mothers Choose Jiff." While that may be true, it causes us to ask, what about Choosy Fathers? Since today is Father's Day, may our observation be that "Choosy Fathers Choose Jesus."

There's a touching story about a father whose young son had become very ill. After the boy had undergone an extensive series of tests, the father was told of the shocking news that his only son had a terminal illness. The youngster had accepted Christ as his Savior, so the man knew that death would usher him into Glory. Still, there was the task of informing one in the bloom of his youth that he soon would die. After earnest prayer and meditation, the father went with a heavy heart to the boy's hospital bedside.

When he got there he read Scripture, said a prayer, then he gently told him that the doctors could promise him only a few more days to live. He asked his son "Are you afraid to meet Jesus, my boy?" Blinking away the tears, the little boy said bravely, "No, not if He is anything like you Dad!" Choosy Fathers Choose Jesus.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

## Opportunities For Service

**Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

**Sunday, June 19, 2016**

**Happy Father's Day!**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ???? , Fred Kerns, Ken Nice, Don Sharp

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday, June 22**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Thursday, June 23**

W Team.....6:30 pm

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough, Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters  
Alternate: Ken Nice

**Monday, June 27—July 1**

Youth Camp at Grand Oaks  
Pray every day for campers!

**Wednesday, June 29**

No Youth Study.....  
Prayer / Bible Study .... 6:30 pm  
Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

**Friday, July 1**

Home from camp

**Up-Coming Events.....**

**June 19 — Father's Day**

**June 27 -July 1— SJBA Youth Camp at Grand Oaks**

**June 26 — Diversicare 2:30 pm**

**July 3 — Fourth of July Worship**

**July 4 — Independence Day — Office Closed**

**July 25-29 — SJBA Children's Camp at Grand Oaks**

**GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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**Sunday Nights**

We will not have Sunday Evening Service here tonight due to Father's Day.

**Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

***Happy Father's Day!***

***Youth Camp...June 27-July 1***

Please be in prayer for the youth and camp leaders who will be involved at Grand Oaks Camp this summer.

Those going from Calvary are:

Allan Lane

Don Beavers

Sharon Waters

Daniel Waters

Joey Maddox

### Hello Friends at Calvary,

I am headed into my last week of training here at the IMB's International Learning Center. My weeks here have been of the utmost benefit as I look to head back to South Asia. This time of training and the facilities here are just another way that God has used the giving of local Southern Baptist churches to help prepare and equip outgoing workers. Thank you for your partnership.

ANNA W.

### State Fair Mission Opportunity

Are you interested in a One Day Mission Trip? The MBC Directors of Missions organization needs prayer partners and adults to share their salvation testimony at the Missouri State Fair. A team of eight to ten people is needed per four hour shifts to facilitate this powerful ministry. Each year, in the past, at least 30 people have accepted Christ at the tent. If you would like more information, contact Allan Lane, 816-261-6831.

### *Thank You*

Thanks to all who brought food for the memorial dinner for Joyce Izer.

### *For the Record-*

#### Attendance: June 12, 2016

Sunday School.....	33
Visitors.....	4
Total.....	37
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	50
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Sunday Night .....	N/A
Wednesday Night .....	19

#### Financial Record:

Weekly Budget..... \$ 2,040.52  
Offering Received... \$ 1,414.00

#### Offering Received by Mail:

#### June Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

#### June Van Driver:

Mike Green  
Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am if you need a ride.

#### June Member Birthdays:

05... Burt Messner  
09... Sarah Waters  
14... Jessica Burgess  
14... John Lewis  
19....Jordan Lane  
26... Pam Battreal  
25... Martha Green

## **June Anniversaries**

### **John and Beverly Lewis**

June 11, 1948

### **Jo and Elmer Mayse**

June 27, 1981

### ***Prayer Requests ...***

Tim Izer and Family  
Sue Higgins—regain strength  
Jim Winans, surgery recovery  
Alicia McKinnon  
Linda Raines, breast cancer  
Dakota Duty, recovery  
Robbie Hutcherson, Loleta's son  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter  
Nellie Reynolds—recovery  
Youth and Children's Camps  
LoLeta Middleton—strength  
Pat Puckett—Daughter, Son-in-law  
Maxine and George Ferbert—strength  
Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew  
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—  
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law  
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris  
Richardson's sisters  
Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister  
Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew  
Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health  
Audrey Dugan      Bob Barquist  
Kathryn Beavers    Ann Riddle  
Louanne Laurence   Keon McKahan  
Jozy Winans        Leona Reynolds  
Kevin Duty         Kenny Duty  
Madeline Swink     Bobby Griswold  
Bill Haskins       Debbie Sands  
Brenda Burgess     Judy Anderson  
Carolyn Houts      Roscoe Lane  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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