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A Father's Steady Presence

Deuteronomy 1:29-31 NIV ²⁹ Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. ³⁰ The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, ³¹ and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

As we celebrate Father's Day this month, we pause to honor and thank God for the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who have faithfully loved, guided, protected, and cared for their families.

A father's role is one of God's greatest gifts. The steady presence of a loving father helps shape a child's sense of security, identity, and confidence. Through words of encouragement, loving correction, faithful example, and sacrificial care, fathers leave an imprint that can last a lifetime.

Dads, while many may never fully see the weight of the responsibility you carry, God does. Day after day, you work, provide, protect, pray, and persevere. You often stand on the front lines of life's challenges, seeking what is best for your family. Your faithful presence matters more than you know.

The Bible paints a beautiful picture of God's love when it says He carries His people "as a father carries his son." In many ways, earthly fathers reflect the heart of our Heavenly Father. Your love, strength, and guidance point your children toward the One who loves them even more deeply. As Scripture encourages, continue to remain steadfast in love and "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6). The greatest legacy a father can leave is not found in possessions or accomplishments, but in a life that humbly follows Christ and faithfully passes His truth on to the next generation.

To those who are missing their fathers this Father's Day, may the memories, wisdom, and love they shared continue to live on in your heart. May their legacy be a source of comfort and strength.

To those who did not experience the love of a faithful earthly father, may you find healing and hope in the perfect love of your Heavenly Father. He goes before you, fights for you, carries you through every wilderness, and welcomes you with open arms. His love never fails, and His presence never leaves.

This month, we give thanks for the fathers who bless our lives and for God our Father, who pours out His grace, mercy, and unending love upon His children.

Happy Father's Day! May God richly bless all our dads and grandpas as they continue to lead, love, and build a legacy of faith.



Be Part of What God Is Doing in Our Kids' Ministry

Your Yes Can Make a Difference



Parents and other members, we need your help!

We are thankful for the wonderful growth we are seeing in our Children's Ministry. More children are attending and engaging each week, and we are grateful for the opportunity to invest in their lives and help them grow in their faith.

To continue providing a safe, effective, and meaningful ministry for our children, we need additional volunteers in both of our children's age groups. If you are not currently serving in a Children's Ministry role, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining our team.

Serving is done on a rotation basis, so it is not a weekly commitment. In fact, if we can add a few more volunteers, many helpers may only serve occasionally throughout the year.

If you have questions about what serving looks like, Abra would be happy to visit with you. There are a variety of ways to serve, and we would love to help you find a role that fits your gifts, talents, and comfort level.

Sometimes we hesitate because we don't feel qualified, but God looks for the willing heart and equips those who say yes, along the way. No one serving began as experts in Children's Ministry—*we simply started as parents who wanted to help.* Along the way, God has used this ministry to help us grow deeper in our faith, build meaningful relationships, and experience the joy of investing in the next generation.

Children's Ministry is one of the most important investments we make as a church, and it takes all of us working together to help it thrive. Your willingness to serve helps us maintain and grow this ministry for the benefit of all our children and families.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your support, and your willingness to help us minister to the next generation.

A Summer Reminder of Faithfulness

As summer arrives, we know schedules fill quickly with vacations, family activities, and opportunities to enjoy this beautiful season. We pray that these months will be a time of rest, refreshment, and meaningful moments with those you love.

As you make plans for the summer, we encourage you to remain faithful in your giving. While attendance often fluctuates during these months, the ministry and mission of our church continue every week. Our regular expenses, outreach efforts, and ministry opportunities remain active throughout the summer, and consistent giving helps us continue serving our church family and surrounding community well.

We are deeply grateful for your continued faithfulness and partnership in ministry. Through your generosity, lives are touched, needs are met, the Gospel is shared, and God's Kingdom is advanced. No gift is too small—God uses every act of obedience and generosity for His purposes, often multiplying its impact beyond what we can see.

If you anticipate being away frequently this summer, recurring online giving can be a helpful way to continue supporting the ministry consistently. Thank you for your faithful giving, your prayers, and your commitment to the work God is doing through our church. We pray that God will richly bless you, provide for your every need, and fill you with joy as you see the fruit of your generosity in the lives of others.

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June Birthdays

June 8 Josephine Buchmeier
June 11 Jessica Buchmeier
June 13 Lawson Henrickson
June 14 Brittnee Walker
June 16 Hilary Henrickson
June 17 Carsen Walker
June 21 Cindy Kuenzli
June 21 Jeremy Bladl
June 22 Peggy Moll
June 26 PJ Lentz
June 27 Blake Brandner

June Anniversaries

June 3 Connie and Don Hessler
June 4 Sandy and Keith Ebert
June 27 Sam and Skyler Hawley

Upcoming Events

June 7th - Potluck Picnic at Karen and Bob Breneman's farm. N5953 Hwy G

June 8th-13th Fusion Bible Camp. Spencer Lake Christian Center, Waupaca, WI

June 17th - Ladies Prayer Group 9 am

-June 21st - Special Father's Day Worship

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June Mission Focus:

Fill the Backpacks-Rio Schools

Each year Living Gospel Church sends a donation to help fill backpacks with needed school supplies for Rio students. This helps ensure all students have the supplies they need to be successful as they begin a new school year. If you would like to give towards this local effort please label your gift for "backpacks" or "missions" and we'll make sure to include it in our gift. We are focusing on this effort earlier so the committee who organizes this event has the funds as they are making purchases. Thank you so much for your generosity!

