

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

The Influence of a Father by Jay Launius

As we go through life, we have different perspectives about our Dads. Here's how one person summed it up: When I was...

- 4 years old, my Daddy could do anything.
- 7 years old, my Dad knew a lot, a whole lot.
- 8 years old, my father didn't quite know everything.
- 12 years old, well, he didn't know as much as I thought he knew.
- 14 years old, my Dad is hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 17 years old, my Dad didn't have a clue!
- 21 years old, his ideas were still out-of-date.
- 25 years old, he knew a little bit about it but not much.
- 30 years old, I needed to find out what Dad thought about it.
- 40 years old, what would Dad have thought about it?
- 50 years old, my Dad knew literally something about everything.
- 60 years old, I wish I could talk it over with Dad just one more time.

The awesome responsibility of being a father has been laid upon countless men throughout the ages. Men continue to struggle, many becoming successful fathers, some not. One way that men can be sure that they'll do the best job possible when it comes to leading the family is to include God and His instruction. Nothing is more important than a godly father. Those of us who were blessed to have fathers that feared and served God, can easily see the great influence that we still carry with us everyday. As we give tribute to our Dads on Father's Day, let's be thankful for their wisdom and love that helps us throughout the days and years of our lives.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deut. 6:5-7).

Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @
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Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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Family News

- Congratulations to Tristan and Gracie Elms! We love you two and pray God's blessings on your new life together as one!
- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for any men who would like to serve during the Lord's Supper.
- Charlene Langston passed away last week. Please keep Robert and all the Langston family in your prayers.
- Ima Jean James, Jeralene Love's sister, is having tests ran this week. Please keep her in your prayers.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Jim Usery

CLOSING PRAYER Chip Master



JOE COOPER

Honoring Dad

by Larry Fitzgerald

If you're a father, today you might get another "interesting" tie or a wild t-shirt. Or your kids might do something for you to help you feel like something special. Soak it all in, because you deserve it and it's good for your children to honor you.

But as you're celebrating, don't forget that you're also a son, and it's good for you to honor your father. There is something in us, written on our hearts, that says, "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth" (Eph. 6:3-4). In this passage, the apostle Paul is quoting from the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament (Ex. 20:12).

For all of us, whether young or old, your father deserves your honor and appreciation for all he means to you. We do this even if you feel that he has failed you. Honoring him doesn't mean endorsing his bad behavior or abuse. Instead, you're choosing to place great value on your relationship with him, recognizing the good he has done and taking initiative to improve the relationship.

If you do this, forgiving him for his faults, you will find it easier to cope with the issues of life and discover deep healing. I truly believe that is one of the many ways that the promise of long life is fulfilled. To all our fathers, Happy Father's Day. Enjoy it today as we honor our Heavenly Father in worship.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Treva Voyles
Ted & Sanyia Austin		John Ward	Nevin Hart
Dwain Welch	Jerry Roland	Christie Haney	Gary Fulbright

June Birthdays

Brett Haney 2 nd	Sheilla Wammack 2 nd	Neal Treat 2 nd
Cash Fowler 7 th	Lisa Cooper 7 th	Natalie Brightwell 8 th
Dale Parish 8 th	Jeff Young 9 th	Melba Fulbright 11 th
Sutton Morehead 11 th	Jeanie Yancey 14 th	Jim Cooper 14 th
Whitney Worlow 14 th	Kenny Moser 15 th	Wilma Cooper 16 th
Wyatt Fowler 16 th	Hayden Wyatt 19 th	Tom Phipps 20 th
Stacy Dale 23 rd	Mary Hannah Bryant 26 th	Melba Bryant 26 th
Abigale Gilbert 29 th	Diana Wyatt 30 th	

June Anniversaries

Aaron & Kimberly Hoskinds 3rd	Randy & Christie Haney 4th
Doc & Linda Taylor 11th	Roger & Trena Humphrey 11th
Bryan & Cindy Phillips 12th	Alan & Anita Love 16th
Al & Francis Gillihan 25th	Jimmie & Melba Fulbright 27th

1 John 3:1-3, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God. We know that when He appears, we will be like God, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."