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Son Treasure
Island
VBS

June June 23-27



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Senior Fun Bunch June 10th
Galos Italian Grill.
107 Garwood Rd.
Richmond, IN.
Leave church at 11:00 am.
Sign up sheet on bulletin

Card Shower

Dorothy Anderson's 99th birthday is June 6th.
Her address is 26 Cherokee Dr. Hamilton, OH
45013

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From Dan's Desk

Happy Father's Day

Someone once said that "Father's Day is just like Mother's Day, except you don't spend as much on the present." Sad but true in too many cases. It seems that in our culture men in general and fathers in particular are held in low esteem. To be certain, part of this stems from that fact that some men by their despicable actions have earned our cultural scorn. But much of this denigration also stems from the pervasive influence of radical feminism which had illogically concluded that since some men are bad then all men must be bad. Hence dear old Dad is given the short shrift on Father's Day in too many corners.

But the Bible tells us that fathers play a key and powerful role in the lives of their families. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica (I Thess. 2:11-2...) A good and godly father does these sort of things—encouraging, comforting and urging his children to live lives worthy of God. How vital that task is which God has placed in the hands of fathers! The godly leadership which God calls fathers to exhibit in the home will manifest external consequences, not only for themselves but for their children as well. I read a statistic the other day that bears this out. If a child goes to church on his own, 6% will remain faithful to the Lord. If Mom takes the child to church, 17% will remain faithful. But if dad leads and takes the whole family to church 93% will remain faithful to the Lord! Quite amazing, isn't it? God has put tremendous power in the hands of fathers to shape the lives of their children for eternity.

So when father's Day rolls around let's give dad the honor God calls us to give him, (Exodus 20:12) just as we do our mothers. No you may not have to spend as much on the present, but my guess is Dad won't be complaining. If he is a good and godly man what he will be doing is quietly pointing his family in the right direction. We do well to follow such a man's leading.

For Him,
Dan

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Please plan on joining
Mt. Healthy Christian Village's Auxiliary for

"STEPS THAT COUNT"

6TH Annual Memorial Walk-a-thon

1.5 Mile Walk on MHCV Campus

Saturday June 21, 1014

8:30a.m. until 10:30a.m.

Walk as a team...Walk individually...or sponsor a walker

Celebrate the gift of life through remembrance by walking in memory of a loved one. A special memorial prayer will be included.

Your entire contribution will go toward life-enriching programs for residents at Mt. Healthy Christian Village.

Mt. Healthy Christian Village
8097 Hamilton Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45231

For more information, call MHCV: (513) 931-5000

Children's Chat



VBS Work Night and Day

Can't help during the day for VBS, we still have an opportunity for you to help with VBS. On Tuesday June 17th at 7:00pm we are going to start transforming the church into Son Treasure Island. You don't have to have special skills all decorations will be made, we just need help setting the church up. Or if you would prefer to help during the day on Wednesday June 18th we will be also decorating the church starting at 9:00am.

VBS Registration

VBS registration has started. You can register either online by going to our church website wscchamilton.org and going to special events tab and there you will find the form to fill out and then submit it online. If you don't want to register online we will have registration forms you can pick up at the welcome center.

Vacation Bible School Workers

All workers this is a reminder that we will have an important VBS Staff meeting on Saturday June 21st starting at 10:00am. We are asking that all workers, no matter what their position at VBS is, to attend this important information meeting.

Vacation Bible School - Son Treasure Island

Our VBS is fast approaching, come discover God's treasure on Son Treasure Island. VBS is for age 4- those entering 6th Grade June 23-27 from 9am-12:15pm. On Friday we will have a tropical picnic at noon to celebrate this year's VBS.

Bible Trivia

Why did Luke write his account of Jesus' life for Theophilus?

So that he could be certain of all the things that he was taught.
Luke 1:3-4



Hymn Formation (c) by Sam Sippel

"When modern audiences hear "Dry Bones," they think it's a nonsensical song that teaches an anatomy lesson. However, the song has a much deeper meaning.

The song's origins are found in Ezekiel 37: 1-14. The Spirit of the Lord led the prophet Ezekiel into the Valley of the Dry Bones. The Spirit commanded Ezekiel to prophesy to them. The prophet complied. Soon, the piles of dry bones of long-dead people were transformed back into living, breathing humans.

The deeper meaning, of course, is that this story is actually a prophecy "(It is a) prophecy that they (the Jewish people) will be resurrected one day at God's command, picturing the national resurrection of Israel." (Wikipedia) Fulfillment of this prophecy began about the time of the re-birth of the Israeli nation in 1948 when Jews from all over the world began to re-populate their ancient homeland, Israel.

Like many other Biblical events and stories, "Dry Bones" was turned into a song. Eventually, it became a popular African-American Spiritual. The original Biblical text became a popular sermon topic as well. James Weldon Johnson remembered,

"I remember hearing in my boyhood, sermons that were current, sermons that passed with only slight modifications from preacher to preacher, and from locality to locality. (One) such sermon was 'The Valley of the Dry Bones,' which was based on the vision of the prophet in the 37th Chapter of Ezekiel." ("God's Trombones" article, Wikipedia.) James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) was a writer, scholar and musician who was part of the Harlem Renaissance Movement of the 1920s, a time of great interest in African-American culture, both past and present. Many scholars and folklorists were collecting the old spirituals, which were falling into obscurity in favor of the more dignified Western hymns or the emerging, modern gospel music.

Johnson collected two volumes of "Negro Spirituals" (1925-6) and "God's Trombones: 7 Negro Sermons in Verse" (1927), which preserved many old spirituals and texts. Not long after these publications, commercial recordings of the song and sermons appeared in sacred music catalogues.

The secular market discovered the song about ten years later. The late 1930s and early 1940s saw a revival of many public domain songs, when many ASCAP songs couldn't be performed on the radio. Since new ASCAP songs couldn't be played on the radio, the movies and recordings began using P.D. songs that could be used for cross-promotional purposes.

One of the early secular market recordings was by singer-pianist-composer Thomas "Fats" Waller, who recorded it on April 11, 1940 for Victor Records. Doubtless, as a boy, Fats had heard this sermon preached in his neighborhood church. He performed it in a lightly swinging style that doesn't disrespect the song or its meaning.

After the war, Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians began performing it. The Livingston Gearhart arrangement features the novelty effects (eg., glissing xylophones) often associated with modern performances and treatments of this song. They recorded it for Decca on April 30, 1947. Soon, movie and TV shows began to feature this song in a novelty context. Unfortunately, repeat broadcasts of these clips have imprinted the secular, nonsensical meaning on the public consciousness. Recent clips have even used "Dry Bones" to teach basic anatomy to children.

Because many people are unaware of the song's spiritual and prophetic meanings, many gospel singers and groups have been performing it in a more traditional, serious style. The Cathedrals' recording in particular has been influential on contemporary groups singing this song.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Steve Baker
Darrell Collins-
Rick Dalton
Don Dent
Helen Eggleston
Donna Fisher
Richard Free-
man
Judy Guadagno
Bud Haacke-
John Layman
Nilah Layman
Vickie Robb
Mark Robinson
Bill Sandlin
Ernie Sapp
Diane Scarth
Bob Sizemore
Robby Stephens
Mike Steward
Mike Van Sickle

All with health
concerns

Dorothy Anderson
Sophie Bovenizer
Mae Lasley
Dale Richter
Ruby Singleton
Mag Thacker
Ruby Wyatt
homebound



PRAYER MATTERS from the Prayer Ministry Team

Adapted from [Giving Ourselves to Prayer: An Acts 6:4 Primer for Ministry](#) by Dan R. Crawford

-Daniel gave us an example of the discipline of time when it was recorded that, "he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom (Dan. 6:10)." Daniel set an appointment with God and kept it faithfully. Whether your appointment with God is early in the morning or late at night, you must set an appointed time and with spiritual discipline remain faithful to that appointed time.

Another discipline needed in personal prayer is *the discipline of place*. Jesus not only had a favorite time for private prayer (early in the morning), but was always able, even in the midst of His travels, to find "a solitary place" (Mk. 1:35) for prayer. Jesus actively sought the solitary place for prayer. In the busiest seasons of His life, Jesus would rob Himself of sleep and needed rest in order that He might have the quiet and unhurried place for prayer.

PRAYER: Father, Daniel was faithful with his time and met with you regularly! He never failed to give thanks even when he was in the midst of difficult circumstances. Often we excuse our lack of meeting with You because of a change of location or because we need more sleep rather than seeking out time and space to seek Your face. Forgive us Lord, and make us so hungry and thirsty for Your continual presence that we will do whatever it takes to meet with You as faithfully as Daniel and Your own precious Son.

FAITH: WHEN GOD CREATED FATHERS by Erma Bombeck

When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said,

"What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.

And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do You know what You're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets

at the end of a day...yet small enough to cup a child's face."

Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked.

"Do You realize You just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do You honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to "ride a horse to Banbury Cross" or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that see everything, but remain calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

And the angel shutteth up!

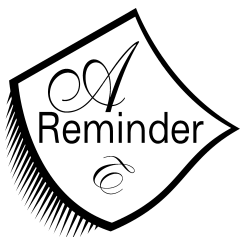
Have a wonderful father's day!

FUN: A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father, if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut."

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair!", to which is father replied, "Yes, you're right, and they also WALKED every where they went!"

FELLOWSHIP: Please keep VBS in your prayers that it will be a great success. We can also use more volunteers to help.



- Small Groups that meet at the Kieser's June 10 & 24th.
- Seniors on the Go – June 10 11 am Galos Italian Grill. 107 Garwood rd. Richmond, Indiana.

Thank you everyone for the prayers, cards , well wishes, hospital visits and to Dan and Sharon for the flowers during my recent medical leave.

Hannah will be graduating from Colerain High School on June 11th and the Whitehurst's would like to invite you to an open house on June 14th from 1-5pm at the Riverview Crossing Club House (lower level by pool. The address is 4800 Rivercrest Dr. Harrison, Ohio.

VBS Supplies

(needed by June 15)

- Small cake decoration candies—flowers, cinnamon red hots, sprinkles, and other shapes
- Graham crackers—3 boxes
- White frosting in cans—4 or 5
- Tubes of colored frosting
- Twizzlers—2 packs
- Fish shaped cookie cutters
- Blue food coloring
- Large tub soft cream cheese
- Fish shaped crackers in tropical colors
- Several packages of gummy fish
- Small blue paper plates
- Graham cracker crumbs—1 box

Perishable Items: Celery sticks, unfrosted cupcakes, bananas, pineapple, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes, raisins, cheese slices, fruit dip

June Communion Preparation for New Members Class, Dan Knisley

June 1

At the Table: Al Miller, Wayne Kieser
Serving Communion: Brian Butts Darrell
Collins, Ron Gann, Bobby Haynes, Bob
Schaefer, Albert, Spaulding, Chris Thompson,
Willie Jones
Benediction: Wayne Kieser
Home Communion: Frank Owens, Dan Knisley
Exit Greeters: (SD) Micah Knisley (BD) Sharon Knisley

June 8

At the Table: Roger Richardson, Frank
Owens
Serving Communion: Roy Barker, John Geyer,
Anthony Perry, Micah Knisley, Ron Baker,
Michael Brady, Jack Crouch, John Cole
Benediction: Frank Owens
Home Communion: Roger Richardson, Al
Miller
Exit Greeters: (SD), Brian Butts (BD) Sheryl
Kremis

June 15

At the Table: Willard Adkins, Bud Haacke
Serving Communion: Jason Hickerson, Pat
Kremis, Tom Perry, Bobby Ramsey, Brian Butts,
Darrell Collins, Ron Gann, Bobby Haynes
Benediction: Bud Haacke
Home Communion: Ray Dalton
Exit Greeters: (SD), Louie Spaulding (BD) Sheryl
Kremis

June 22

At the Table: Dave Combs, Al Miller,
Serving Communion: Bob Schaefer, Albert,
Spaulding, Chris Thompson, Willie Jones, Roy
Barker, John Geyer, Anthony Perry, Micah Knisley
Benediction: Al Miller
Home Communion: Bud Haacke
Exit Greeters: (SD), Jack Crouch (BD) Helen
Crouch

June 29

At the Table: Wayne Kieser, Roger Richardson
Serving Communion: Ron Baker, Michael Brady,
John Cole, Jack Crouch, Jason Hickerson, Pat
Kremis, Tom Perry, Bobby Ramsey
Benediction: Dan Knisley
Home Communion: Frank Owens, Dan Knisley
Exit Greeters: (SD), Brian Butts (BD) Sheryl
Kremis



Birthdays

6. Dorothy Anderson
Philip Dent
12. Brian Butts
Brad Haacke
15. Christy Rogers
17. Dolores Cole
18. Bob Ramsey
22. Ruby Singleton
23. Katherine Jones
28. Morgan Dees

Anniversaries

1. Bill & Margie Arnold
5. Kenneth & Claudia Brehm
8. Mike & Debby Brady
9. Richard & Kim Lipscomb
14. Wayne & Linda Kieser
15. Ron & Carita Baker
16. Willard & Annette Adkins
Philip & Jenny Dent
19. Sam & Ellen Sippel
20. John & Nilah Layman

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

June 3	Trail Life
June 10	Seniors on the Go- Galos
June 10	Small Group at Kiesers
June 10	Trail Life
June 15	VBS Set up
June 16	VBS Set up
June 17	VBS Set up Work Night
June 17	Trail Life
June 18	VBS Set up Work Night
June 19	VBS Set up
June 20	VBS Set up
June 21	VBS Set up
June 22	VBS Set up
June 23	VBS
June 24	VBS
June 24	Small Group at Kiesers
June 25	VBS
June 26	VBS
June 26	VBS
June 27	VBS
June 29	VBS Sunday

Services

Sunday:

Bible School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Wednesday:

Evening Bible Study	6:30 pm
Worship Team Practice	7:30 pm