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What Makes A Daddy?

Fathers are easy to come by. But, dads? That's a different story. Fathers are made through childbirth. Dads are made through child-pains and child-joys. They are shaped with each passing day, each tear shed, and each smile formed on their lips. Dads are a different kind of folk...they are born out of many wonderful experiences.

What's the difference in a father and a daddy? While both are there at your birth, a daddy cries when you are born and sheds tears of joy when you take your first step. Both may come home after work, but a dad runs to give a hug, picks you up and swings you around. He will wait in line for hours to get something you want.

A father may do things with you out of obligation, but a daddy takes the day off just to have lunch with you or take you fishing. A daddy sits in the floor and plays silly games to distract you from your fears. A father sits authoritatively at the end of the table while a daddy holds your hand as he asks God to bless your food.

When you bring friends home a father may speak and tell you not to get in trouble, but a daddy meets your friends, knows them by name, and waits up for you when you go out. A daddy cares enough that you don't want to disappoint him. A dad prays for you to be safe and to use good judgments when you are away from home.

A father tells you what to do, but a daddy shows you how, asks how you feel, and listens to your deepest concerns. Both walk you down the aisle to give your hand in marriage, but a daddy holds on to those final moments as long as he can before he lets go.

When your father passes away you mourn and think of all the things you wish could have been done together. When your daddy passes away you cry and think of all the good times and the memories and how proud he was of you.

Are you a father or a daddy? Will there be unforgettable good memories when you are gone, or will there be many "What if's?" or "If only's?" If you have fathered a child, pray that you can be a real daddy who will lead your child in service to God and ultimately to heaven.

— Al Behel

Other Church Family News Events

Mark Your Calendars: October 4-6—Brad Harrub will be with us for a weekend series on Creation/Evolution and related topics. This is a tremendous opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. Guests are asked to take a flyer from the foyer back to your congregation. We hope you will plan to attend.

Sympathy: to **Shirley Harmon** in the death of her nephew who was found dead last week in Jonesboro, AR. He was 47 years old.

Sympathy: We received word that **Jennifer Fulk**, daughter of Billy & Barbara Helms (frequent visitors from Florida) passed away on May 28. We have listed Jennifer on our prayer list for several months.

Congratulations to Alison Garrett and Dawes Cooke who were married on Saturday in Charleston, S.C. Alison is the daughter of David and Rita.

Guest Speaker, June 16: Mike Jacobs, the evangelist whom we support in Cape Town, South Africa, will be our guest speaker this morning. He will report on that work and preach for us. His family is not with him this visit but we do have a current picture of the whole family posted on the bulletin board. Let's continue to pray for their work in Cape Town.

Sermon Topics: A.M.—*Special lessons from Michael Jacobs from South Africa*; P.M.—*"Great Stories of the Bible: Samson and Delilah"*

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—multiple health issues, including MS

Andrea Weddington—cervical cancer. Keep praying for her as she has started radiation and chemotherapy.

Jan Messick—still cancer free

Lancaster Littleton—recurrence of cancer. Resumed chemotherapy.

Bill England—cancer and other health issues. Started chemotherapy.

Betty Graves—diagnosed with cancer

Joe Bostick now at home in Texas after having a LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) installed to assist a failed heart.

Debby Bryan—Cancer; **Johnny Bryan**—health issues; **Clara Mayberry**—confined to home.

Kathy May was taken back to Cookeville Hospital with severe nausea. She had recently been hospitalized with pneumonia.

Heather Cox's dad is improving. Heather and the girls are back.

Rachael Wilson—some health issues; possible surgery.

Cathy Haynes fell in D.C. on the school trip and severely injured her ankle and knee. She will have an extended recovery period.

Sheryle Elkins was hospitalized last week for treatment of a gastric ulcer. She is now home.

Friends and Family

Christopher Howell (grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries suffered in automobile accident), **Arania Blount** (Brenda Scott's sister)—cancer markers have increased, **Betty Langdon** (Ginny Cliett's sister—mental confusion issues), **Rose Parker** (daughter-in-law of Ray & Faye Parker—suffering from Leukemia), **Sheila Watson** (Ryan's mother—kidney failure), **Donna Trout** (Judy Lassetter's sister-in-law in Nashville—infection attacking her liver), **Robin McCollum and Peggy McCollum** (Al's nieces—both battling cancer), **Shelby Daniels** (medical technologist in clinic with Al—recovering from brain surgery), **Libby and Larry Gilley** (friends of Dwight Grizzell—she has breast cancer). **Connie Browning**, Sue Mercer's sister, undergoing treatment for cancer.

Afghanistan—Bryan Darilek, Major, U.S. Army, in a 9 month deployment—to be home in August. He is the son-in-law of Rick and Ginny Cliett and husband of Laura. Woody Chambers, cousin of Rick's, is also deployed.

Rise & Shine—Every Sunday morning at 9:15. Kids—join us for singing, puppets, and stories.

Sunday Adult Bible Class
The Holy Spirit

Next Book of The Month Meeting—June 25, 7-9 pm
Book: Jeremiah & Joel

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Building Fund

Loan balance as of 05/19/13 is **\$1,206,186.91**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pew.

Nursery

Located across main foyer. Closed circuit TV allows viewing and participation in worship.

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.