

"NO ONE CAN
COME TO ME
UNLESS THE FATHER
WHO SENT ME
DRAWS THEM, AND

I
Will
Raise
them Up

AT THE LAST
DAY." JOHN
6:44, NIV

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Reflections:

It's tough being a guy. We on one hand are expected to be tough as nails while at the same time being caring and sensitive. We often spend so much time trying to be what the world expects that we don't spend much time on our spiritual side.

Several years ago I had the opportunity to go to a men's conference in Lynchburg, VA at Liberty University called Wildfire. It was an awesome weekend of hearing speakers who inspired and reminded me that be manly is being godly. Some of the speakers were ones that you would expect, preachers and the like but there were also speakers from pop culture – I have heard most of the members of the Robertson family from Duck Dynasty there. Lots of athletes like Kirk Cousins, Ben Rothlesberger, Daryl Strawberry and Drew Brees. Now, we don't necessarily think of all of these people as great spiritual leaders, but they are real people who have a faith in Christ who admit that they sometimes struggle in their lives to live out that faith.

The conference name has since changed to Ignite and moved to Thomas Road Baptist Church, but after a hiatus due to Covid, it is returning on August 13 and 14. I don't know if anyone from 1st has ever gone before, but I would like to invite you to join me for this powerful conference. The cost is \$72 for adults or \$52 for youth under 17, those over 65 and veterans. Why not use this opportunity to share the gospel with another man or young man as well. Invite them along and purchase their ticket if you are able. Once we establish who wants to go, we can decide if we want to drive back and forth or get hotel rooms in Lynchburg – it is a little over an hour and a half and the first workshop on Saturday starts at 8 am.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board both downstairs and in the narthex. Please sign up right away so we can order tickets by the end of June when they say the price will go up.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

THE GREATEST PRIORITIES FOR ANY DAD

RFTH Ministries

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.” – Ephesians 5:25; 6:4

Let’s take a moment to remember the Bible’s greatest priorities for Dads:

1. *Husbands, love your wives.* (Ephesians 5:25). The best way to be a good father is to be a loving husband. Our children need that more than anything. Remember, the Biblical word for love means more than a feeling, it means a commitment.
2. *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger.* (Ephesians 6:4). Every child’s psyche is fragile. We dads can expect too much at times and come down too hard on them. Worst of all, we can shut out our kids emotionally. We are to build them up and not destroy the spirit and self-image of our children.
3. *Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.* (Ephesians 6:4). To do this, we need to be godly men who know the Book, who live it, and teach it to our kids. Kids need to know their boundaries. It gives them security. They also need instruction and teaching on what is right and wrong.

To sum it up, the best fathers love their wives, their kids, and the Lord. Fathers, may this be our goal every single day.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Pray Without Ceasing

Sheila Barnes, Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, Donnie Gilley, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Gary Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Louise Tudor, Patsy Underwood, Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You

Aaron Roach

District Prayer Request

Pray for Amber T. Harris, a member of the Peace Covenant Church in Durham, N.C., who has been approved for ordination to the Gospel Ministry. Let us pray that the wideness and breadth of God's work might continue to challenge us to seek wider, greater, and more creative fields of mission and ministry.

Thank you for continuing to honor your commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through your tithes.

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If you cannot attend regular Sunday service do not forget that you can watch a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren, where you can view the live stream each Sunday, or watch any of our recent sermons online.

The Witness Commission will be collecting items for Hospice of Rockingham County during the months of June & July.

Please help them keep providing comfort to others by purchasing some items on their wish list. You may place the items just inside the door downstairs or in the container in the narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church and put “hospice” on the memo line. You can place all monetary donations in the offering plate. Thank you for all your help!

Need to restock flavorings?

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“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”

—John Lubbock

Upcoming Birthdays

June 29: Beth Whitley

July 2: Thomas Moyer

July 3: Kathy Bridges



“And this is my dad. He begat me.”