

Father Figure

Why is there so much violence, crime, hostility, anger, hatred, discrimination, disrespect, etc. in our world today? What's wrong with America? I believe the answer can be summed up in two words: FATHER FIGURE.

The ABSENCE of a father figure within the home is wreaking havoc on our society. And when I say FATHER FIGURE, I'm referring to both a biological father as well as the Heavenly Father. The Divine PLAN for the home includes BOTH- husband/father and God (cf. **Gen. 2:18ff; Pro. 22:6; Eph. 5:23ff; 6:4; Psa. 127:1ff**). I might add that a husband-father can be present, but at the same time absent, when it comes to his God-given responsibilities! This can have the same negative impact on the family as does abandonment altogether.

Additionally, a home where God is absent (not in the sense that God has left, but in the sense that the family has chosen to leave Him) results in reckless living (cf. **Luke 15:13 ESV**). Homes where God and His Word are not cherished and communicated, over time, will result in the demise of that society where those families dwell. "Where there is no prophetic vision (revelation) the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law" (**Pro. 29:18 ESV**). I believe we would all agree that a good portion of our society has "cast off restraint."

Simply put, when our nation corrects its father figure failures, it will be great again!

Terry R. Townsend
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Thank you for
your prayers!

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

June 19, 2022

Wellness

If I started talking to you about "Wellness" what would you think about? Most of us would probably start by thinking about our physical health. I know that I have been thinking about my own health as I am getting older. I have always struggled with my weight, I have aches and pains, problems with my stomach, and the list goes on. For most of us we at least understand that we need to take care of ourselves physically. Many of us choose not to do as good of a job as we should, but we at least know what we should do.

Each year UAM hosts a Wellness Fair that WFC participates in. The Fair promotes wellness across a wide range of areas including Physical, Occupational, Emotional, Intellectual, Social, and Spiritual. Our wellness is more than just our physical health. We know the consequences of not taking care of our physical health, an early death. Taking care of our spiritual wellbeing is even more important for our long-term existence.

Our spiritual health is very different from our physical health. When we finally become aware of our spiritual state most of us are already dead. It is only through the power of God that we can be brought back to life. *"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."* (**Ephesians 2:1-5**)

Our spiritual wellness can only truly begin when God brings us back to spiritual life through Jesus Christ. In order to maintain this new life that we are given we must turn to our instruction manual and maintain our spiritual wellness, this takes discipline. We need to continue to study the bible, spend time in prayer, spend time with the church family and walk in obedience daily producing fruit for the Lord. The bible is our guide that teaches us how to maintain our spiritual wellness. When we are spiritually well we will desire the presence of God in our lives. ~Brad Tolbert

Memory Verse

"Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord."

Psalm 68:4 (NIV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

Happy Father's Day!

Ray Leonard who is awaiting test results.

Let's continue to pray for the **Walker family** as they prepare to join us here.

We will be feeding the **Walker family** several nights as they transition to Monticello. Please **sign-up** on the **sheet** in the foyer. If you have questions, please see **Sara Newton** or **Jill Curtis**.

Tom Baker had back surgery which went well and will resume chemo treatments.

Joy Herring Burt passed away last week. She was a cousin to **Marty Baker**, **Cheryl Shirey**, **Michelle Bailey**, and **Ana Koonce**.

Joseph Friend had his oral surgery and is doing well.

We rejoice with the **Gordon family** as **Elam Gordon** (Fran Calvert's granddaughter) was **baptized** Friday, June 10th.

Gary Light is in UAMS dealing with health issues.

Pray for **Gean Harris** who had surgery this past Tuesday.

Robbie Pettigrew was admitted to

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

-Evening worship at 5:00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Gary Crook... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Eddy & Suzette Russell.. Jerry Smith... Rita Stiles... The Walker Family... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis... Noah Draper... David Foret... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Shannah Baker...Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...family of Joy Herring Burt...Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper... Opal Crow... Dermott accident victims... Joseph Friend...Tommy Haynes... Bertha Henry... Deane Johnson... Francis Jordan... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... James Perry... the family of Brenda Peterson... Robbie Pettigrew... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of David Wilkins... Sue Woodard...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



June	20	Joshua & Jessica Pettigrew
	21	James Miller
	23	Beau & Jamie Beard
	24	Seth Baker Jailen Miller
	27	Joe Sponaugle
	28	Karla Rice
	30	Gwen Ellis Reid Smith
July	1	Timothy Cook Mamie Meier Becky Rice Joshua Tolbert Olivia Wilson
	5	John Staudinger

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

19	Psalm 67-69
20	Psalm 70-72
21	Psalm 73-75
22	Psalm 76-78
23	Psalm 79-81
24	Psalm 82-85
25	Psalm 86-88



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

UAMS with a blockage in his bowel. They were able to remove it without surgery.

The **Fellowship Hall** has been reserved **June 20-22** for the purposes of being used as a **polling place** for the runoff election.

The **Change for Children** fundraiser for **Paragould Children's Home** is here again. If you would like to participate, there are cans available in the foyer. The deadline to return the cans will be in late **August**.

If you have borrowed the following **Truth for Today commentaries** from the **church library**, please return them: **1st Half of Acts**, **1st and 2nd Peter**.

The **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** will not be meeting during the Summer. It will start back up in the Fall.

Psalm 103:13: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

Malachi 4:6: "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."

Attendance

Bible Class	77
Sunday AM Worship...	102
Sunday PM Worship	74
Wed. Evening	64
Contribution	\$3,744.62

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MISSIONS

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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

June 19	Ione Easterling
June 26	Ione Easterling
July 3	Gwen Ellis
July 10	Gwen Ellis

Ladies June Duties

Cards:	Barbara Dyson
Food:	Sara Newton Jill Curtis