

The Jamieson

Journal

June 2009



A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.

A few comments:

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.

What would you write about your father

Striving to follow John Wesley's Three Simple Rules
Do No Harm ☞ Do Good ☞ Stay in Love with God

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First, let me say that the Three Simple Rules group has stopped meeting for the summer. We had a good run, looking at the ways the Rules are a challenge to follow, and discussing at some length whether the US is a “Christian nation.” It turns out that it’s difficult to nail down a definition of that term.

Anyway, the group will start up again in September, and it is wide open to anyone who would like to make the Rules an integral part of their lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about these Rules:

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in Love with God

I believe the group decided that the hardest rule was the first one. You know when you are doing good. You decide to do good. You can feel your love for God, or its absence. But, we can do harm without even knowing it. Usually this would involve saying something harmful. Calling people names (idiot, moron, slob, lazy, anal, etc) is harmful, no matter how accurate you think the insult is. This applies to talking behind someone’s back and saying it to their face. It even applies to thinking it.

You know how Jesus says, in the Sermon on the Mount, that lust IS adultery, and anger IS murder. The same goes for thinking insulting thoughts about someone, even about ourselves. We must stop the bad thoughts so they don’t turn in to harmful words or harmful actions.

So, this summer, when you’re at the lake, or the beach, or the pool, and you see the fat, pasty guy in a Speedo, catch yourself when you hear “Ewwww” in your head. Repeat “Do no harm” a few times. And ask God to bless him. You will become a better person and the world will become a better place.

Enjoy your summer. And don’t forget that we’re here every Sunday morning.

Peace and Prayers,

Walt

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Wesley Swain	6/1	Barbara Kirkpatrick	6/6
Larry Connolly	6/6	Margaret Woltz	6/6
Priscilla Gilbert	6/11	Patrick Bagbey	6/16
Ken Mink	6/16	Gerrie Taylor	6/16
Amy Ramsey	6/19	Myone Merritt	6/20
Perry & Priscilla Gilbert	6/1	Ben & Linda Arthur	6/3
Walt & Betty Westbrook	6/3	Steve & Dawn Jones	6/14
Gary & Michelle Gibson	6/20	Lee & Nancy Lipscomb	6/25



Nursery	June 7	June 14
Young at Heart	Ken & Sally Morgan	Robin Bowen
Children Church	Ginny Henderson	Win Baker
Lay Reader	L Castle & H Harvell	Scotti Moore
Acolytes	Sally Morgan	Nancy Barden
Altar Flowers	Grey Henderson	Colleen Connolly
	Communion	Perry & Priscilla Gilbert
Nursery	June 21	June 28
Young at Heart	Dave Eason	Benda Cahoon
Children's Church	Willard Yeates	Melanie Barden
Lay Reader	Betty Miller	Betty Miller
Acolytes	Harriett Overstreet	Mryna Howerton
Altar Flowers	Logan Powell	Taylor Moore
	Father's Day	Edna Locker



Sue God ... and lose

Romanian convict Pavel Mircea recently accused the Almighty of "fraud and betrayal of trust." Mircea, who's serving 20 years in prison for murder, brought charges against "the defendant God, who lives in the heavens and is represented in Romania by the Orthodox Church."

Mircea said God "was supposed to protect me from all evils." A court dismissed the case, saying, "God is not subject to law and does not have an address."

We, however, are subject to God's law.



Vacation Bible School

Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere)

Jamieson Memorial UMC

July 12-16, 2009 (Sun.-Thurs.)

5:30-8:15 pm

Dinner served nightly

Children and adult classes available

Contact Jamieson Memorial UMC office or
Lauren or Michelle Gibson 374-0062 to register.

Jamieson Memorial United Methodist Church
Administrative Council
May 14, 2009

In attendance: Steve Roberts, Jean Smart, Lori Hamlett, Debbie Connolly, Leigh Felton, Elaine Senz
Opening: Elaine Senz read a reflective reading entitled "Climbing the Musical Scale" along with scripture from 1 Timothy 1:12

Asst Chair, Steve Roberts, called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the April 2, 2009, meeting were approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Lori Hamlett) Bank balances and actual expenditure/income statement were distributed. Lori said that the negative income in "Missions – Special Offering" as well as the negative expense under "UMCOR" were in error; she will research and report back. Lori also said that Marvin Jennings was no longer performing as Treasurer as he was not able to keep up with the computer work. Lori Hamlett will now fill this position. Deb Connolly recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to Marvin Jennings. It was suggested that Richard Pulliam/Linda Pulliam send this letter.

Jean Smart reported that she needs two more tellers by the end of this year (for next year).

SPIRITUAL LIFE:

MISSION COMMITTEE: Walt reported that Fran Green is going to chair this committee and has set a meeting for Monday, June 2nd. Walt said that Fran is hoping to shift the emphasis of missions from treating the result of problems to focusing on the cause of problems.

SHEPHERDS: (Elaine Senz) No activity to report

REACH AND RELATE: (Lori Hamlett) Steve Roberts said that Coy Lawson has earned his Eagle Scout award and will have be pinned at a Court of Honor ceremony on June 28th, at Grace Baptist Church. Steve suggested that this was an accomplishment that we should acknowledge.

Fellowship: (Elaine Senz) No activity to report

WORSHIP: (Lori Hamlett) No activity to report

EDUCATION: (Michelle Gibson) Education Committee Mtg. will be held May 28, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall. Joe Senz will be giving the Sat. AM Breakfast series May 30, 8:30-11 am. Breakfast will be served. Topic is: "Tips, Tricks, and Short Cuts for your Window's PC". Vacation Bible School will be held at Jamieson July 12-16, 2009 (Sun.-Thurs.), 5:30-8:15 pm. Planning mtg. was held 4/28/09. Anyone interested in helping should contact Lauren or Michelle Gibson. Graduates for 2009 will be recognized over the summer:

High School: Brooke Gibson

College: Will Morgan (RN school), Sarah Parker (UVA), and Cassie Westbrook (VCU).

Firefighters School: Kevin Turner

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Terry Kirkpatrick, Mike Cowley and Ken Morgan had been appointed to review and strategize on replacement/repair of the church roof. We should ask Mike Cowley to report back with results at the June meeting.

YOUTH: (Michelle Gibson) Youth Sunday is this Sunday, May 17 at both 9 and 11 am services. The Mission Trip will be held June 24-28, 2009, to Galilee by the Sea in Carolina Beach, NC.

Safe Sanctuaries Update: A letter is being written to go out to all involved with children/youth/nursery ministries advising of the new policy and that training will follow.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Men's Mother's Day breakfast was held on May 10th. Lori Hamlett asked how this event was advertised as she was unaware. Perhaps UMM could put insert in bulletin preceding event next year.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: (Elaine Senz) Marilyn Mink is gathering ideas from UMW women and compiling a list of "Go Lean" ideas for the church website. Deb Connolly said she already has Marilyn's input and it is on the web. There will be two programs on Women of the Gospel on May 19th and June 16th with Rev. Jane Lyon facilitating. UMCOR coffee order arrived on May 8th.

COMMUNICATIONS: (Deborah Connolly) Deb was pleased with the Easter ad for Jamieson that appeared in the newspaper. She thanked Walt for his clever input and verbiage. The "Neighbor" newsletter was distributed at Easter. The UMW yard sale was in the newspaper. The Saturday morning breakfast series will be in this Saturday's newspaper (May 16th). The newsletter deadline is Thursday, May 21st. The next meeting of the communications committee will be on May 26th.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: STAFF PARISH RELATIONS:

LAY LEADER: (Leigh Felton) Everything is going well

PASTOR: Walt announced that he will be playing at the Uptown Coffee Café in Victoria, Va., at 7PM on Friday, May 15th. He also stated that Jamieson will be hosting an ecumenical Ascension Day service at Jamieson on Thursday, May 21st at 7PM. Walt will clarify requirements with other clergy and notify people as required. On Monday May 25th at 10:45AM there will be a Memorial Day Program at the Fine Arts Center. Music will be provided by a men's octuplet group (six of the group are from our church). There will be a BBQ following the service. The Chorale will have a concert on Saturday, May 30th at 8PM and again on Sunday at 4PM. The Annual Conference will be on June 14-17. Steve and Joan Roberts will represent Jamieson.

The 3 Simple Rules group will have its final meeting on Monday, May 18th. Nothing is planned for the summer but in the fall, Walt plans to introduce Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

- It is a program that's purpose is to **REVITALIZE THE CHURCH**. The point is to transform the congregation.
- The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations are:
 1. Radical Hospitality
 2. Passionate Worship
 3. Intentional Faith Development
 4. Risk-taking Mission and Service

Extravagant Generosity

- There will be a six-week lead up time to the five-week sermon series.
- Everyone will get the book "Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations" by Robert Schnase. This is about Cultivating Fruitfulness in our church.
- The idea is to involve as many people as possible in leadership and worship teams. Sunday school teachers may be incorporating these principles into their classes.
- The hope is that all of the above will lead to more stewardship in our church, not just monetarily, but giving of ourselves with our talents, etc.
- Walt needs to establish leadership teams and have them in place by September

Walt also talked about having an outdoor movie night during the summer. A discussion followed regarding copy right laws and possible problems. Deb Connolly will follow-up.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.Safe Sanctuaries Policy -

At the June meeting, the committees that were originally identified to review the topics of the annual planning meeting will be asked to report back to the council. As a reminder, here are the committees:

- 9:00 service – Worship Committee
- Fellowship dinner – Reach and Relate
- Sermon Discussion – Walt & Reach and Relate
- Five Practices of Faithful Congregations – Walt
- Hospitality and Evangelism – Evangelism Committee (Walt)
- Finding new people – Communications & Evangelism Committee
- Encouraging Leadership – Lay Leadership Committee

Mailboxes Walt said he has had no new complaints

Roof replacement –Terry, Mike, and Ken Morgan will strategize our approach. Mike was asked to report back in May but in his absence, it is requested that he report back at the June meeting.

The Wheel – Steve Roberts reviewed the Wheel and talked about the current May requirements.

Under "finance" the Stewardship campaign was listed and this item needs to be discussed when more members are in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Steve Roberts said that Matt Folk has spoken with him about Boy Scout Troop #7450 meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Deb Connolly moved that we allow the Troop to use the Fellowship Hall and Jean Smart seconded the motion. Steve Roberts will advise Matt Folk and ask that he coordinate a day and time for their meetings with Lori Hamlett.
2. Deb has ordered a CD series entitled Giving to the Poor.

Next meeting: June 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Senz, Acting Secretary Administrative Council

SURPRISE DAD

..... at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.*

What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

What you do:

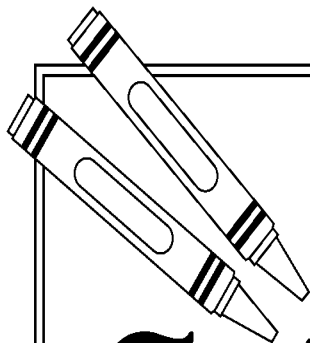
1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.



*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



Just for **KIDS**

Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

“ _____ , _____ — _____ ,
 _____ ; _____
 _____ .” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: “The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

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What is a father?

Being of the male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero, disciplinarian, a friend, someone to look up to, someone to model ... someone with a touch of the "mother" in him, someone who is big enough to say, "The fault was mine" ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, "I, too, shall follow him!"

—Dr. Alton Kaul

Special dates

- Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2009
 - Flag Day, June 14, 2009
 - Father's Day, June 21, 2009
 - First day of summer, June 21, 2009
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