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Fathers through the eyes of our children

As we consider Father's Day in the church, we pause to remember the fathers and father figures in our lives and consider how they reveal to us part of who God is. They can show us love, teach us how to serve, and share their faith with us. As God is mysterious, sometimes, the ways of our fathers are mysterious, too, drawing out our curiosity to learn more.

This Father's Day, I asked our children to share more about their fathers by answering some or all of three questions. As you read through their answers, I invite you to consider how you might answer them yourself. And for the fathers, I want to encourage you to keep loving and encouraging your children in their faith formation. They are watching and listening. It shows, and it matters. Happy Father's Day!

— Rev. Stephanie Parker

What do you love most about your dad?

I love how he is so supportive and there for me. *Eason*

It is so hard to pick, but I would say that if I mess up, he always teaches/shows me how to do it the right way. *Collin*

I love that he builds Legos with me. *Austin*

I love that he takes care of his family. *Holland*

He's always got my back no matter what. *Emmett*

He is kind, funny, and likes to joke around most of the time. *Harper R.*

He can make me laugh and make me be in a better mood. *Blair*

I love that you are YOU. *Carter*

He fixes stuff. *Case*

He always helps us with stuff. He works so we can go camping and do fun stuff. *Lakely*

He's fun, and he teaches me new things about baseball. *Christian*

I love him being him. *Belle*

He always knows how to fix things. *Scarlett*

I love that he's silly and that he likes to read with me. *Annie*

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Fathers through childrens' eyes

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What is mysterious about your dad? (This question was a mystery)

Nothing. *Eason*

There is nothing mysterious about my dad. *Collin*

He builds stuff and works on stuff in the shop, and I don't even know a thing about it until he asks me to go get something that he's made. *Austin*

Don't know. *Emmett*

How he always says, "Well, maybe it's because I'm awesome." *Harper R.*

My dad is mysterious in many ways, but he always wants \$5. *Blair*

He creates stuff. *Case*

His favorite things. He has no favorite things. *Lakely*

I never know what he does on work trips. *Belle*

He figures out almost everything. *Scarlett*

He always tells secrets with mom that I can't hear. *Annie*

What does your dad teach you about God?

He teaches me that God is always by my side. *Eason*

He teaches me about God by helping me learn Bible verses in RAs and by showing me God's love. *Collin*

Dad teaches me that God always loves us, no matter what. *Austin*

Daddy teaches me that God is everywhere and right beside me, even in my body! *Holland*

That it's important to go to church, and God is an important part of my life. *Harper*

My Dad taught me that God is always going to be there for me, like he is. *Blair*

That God should always be a part of my life. *Emmett*

To pray before we eat. *Carter*

Be kind. Make your own prayer for dinner, not repeat the same prayer every time. *Case*

God made the world, and God made everything. *Lakely*

That Jesus died for us, and he prays with me about Noelle and other things. *Christian*

How to say God in Hebrew when I was little. *Belle*

He teaches me kindness. *Scarlett*

He teaches me about the Bible and about people who lived in Bible times. *Annie*

2024 Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....8	New Members.....15
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Worship Attendance

Sunday, June 9.....235	Sunday, June 2.....170
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Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, June 9.....114	Sunday, June 2.....147
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General Fund Giving

Sunday, June 9.....\$14,315	Sunday, June 2.....\$12,767
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Weekly Needs.....\$14,860	
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Baptisms

On Sunday, June 9, we celebrated the baptisms of Phia Parker, Brynlee Temesy, Kelsy Temesy, Aubrey Payton, and Jim Chanco. We pray for their faith journeys as we come alongside of them in this faith community.



PASSPORTkids ready for camp

On Sunday, June 10, First Baptist commissioned a group of 3rd through 5th graders and their adult leaders as they prepare for PASSPORTkids Camp in Virginia. Please join us in praying for these children and adults while they are away at camp June 12-15.

PASSPORTkids include Ann Matchett Cox, Hank Fortner, Christian Franklin, Austin Harrell, Scarlett Johnson, Annie Parker, Belle Parker, Gage Parker, Everette Payton, Reagan Pearson, Vivi Perry, Eason Pope, Lakely Rasor, Harper Riddick and Nathan Strickland.

Adult leaders are Steve Canady, Ali Perry, Melony Strickland and Rev. Stephanie Parker.

Volunteers needed at July 4th celebration

Volunteers are needed to help pass out water at the Town of Clayton's Square to Square event on Thursday, July 4. The celebration is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with fireworks at the conclusion. Our church will set up a tent at the corner of Main and Fayetteville Streets and pass out water to those browsing the tents and activities lining Main Street from Horne Square to Town Square.



This service opportunity is for all ages and is a great way to provide water and a loving presence on a hot summer day to the Clayton community.

To volunteer, call the church office at 919-553-4161 or email Rev. Stephanie Parker at parker@fbcclaytonnc.org with your preferred times.

The Pastor Search Committee asks you to pray that they will have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor.



NBC Luncheon is June 24

The NBC Luncheon will be Monday, June 24 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be catered. Cost is \$8.

May Cespedes, programs manager with Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, will give a presentation on dietary and budgetary topics of interest to seniors such as shopping on a budget, heart healthy meals for 1 or 2, evaluating dietary supplements, fitness fun and more. Please notify the church office no later than June 19 if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list but plan to attend.

VBS leaders seek camping gear donations

Who is ready to go camping? Our Vacation Bible School planning team that's who! And we need your help. If you have any of the following items you are willing to donate or lend for use during VBS we would love to have them. You can bring the items to the small GA room upstairs. There will be signs on the doors. You can start bringing items anytime. They will be available for return on July 11.

Tents, sleeping bags, camp chairs, fold-up picnic tables, red & white checkered tablecloths, lanterns (do not have to work), artificial trees (any shape/size), string lights (any colors), surge protectors, canoes/kayaks/rafts/paddles/oars, fishing poles/nets, bug nets, stuffed animals (raccoons, squirrels, foxes, bears, deer, birds, antlers, etc.) camp decorations (garden flags, rugs, etc.), and anything camping related you are willing to share.



Thanks – Rev. Stephanie Parker

Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE GENERAL FUND

In Memory of

Ron Earp by Bill and Sarah Brooks
Ron Earp by Martha McCullen
Ron Earp by Curtis and Elaine Moore
Ron Earp by Brandon and Vickie Andrews
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Earl and Hope Johnson
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Jean Bryant
Ruth Talton and Ron Earp by Peter and Margaret Legault
Ron Earp by Susan E. Yamakawa
Joyce Lipscomb Canady and Carolyn Allen by Joyce Nixon
Gerald Brantley and Ron Earp by Ayden and Betty Lee
Joyce Lipscomb Canady and Ron Earp by Judy and Jack Coats
Glenn Mayes and Ron Earp by Jerry and Diane Johnson
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Tom and Paula Medlin
Glenn Mayes and Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Billy Parrish

In Honor of

Keeley Tarkington and Stephanie Parker by Brandon and Vickie Andrews
Helen Ellerbe by Joyce Nixon

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE YOUTH MINISTRY FUND

In Memory of

Chuck Turlington by Gerald and Glenda Toler

In Honor of

Kiley Woodard by Donna Brown

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP SCHOLARSHIP INTERNATIONAL FUND

In Memory of

Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Curtis and Elaine Moore
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Joe and Linda Hester

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE MUSIC FUND

In Memory of

Ron Earp by Ron Strickland
Ron Earp by First Baptist Church Choir
Ron Earp by Walter and Jill Rasor
Ron Earp by Jim and Judy Nappier
Ron Earp by Candy Pope

In Honor of

Keeley Tarkington by Earl and Hope Johnson

Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE ORGAN FUND

In Memory of

- Ron Earp by David and Pam Outlaw
Ron Earp by Doug and Rebecca Mudd
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Teresa Ann Calton
Ron Earp by John and Lynn Gibson
Joyce Lipscomb Canady and Ron Earp by Kenny and Vickie Adams
Ron Earp by Ricky and Linda Blackmon
Ron Earp by Decarus Vinson / City of Raleigh CIP Department
Ron Earp and Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Ava Spence
Ron Earp by Betty Godwin
Ron Earp by Gene and Sharon Creech
Ron Earp by Johnston County Tax Department and
Johnston County Board of Equalization and Review
Ron Earp by Bill and Mittie Sue Brewer
Ron Earp by Jean Bryant
Ron Earp by Matt and Aimee Johnson
Ron Earp by Tim and Dana Leung
Ron Earp by Joyce Nixon
Ron Earp by The Clifton Creech Family: Kathy Ellen, Sue Wall and Glenn Creech
Ron Earp by Terry and Katherine Parrish
Ron Earp by Lanny and Helen Thomas and Jamie and Christy Thomas
Ron Earp by Jerry and Beth Milton
Ron Earp and Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Ramona Cash
Ron Earp by Earl and Hope Johnson
Ron Earp and Joyce Lipscomb Canady by David and Nancy Turlington
Ron Earp and Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Fred and Texie Lee
Ron Earp by Bill and Lou Woodard
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Donna Brown
Ron Earp by Ricky and Sherry Smith
Ron Earp by Billy Parrish
- ### **In Honor of**
- Gerald Toler by Joyce Nixon

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE SENIOR ADULT FUND

In Memory of

- Joyce Lipscomb Canady and Ron Earp by Lois Weeks
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Marie Averitt Baucom
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Gerald and Glenda Toler
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Candy Pope
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Carol Gilbert
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by John and Delores Bagley
Joyce Lipscomb Canady by Ronald Crowder and Debbie Ragland