

Family & Friends..... June 15, 2022

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers! Cherish the good memories of the fathers that are no longer with us. Father's Day was founded in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA. She was born in Arkansas. The idea came to her on a Mother's Day while she was attending church. She was thinking about her father who was a single parent who raised Sonora and her five brothers, after her mother died giving birth to her youngest child. The rest is history, it struck a chord with the American people about her story and others with similar stories. It eventually was made a holiday we observe today. It became a National Holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. Father's Day helps to demonstrate the importance and value of fatherhood, and the gifts beyond material goods that a father bestows on his children and family. To our Heavenly Father – To God Be the Glory!

Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. Psalm 103:13

It is with delight that we announce our visitors: Jill Adams (Independence, MO), Glenda Schmidt (Wyandotte, OK), Jeremy & Sharon Boyd and children, Lily, Logan, Owen, and Colton (Bentonville), Zach & Megan Ballard and Frank & Mary DeLozier (Bella Vista).

Those on our prayer list: Debbie Helms' mother, Loiselle Tyler has been placed on hospice care. The Winslow's daughter, Audrey, had her back surgery postponed. Jerry Snider had hip surgery on Wednesday. Mike Lacey will have surgery on June 21st. Cammy Jo McCain request prayers for two of her co-workers, Beth Lemmons - stage 4 bone cancer and Allison Stephen – breast cancer. Bob and Pat Musson both need our prayers. Bob is recovering from home and Pat will start radiation treatments on top of Pat having the Shingles, and both getting over Covid. Skeet & Denise Dennis asks for prayers for their family member who has liver damage and waiting for treatment. Continue to remember and pray for Nina Verkler, Becky Donceel, our missionaries, our military and police force, our country and president.

List for Fair Haven Children's Home: cereal, Spam, spaghetti, snacks, and paper plates and cups. Our June Food Pantry: relish, ketchup, baked beans, marshmallows, fruit cups, applesauce, and pasta – all types.

A life lived for Christ is the best inheritance we can leave our children. Love you, stay safe.

Karen

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LORD'S DAY

Early Worship 8:15 AM
Bible Class (Livestreamed) 9:30 AM
Worship (Livestreamed) 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Class 9:45 AM
Bible Classes (Livestreamed) 7:00 PM

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Unstoppable

In the book of Acts, Luke records for future generations the account of the spread of Christianity in the decades after the resurrection and ascension of Christ. It is a fascinating and exciting book as we read of the early disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, continuing the mission of Jesus in the face of severe opposition. We read, and are amazed, as the 120 quickly become a group of over 3,000 after the preaching of Peter in Acts 2. We continue to follow the steps of Peter and many of the early disciples as they boldly proclaim the risen Jesus as Messiah. We see the Gospel message spread throughout Judea and into Samaria. We see the conversion of Gentiles. We see the conversion of Paul and continue following him as the message of Jesus continues to spread to Jews and Gentiles all over that part of the world. We watch this Christian movement continue to grow in the face of opposition from the outside and conflicts from within. We stand in awe as we see the church as an unstoppable force.

We look around our world today and notice all the things that need to change. We see the hatred, the conflict, the violence, and the way in which it may appear that evil and sin are carrying the day. We long for the day when all of this will be made right. We pray for hearts to be changed and turned back toward God. We may even wonder how God will accomplish this turning of people toward him.

In the midst of that wondering, I hope we realize that the church is still an unstoppable force. I pray that we realize that we are a part of the same great movement that we read of in Scripture, and that nothing can destroy the Kingdom of God. We may face opposition from without and conflict within, but the Kingdom moves forward. This shouldn't surprise us. In fact, it is what Jesus said about the church prior to its birth.

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It is what he told his disciples in Matthew 16.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:13-18)

This is our heritage. This is something of which we are a part. We meet every week in these outposts of the Kingdom in different places, speaking different languages, yet focused on the same person, Jesus. We meet, we worship, we encourage, and we learn more about the people we are called to be, and we are all part of the same mission of that first church whose exploits are recorded for us.

We are a part of an unstoppable Kingdom, Founded on none other than the risen Savior. He's not just "another" good person. He's not just anyone; not even just an exceptional religious prophet. He is the Son of God, the Christ, the promised Messiah. He is King. Death could not stop him and death of his followers will not stop the Kingdom.

We are empowered by the same Holy Spirit of whom we read in the book of Acts. He has promised to lead us, guide us, and intercede for us. He convicts the world of sin and is available to regenerate even the hardest hearts provided they will turn to Jesus for salvation.

We carry the message of good news. Forgiveness is available. Hope can be found. Lives can be changed and given a future and a purpose. The change in the world for which we hope and pray is available in this message we are commissioned to carry. We may become discouraged from time to time as we see the condition of the world around us. It may appear that we are fighting an uphill battle. We may even be tempted to use the same tactics as the world in this battle. But we don't give in. We don't give up. Because we are part of an unstoppable force, following the lead of our unstoppable Savior. May God continue to help us to carry out the mission.

-JEFF GRISHAM

Update from Ukraine

Our Dear Friends in the Lord!

I want to share with you thoughts and news from Ukraine.

Every nation and culture has its own customs and traditions.

Japan has a good culture and tradition of always smiling. Even when sorrow and trials come, the Japanese smile at everyone with whom they communicate, as if to say,

"I don't want to grieve you and burden you with my trial..."

The war continues in Ukraine, with people dying every day from the enemy's criminal weapons. But we do not give up, all Ukrainians believe in victory and peace.

I would like you to imagine us all smiling...

Yes we have trials, but we don't want to burden and sadden you, our dear friends.

We very much appreciate your help that you send to all those in need in Ukraine.

We value our friendship in the Lord, and our ability to see each other in the light of God's love!

At the end of May, God allowed us to meet refugees from eastern Ukraine. These are families with children who left their homes in eastern Ukraine. My wife Victoria, our son Ivan, and I accepted this situation as a blessing to serve and help people in their needs. We bought them groceries and basic supplies and gave out financial aid.

We also told them about our church and missionary ministry. Then one man (Sergey) asked a question about baptism. And we took that chance to preach the Gospel.

We promised them that at the second meeting we would bring everyone a Bible! And that happened on Friday, June 3. All the refugees joyfully received this precious gift - the Word of God. In fact, we held two Bible lessons with these families and they asked to meet again the following Friday. Praise God!

Also last Sunday our family visited a church in Obolon (Kiev) and gave them financial help, for charity lunches.

You can see everything I am writing to you in the pictures I am attaching to this letter.

Once again, please accept our thanks, especially the many thanks from the displaced people and refugees whom you are helping and praying for them and us. We pray for you as well!

May the blue peaceful sky always be over you!

Our love and greetings!

Sasha Alexander Prokopchuk and family

Kiev, Ukraine

June 4, 2022



SUNDAY SERVANTS: 6/19/22

First Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture	Bill Alumbaugh	Song Leader	Anthony Christiano
Greeters	Joe Hott, Terry Roberts	Communion Scripture & Prayer	Mark Tucker
	Closing Prayer.....		Randall Hunt
	Nursery Workers		Jerri Dobbs, Tori Hunt

Second Service

Welcome, Prayer & Scripture.....	Tracy Bowman	Song Leader	Marquis Elliott
Greeters	Howard Hurst, Don Cope	Communion Scripture & Prayer	Bryan Busbee
	Closing Prayer.....		Perry Johnson
Nursery Workers.....	Cammy Jo McCain, Jennifer Royer	Van Driver	Bryan Busbee

June Worship Coordinators

Worship Coordinator	Mike Lunsford	Streaming Coordinator	Elijah Johnson
Audio Coordinator	Homer Makinson	Video Coordinator	Chris Johnson