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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



MORGAN STRAHLEY
JOINED MAY 17



TAYLOR BUFFKIN
JOINED MAY 17

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

JUNE SCHEDULE

June 10th

Family Fun Night - Water Night
6-8pm

Come ready to get wet! Tons of water fun for all ages.

June 13th

Cars & Coffee
8-10am

June 13th - 17th

Centrifuge Summer Camp for Youth

June 15th

Men's Ministry Meeting
6:30-8:30pm

Fellowship with dinner for men. Guest speaker Jeff Bradshaw.

June 17th

D6 - Park Night
6-8pm

Fellowship at OIB Park.

June 18th

Bags of Hope Packing
10:30am

Take part in providing food to those in need by helping to pack bags of food.

June 20th

Bags of Hope Distribution
10:30am

Take part in providing food to those in need by helping to distribute bags.

**June 21st -
25th**

Vacation Bible School
6:30-8:30pm

Volunteers and participants register at thefbcs.com/vbs

Thanks for supporting our kids at the car show fundraiser!



WHEN DADS ARE ON DUTY



Just a few weeks into the 2021 school year, two groups of boys brawled across the courtyard at Southwood High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. The next day, girls picked up where the boys had left off. And suddenly, in just two days, 23 students were in police custody.

Gang tensions were rising and students were taking sides. Word spread among parents, and a group of dads, led by Craig Lee and Michael La’Fitte, decided it was up to them to take action. They held a meeting and, at the end of four hours, “Dads on Duty” was formed.

Soon, more than 40 dads were involved, rotating in shifts to prevent problems in the school. Violence all but dissipated. Brawls stopped and students went to class.

But the mission of Dads on Duty is more than preventing bad behavior. Instead, the dads are mentors. They seek to cultivate a positive environment, to effect positive change, and to be a proactive presence in the schools.

Since 2021, Dads on Duty has spread. For example, in 2022, inspired by the dads in Shreveport, brothers Jimmy and Josh Carter started an initiative to place fathers in local high schools in Virginia to support faculty and staff, as well as deter violence among students.

More than prevention

The name itself is instructive. Dads should always be “on duty.” Of course, kids do better in any environment where parents are engaged, proactive, and correcting bad behavior. That includes moms.

But present, engaged, and proactive dads have a particularly positive impact on children and families. Dads are not present only to prevent bad behavior or to punish bad behavior when it happens. Both of those matter. But dads are also there to create responsible adults. In fact, in the Bible, proactive participation is the most common characteristic of dads.

The difference Christ makes

In the ancient Greco-Roman world, children feared their fathers. The role of the father was similar to a king. He controlled every aspect of the family. Children were not considered people so much as household property, and the father could even choose whether infants and young children lived or died.

But then the Christians came along and applied a Christian worldview to the way family dynamics worked. Families were transformed by Christ. Dads bowed to Christ, and He was Lord of the Christian family, so, like every other part of the Christian life, the family dynamic showed it. That included the way dads viewed their children, as a precious blessing from God and not a status symbol or household property (Ps. 127:3-5).

In the Christian household, dads are not only on duty to lead the household or to discipline the children, but they are also on duty to point the way to Christ. They are present to shape the character of the kids, lead them to Christ, and to cultivate their faith.

Discipline without discouraging

Ephesians 6:4 is probably the best-known scripture in the New Testament directed at dads. “Fathers, don’t stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

In 6:4, as with most of the book of Ephesians, Paul is contrasting behaviors and habits that Christians should dispense with and then prescribing what behavior should replace it. The phrase “don’t stir up anger in your children” is quite literal. It is sometimes translated as “provoke,” “exasperate” or even “nag.”

The passage depicts a Roman father who is an overbearing disciplinarian. His corrections border on harassment. For this dad, his children can never do anything right, leaving the children “discouraged,” as the parallel passage in Colossians says it (3:21).

Don’t misunderstand. Paul is not advocating soft parenting or not correcting a child’s bad behavior. Instead, his point is that Christian dads apply godly love, which includes both discipline and encouragement. Christian dads know they are raising little creations of God and seek to be stewards of the divine imperative of parenting.

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...CONTINUED COVENANTAL COHERENCE: GOD’S CONSISTENT GRACE FOR HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE AGES

everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. I will build you, and you shall be built.” God’s faithfulness on display, to the end of the age! Later in the chapter, we see that in the “days [that] are coming,” God will “make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers” (vv.31-32). God then declares, “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts” (v.33). This future covenant will be an internal covenant written on the heart, rather than an external covenant written on stone, and it will bring obedience to a rebellious people. “No longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (v.34). Even the least will know God personally, their new heart will give them access to God, and through this new covenant, their sins will be remembered no more.

God’s people are still wayward through the first century AD. But God is still faithful. The new covenant comes through Jesus. God incarnate

arrives among His people (Lk. 2). What Ezekiel witnessed depart from the temple, from the people, from the land (Ezek. 10-11) – now returns in the incarnation (Jn 1:14). Jesus comes to His people to accomplish the redemptive work promised in the Garden of Eden – he is the seed of Eve who crushes the serpent’s head (Gen 3:15). Jesus’s death and resurrection assure believers’ resurrection and eternal life (Rom. 4:25; Ezek 37:1-14). Believers are justified by faith and filled with God’s Spirit and are now restored, sealed by this new, eternal covenant (Jer 31:31-34; Eph. 1:13-14). They are given a new heart, one that can seek and obey (Jer 31:33; Ezek 36:26; Rom 6:6). Not by their works, but always by His grace (Eph 2:8-9). Jesus commands his disciples to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt 28:19-20). God’s covenant faithfulness through the ages. In Revelation, Jesus tells His church, “Surely I am coming soon” (Rev 22:20). And He is! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

In His Faithfulness,
Pastor Kevin

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KITCHEN TEAM

PRISCILLA EVANS

On June 3rd we'll wrap up disciplerlife classes for this church year, and that also means our Wednesday night fellowship meals will take a break. As we head into the summer months, with the kitchen team taking a break, I may not be aware if we are running low on supplies. If you happen to notice we're running low on paper products, I'd really appreciate a quick heads-up so I can restock before we run out. Also, if you're using the kitchen for your ministry, we'd love for everyone to tidy up afterward so it stays nice for the next group. The kitchen is a shared blessing, and we all play a part in caring for it. Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to serving you again in September!

Church family, in light of our series through Ezekiel, I wanted to share the great unity I find in scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. And instead of Ezekiel, we will briefly visit this unity found in Jeremiah. If you have been with us in our series through Ezekiel, I think you will find some of the themes from Jeremiah 31 familiar.

COVENANTAL COHERENCE: GOD'S CONSISTENT GRACE FOR HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE AGES

God has been gracious to his creation from the beginning. His covenants with man reflect this. From creation, man has failed to live up to God's perfection. And yet, God has not given up on his image bearers. Despite breaking the only rule they were given, God extends grace to Adam and Eve in the garden. Through their descendants, he gives a promise. In Genesis 3:15, God tells the serpent that the descendant of Eve will one day defeat him. This protoevangelion brings to light God's redemptive plans for his people almost as soon as their need for redemption is realized. Later, God calls Noah to build for himself, his family, and select creatures of the earth a great boat (Gen. 6:13-18). This act of salvation from the depths was not due to Noah's righteousness, though he was righteous in comparison to his contemporaries, but solely by the grace of God. Noah, shortly after worshipping the Lord following his salvation, sins and immediately falls short of his 2nd Adam potential (Gen. 9:21). Abram, a descendant of Noah, was called out of his land by God. God promised him a new place, a new people, and gave him a new purpose, even a new name (Gen. 12-17). Again, we see nothing in the life of Abraham that would make him worthy of God's salvific call. It was God's grace demonstrated. Even the covenant God made with Abraham shows a one-sided relationship. The Lord Himself went through the animal carcasses, without Abraham (Gen. 15:17).

It was a covenant God made to Abraham, not with Abraham. He believed, and it was his belief in God that was accredited to him as righteousness (Gen. 15:6). Abraham was justified by faith, not by works. Abraham's descendants, Israel, received a new covenant on Mt. Sinai, with Moses as intercessor (Exod. 19-31). God revealed the standards of living a righteous life to His people, a remarkable act of grace. And yet, before the intercessor Moses could return to the people, they had broken this covenant (Exod 32). A dreadful theme of immediate disobedience is emerging.

The theme continues in the days of Jeremiah, a prophet to the nation of Judah, the southern kingdom of Israel. The nation of Judah fails to uphold the law God gave them, and Jeremiah is called to warn them of the judgment of the Lord. Judgment will come to pass, but God's gracious faithfulness will remain. Jeremiah chapter 31 is essential to understanding God's steadfast love and gracious mercy. In verse 1, we see God look forward to the last days, "At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people." Here we see the same covenant formula given to Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob. God's grace is still abounding, and will come to a gracious climax "at that time," in the last days – the eschaton. Verses 3 and 4 say, "I have loved you with an

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Prayer and Encouragement

Time and Service

Tree of Life Pledge

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Stock Donations

IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (70½+)

Future Fundraising Events

ALL participation is highly valued and appreciated. Donations should be above regular tithes and are handled with discretion in keeping with our financial policies.

Capital Campaign Committee: Jeff Bradshaw, Lisa Robinson, Kelly Holden and Elaine Van Dyke

CURRENT LOAN STATUS

Received So Far,
\$400,031

Remainder,
\$749,969

Goal \$1,150,000

...CONTINUED WHEN DADS ARE ON DUTY

The Christian dad's discipline mirrors the Heavenly Father's discipline of the believer (Prov. 3:11-12, Heb. 12:5-11). The Christian dad disciplines to grow the children in character, morals, and faith.

That means the Christian dad is proactive, not simply reactive. He is thinking of ways to foster faith in his children (Prov. 22:6).

Actively foster faith

So, dads, consider this: You are on duty, serving Jesus, who is the Lord of your household. What are you doing to foster faith in your children?

In difficult times, and when they mess up, do you show them the same compassion that Jesus shows you (Ps. 103:13)?

Do they see your discipleship and know that you walk with the Lord as well? Do they see your integrity and the character of Christ in you (Prov. 20:7). And do they know you rely on the Lord at all times (Prov. 14:26)?

What are you creating?

In his book *Boundaries for Leaders*, Henry Cloud says you get two things: What you create and what you allow. Every parent should remember that.

Dads, you are on duty. And you know that means you decide what behavior you will allow. Then, when kids cross the line, you enact discipline.

But remember to pay attention to what you create. Be proactive and seek to shape the faith of your children.

And there is one more thing to remember. The first person you lead is yourself. And you cannot lead your children into a relationship with Christ that you are not fostering for yourself.

With love in Christ,

Happy Father's Day!
Pastor Bob