

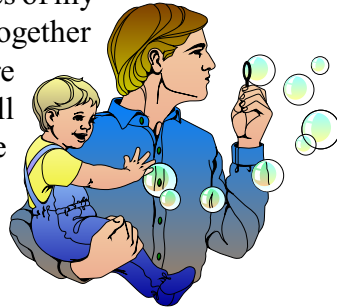
Munfordville Church of Christ

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Fathers

I am blessed to have good memories of my father. Sometimes we did things together that I wish had never ended. There was a time when I thought he had all the answers to all the questions. There were times when I needed him the most and he was there. And there was a time when I thought my father could do anything.



When I think of those times, I wonder if we use the word “father” correctly. Do we call our earthly fathers “father” after God, or do we call God “Father” because of our earthly fathers? Those good times with my father came to an end. I didn’t want them to, but they ended anyway. Things change, people change, times change, but God stays the same. My Heavenly Father never changes. Our “good times” together never have to end, unless I end them.

One day I realized that my father didn’t know everything. He made mistakes. He wasn’t perfect, but God is. I can go to my

Heavenly Father with all my problems, all my trials, and all my mistakes, and my Heavenly Father will have the answer.

My father was there when I needed him most, but it was impossible for him to be there all the time. There will be a time when I’ll need my father again, and he won’t be there, but God will be. The only time my Heavenly Father won’t be around is when I’ve run away from Him. Even then, He’ll only be a prayer away.

There was a time when my father could have beat up your father, but that time has passed. I realized that other fathers were stronger or my father got weaker, but not God. My Heavenly Father is all-powerful. I see people all the time who can’t trust their Heavenly Father because of what their earthly fathers have done, or didn’t do. No matter how bad our earthly fathers may have been, we’ve got to realize that our Heavenly Father isn’t.

I hope you can call your earthly father “Father” because his earthly care for you resembles the work of your Heavenly Father in your life. If you can’t, then you can still discover all the wonderful things your Heavenly Father can do for you.

—Gene Baker, Malakoff, Texas



I read a comic in a church bulletin that had two young people talking to each other. One made the comment, “You know, I’m beginning to unravel the mysteries of the Old Testament—I’ve started reading it.” The humor is obvious, but there is no humor in the fact that so many of our brethren know so little about the Bible. Many feel it is just too difficult to understand, but they never try reading it.

In Nehemiah 8:8 we are told, “*So they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*” Understanding of the word of God is no different for us. We must “read in the book” before we can begin to understand.

No one would expect to master any discipline without first studying in that field. Likewise, to understand the Bible, we must dig into its depths. Dig deep, for therein one will find great, eternal treasures.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey. Mildred Monroe**, the 97-year-old aunt of Shirley Edwards is in a rehabilitation home in Corydon, Indiana. She has had pneumonia. We went to see her yesterday.

—Thanks to **Jerry Edwards** and **Larry Compton** who taught and lead singing last week while Ruby and I were visiting at the Broadway congregation in Campbellsville. **Kerry** and **Vicki McDaniel** attended with us.

The next morning here at the church building in Munfordville I baptized **Jennifer Milby** who was in attendance at Campbellsville. We are glad of her decision to obey the LORD. Thanks to all the members who came Monday morning to assist with the baptism and the brief worship service we had. There is a video of the baptism posted on YouTube.

The Campbellsville congregation is interested in the online work we do and I will be helping them in setting up a computer so they can also broadcast their services.



Six P's of Bible Study

Bible study is vitally important. Man's usefulness in life as well as his happiness in eternity demands an understanding and an obedience to the Word of God. As we consider our study of the Scriptures, we must do it in the following ways:



1. *Periodically* — Read on a regular schedule. (Acts 17:11)
2. *Purposefully* — Study with a definite plan in mind. (II Timothy 2:15)
3. *Pensively* — Read reflectively and thoughtfully. (Psalm 119:97)

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Sunday, June 9, 2013		
Classes	13	Jerry Edwards taught
Preaching	24	Jerry Edwards spoke
Contribution	\$662.00	
Evening	18	Esther 6:1-7:10
Wednesday, June 12, 2013		
Classes	22	I Samuel 2:1-36

Visitors— Jun 9 (AM) Rachel Lane (Priceville, KY)
 Jun 9 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY); Rachel Lane (Priceville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was read to King Ahasuerus when he could not sleep?

Last Week's Answer— Worship, Sacrifice, and Offer
 (I Samuel 1:3, 21)

4. *Persistently* — Keep at it. Don't grow discouraged. (I Peter 2:2)
5. *Prayerfully* — If any lacks wisdom, let him ask of God. (James 1:5)
6. *Properly* — God's word must be rightly divided, or handled accurately. (II Timothy 2:15)

—Curry St. Church of Christ, West Plains, MO❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—	
1.	Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2.	Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3.	Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4.	Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5.	Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6.	Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)