

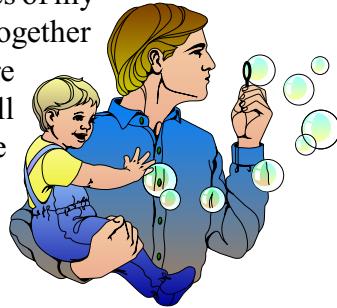
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Fathers

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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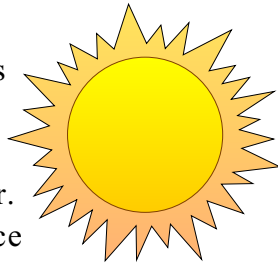
—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Allen Riffle, Lillian Riffle, Vicki McDaniel and Shirley Edwards.**

—**Jean Coffey** was omitted from the June birthday list. Her birthday is today, June 17.

—Congratulations to **Matthew Edwards** who was selected to the Governor’s School for the Arts in creative writing. He will be spending the next three weeks at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY.

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Summer officially begins this Wednesday, June 20. The days start becoming shorter until December 21, the shortest day of the year. Over the next few days we will not notice much difference in the length of the days, even though they will become shorter. After some time, we begin to notice the difference. It seems to happen suddenly, but actually it happens a little each day.



Committing sin is similar. At first, we may not notice what we are doing wrong, but if not careful, over time we become deeply involved in sin, and one day we wake up and wonder how we ever arrived in such a condition.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday, June 10, 2012		
Classes	14	John 1:35-2:11
Preaching	19	Matthew 13 (the types of soil)
Contribution	\$534.00	
Evening	24	Revelation 9:1-21
Wednesday, June 13, 2012		
Classes	16	Joshua 1:1-18

Jun 10 (AM) Carolyn Bowers (Upton, KY); Curtis McDaniel and Tara Perkins (Uno, KY); Jay Cottrell (Upton, KY)

Jun 10 (PM) James, Rose & Emma Spencer (Jasper, Arkansas); Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY); April Thompson (Hardyville, KY); Carolyn Bowers (Upton, KY)

Visitors—

Jun 13 (Wed) April Thompson (Hardyville, KY); Carolyn Bowers (Upton, KY); Madison Gaddie (Munfordville); Nicole Carter (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

John saw what insect shaped like horses?

Last Week’s Answer— Pisgah (Deuteronomy 34:1)

—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)