

Thoughts for the Journey – June/2013

Dads – Will We be Missed?

There is a story in the life of David and King Saul, which has caused me to reflect on its relevance for Father's Day coming this month. King Saul tried many times late in his life to try and kill David. It got so heated at one point David decided not to show up at the king's table. Jonathan, King Saul's son makes a statement to David, "Tomorrow is the New Moon, and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty" (1 Samuel 20:18). I'm sure many people realized that David was not present the next time they gathered around the king's table. More importantly, Jonathan and others missed David's presence at the table. After all, we all miss those people who have shared their lives with us.

My dad passed away on April 4, 1999. That particular day was also Easter. April 4th marked fourteen years since my dad died. As we look forward to June and celebrating Father's Day, I began thinking about some of the things I really miss about my dad. I miss still, going out and getting my dad a "Father's Day" card. I remember as a child making the homemade crayon Mother's Day cards I made at school. By the time Father's Day came around we were out of school but mom took us to the store to look for the just right Father's Day card. Sometimes they were humorous and sometimes they were a little more serious. I'll be honest, I enjoy looking for the right card, however, I am notorious for buying cards before a holiday and forgetting where I hid the card. I really wish I could get my dad one of those special cards today. I miss hearing my dad lead singing. I can remember growing up in church and my dad being one of the regularly scheduled song leaders at the Vancouver, Washington, Church of Christ. My dad was always singing or humming hymns at home, in the car or while doing yard work. One of the humorous times when my dad would sing or hum a hymn was when the radio would be playing and dad would be singing a different song than what was playing. Once in a while, I would ask dad to either sing the song on the radio or don't sing. But I miss those occasions now. When I first started in the ministry, I loved the times when dad and mom would come visit and worship with us. Sometimes dad would lead the singing and I would do the preaching. I really miss hearing my dad sing.

I miss my dad's laugh. He could be very serious when it came to serving the Lord and working for his family. However, my dad liked to joke around and laugh. It was not until my teenage years I truly understood his great sense of humor. My dad enjoyed political humor, puns and especially watching Saturday Night Live. Proverbs 17:22 reads, "A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." Laughter says everything is ok; things will work out and make sure you don't take yourself too seriously.

Finally, I miss being able to talk to my dad. We used to talk politics, sports, the church (the Bible and congregational matters) and family. He was the elder mentor for me. The one who gave me wonderful advice, on relating better to the elders I served with. I miss going and having lattes or just hanging out together. I encourage all fathers to think about the memories we are giving to our children. Dads, keep on building those precious memories.

Blessings for the Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—"Growing in God's Garden"

We are joining the Columbia Ministerial Association's VBS this year. Seven churches will share in the hosting duties. Join us at New Life Wesleyan Church, 11149 West River Rd. Columbia Station, Monday—Thursday, JUNE 24-27, 9:00-12:00 (Noon). Volunteers are needed to help in various areas. FORMS for volunteers and for VBS registration are on the table in the fellowship hall, church office or see Polly Tallos, Melissa Folk or Rev. Chuck if you want to be a part of these great 4 days!



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Camp Christian

NECC will be well represented at Camp Christian this summer.

JR. CAMP (3rd—5th grades) June 16-22
Emily Adkins (Barb Galvin's granddaughter)

HIRAM CYF CONFERENCE (9TH-12TH grades) June 23rd-29th—Paige Bokman, Samantha Galvin, Keyerra Ward & Shaun McBennett (Helen Cramer's grandson) and Rev. Chuck as counselor.

PORTAHOGA CHI RHO CAMP (6th-8th grades) July 7th-13th, Dean Galvin, Erik Tallos, and Polly Tallos as Assistant Director.

Camp is an important step in our youth's spiritual development. It allows them time in a safe space to explore and grow their faith without the distractions that can come at home. Dedicated counselors and staff are available to them the whole week; leading, sharing, encouraging the youth to ask questions and take the next step in their spiritual journey.

There is still time to get your child, youth, young adult signed up for camp. Camps are offered for all ages beginning at the end of 1st grade at Grandparents camp all the way up to adults. Forms are available online at ccinoh.org or from Polly Tallos. Financial help is also available upon request. If you have any questions please see Polly Tallos.

Director of Christian Education & Youth
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Serving at the Lord's Table— June

8:00 Randy & Laura Kuhn

9:30 Leslie & Royce Klein, Mary Bengough, Chris & Holly Chapman, Amy Stafford, Theresa McDonough, Tyler Bokman, Paige Bokman, Maggie Carpenter



ELDERS — Bill & Maureen Cromling

Alive Festival

Like Contemporary Christian music? Then you'll love the Alive Festival. The festival is located in Mineral City, Ohio and runs June 19th—June 22nd. Enjoy the performances of Switchfoot, Newsboys, Colton Dixon, Matthew West, Sidewalk Prophets and Skillet. There is a beach stage for the teen music, worship tent for the more mellow sounds, and a family tent that has singers and performers, in addition to the headliners on the main stage at night. There's even a beach to go cool down and soak up the sun while praising the Son! For more information visit www.alive.org



Melissa Folk

THANK YOU AND News Among the Pews

Thank you to Doris Walker and Dede Prunty for the beautiful baptismal robes they made for the church. Paula Krasnevich

What a nice surprise on my birthday to have beautiful flowers from my church family. Thank you for making it a special day. Carol Busche

Jim and I would like to extend our deep appreciation to our church family at NECC. We are thankful for the many prayers, cards and phone calls we have received. A special thanks to Pastor Chuck for being there for our family; offering prayers and comforting us during our stay at St. John hospital. Jim is still on the road to recovery. He is recuperating at home and each day is an improvement. We sincerely appreciate and are very thankful for all the kindnesses extended to us. With God's Blessings — Jim & Sandy Hales

We'd like to thank all of our church friends for their get well wishes and prayers during Bob's hospital stay and recovery at home. A special thank you to Pastor Chuck for his visits. Bob is now on kidney dialysis and we'd appreciated continued prayers. Bob & Ruby Burdick

I wish to say thanks to Rev. Chuck for his visits and to Carol Busche for "not taking" my picture while I was wearing a hospital gown in the hospital. My most heartfelt thanks for my church family's answered prayers that the establishment of a new heart rhythm drug went well without complications. Thank you and God bless you all, George Butcher

Thank you for continuing to support the Baby Bottles and Pocket Change banks. I sent a check to Cornerstone for \$60.00 this month. Marie Ternes

We received \$65.00 for cans this month. Thank you for recycling your cans here at NECC for "Cans for Cody." Dick Blaine

RECUPERATING AT HOME: Dave Houston, Vada Buckdrucker, Genene Slusher, Randy Balogh, Andy Teper, George Butcher, Bob Burdick, Linda Rodak, Bob Lynch

JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Erma Yost
Juliet & Lacey Hammond
- 3 Bob & Sarah Browne
- 5 Jim & Linda Ickes
- 6 Barry & Melissa Daniels
Ronda & Vic Susak
- 9 Gabriella Laney
- 10 Genene Slusher,
Karen Konko
- 11 Jim Johnson
- 12 Sharon & Mike Kiesel
Damion & Jordan Workman
- 14 Linda Spitzer
Jeff Hensley
Mike & Denise Mott
- 15 Angie Carter
Wil & Linda Morrison
- 16 Abigail Browne
- 17 Stu & Bonnie Hicks
- 18 Jane Eakins
Mike Gross
Betty Hawke
Dianne Nicholas
Bob & Janet Lynch
- 19 Matthew Thompson
April & Chris Hickman

- 21 Barb Koerner
- 23 Ruth Haupt
Ralph & Becky Thompson
- 24 Chris Chapman
- 25 Ed Carter
Cindy & Glen Thompson
- 26 Madison Stevanus
- 27 Dale Botson
- 29 Karen & John Klinect
- 30 Mike Mott, George Butcher
Jim & Joyce Johnson

Week of Compassion responding in

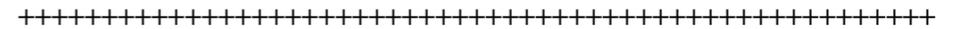
Moore, Oklahoma.....Week of Compassion is responding to the tornados that struck the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. Our staff has been in touch with the Oklahoma Regional Office and is currently working with them to assess needs affecting Disciples, and will-as always-work with our churches and Disciples Volunteering to discern the best way to contribute to the long-term recovery of affected communities across Oklahoma City and beyond.

If you would like to help, the best thing to do is to Pray, Pay and Stay: pray for those affected, contribute through Week of Compassion, and stay where you are. The time for volunteers will come. We continue to keep Moore and all areas affected by disasters in our prayers. Thank you for all the way you partner with us and support those in need. www.weekofcompassion.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

BILL NOWAGARSKI on having the Midview Hot Stove fields (Behind the old Brush Grade School) named for him. His name is engraved on Field 1. Bill was Field Director for over 30 years. He spent many hours working hard to keep the ball fields in good condition for the teams to play. Rain or shine he was there dragging the field, adding sand, picking up garbage, always with the kids first in mind. Even after retiring from this position, baseball is still his first love, so he is now busy lining up umpires for the games, as well as being one.

THANK YOU Bill for making wonderful memories possible for our children.



CONGRATULATIONS to Don Binnie on being inducted into the Volunteer "Hall of Honor" for Midview Schools.

CMIA invites the church to join them on their annual canoe trip on Saturday, July 27th. See Mike Krasnevich for more information and directions.

Welcome new member — Barb Camareno transferred her membership to NECC on May 19, 2013. She is Cindy Hick's mother, who now lives with her in

Council Meeting on June 9th, 12:00 (Noon)— We urge all voting members to please attend. Even if you are not a voting member you are invited to attend Council to be informed of the business of the church. We also welcome your input.

Any questions or want something put on the agenda, please see Diana Tyler, our Council President.