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**Summer's here!**

(But don't take a vacation from
church; there's too much goin' on!)

**FAMILY MOVIE ON
THE LAWN!**
Friday, June 25
Show up at 8:00: movie
@ 8:30 pm. Bring
your lawn chairs.
Free popcorn!

PRIMETIMERS LUNCH OUT -
June 17 @ Beach St. Eatery in
Melbourne Bch. RSVP 773-6073.
GAME DAY! June 25; bring your
friends & your lunch. Drinks will
be provided. Info: 723-8371.

**VBS IS SET TO BLAST
OFF JUNE 14-18!**
Syd Freese has the
info, 723-8371.

DISCIPLE CLASSES!
Bible Study on Mon. @ 10 am
and/or Wed. @ 6:30 pm,
Heritage room.

**TERRIFIC TUESDAYS
FOR CHILDREN!**
Grades K - 6th grade
10 am to noon
June 29, July 13 & 27.
Food, fun, & crafts
with mom or dad!

ICS SUMMER CONCERT!
June 13 @ 3 pm,
in the Sanctuary-Free!
Choral Concert of Popular
Songs...& Surprises!

WORSHIP TIMES: Sat. @ 6 pm
(Contemporary) and Sun. @ 8:15
& 10:30 am (Traditional)

Check the website www.epcfl.org or call the church for info on other classes & events.

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**Our Mission is
to lead people
to Jesus Christ**
and a life of
Reaching up
to enjoy God,
Reaching out
to engage His world, and
Reaching in
to equip and encourage
His people.

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An Understanding of "Ethics"

by Marge Bloom

Every day Christians confront ethical issues and decisions. If we are not saturated with God's Word, then we base our decisions on what's popular, or on what we've learned from our parents or our experience.

Let's take a real-life example: imagine that an extremely talkative friend asks you if you are going to an event that is three hours away, and could she please ride with your family? Your ears glowed with fiery heat for a week after the last ride with her and, besides that, your husband won't be pleased. You are looking forward to the event, so what do you tell her? Your mind whirls with possible excuses, none of which are true.

Is there a difference between how a Christ-follower or a nonbeliever would handle this situation? Should there be a difference? Are there truths for Christians that will help us make decisions on the seemingly messy life situations we encounter?

Truth is one of the hardest things in life to face and to tell to others. Focus on the Family has produced *The Truth Project*, a film series to inform Christians on how to think biblically regarding life issues. Our understanding of truth directly affects the way we live, how we treat others, and what decisions we make. Only when we develop a biblical worldview and recognize the difference between it and a secular



worldview will we begin to integrate the message of God's Word into every situation we encounter, even the most trying ones.

I find it's really easy, no, more than that,

thrilling to think about how much God loves me: how He died for me, forgives my sins, fills me with His Spirit, and reveals His Word to me. How spiritually blessed I am! Then one day, in my joy, I hit a brick wall. Someone offends me, or expects too much from me, or is not there for me when I need him most. Truth meets reality.

Secular beliefs provide quick solutions: get even, reject him back, tell him off, tell others all about his faults. My response depends on my biblical knowledge and worldview. The truth is God not only laid down His life for me, but I must now lay down my life for others. Ouch! I must forgive, confront with grace, love unconditionally, buck the secular way.

Here at Eastminster, Kathy Bils asked her 5th and 6th grade Girls of Faith some tough ethical questions. (Sample questions and some responses are on page three of the newsletter).

How will these girls know how to answer the tough questions in life? It is definitely not easy to apply biblical teachings to the circumstances in which we as believers find ourselves on a daily basis. We become transformed by the renewing of our minds, by daily putting into practice

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CALENDAR

(RIF = Resumes in Fall)

WORSHIP

Contemporary -

Sat., 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Traditional -

Sun. 8:15 & 10:30am
Sanctuary

Sunday School -

9:15 am (all ages)
Various locationsNursery provided for
worship services &
Sunday school

SERMONS

Radio broadcast -

Previous week's ser-
mon, 8:30 am
Sun., WEJF-90.3 FM

Online & Print -

Audio & print copies
of sermons available
on the church web-
site, www.epcfl.org;
print copies at the
Information Station

MEN'S PROGRAMS

Tuesday Men's
Breakfast -2nd & 4th Tues, 7am,
Blueberry MuffinWed./Fri. Morning
Discussion Groups -Weekly, 6:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Saturday Men's

Breakfast - 7:30 am,
2nd Sat, Fellowship Hall

WOMENS PROGRAMS

Circle 1 - 2nd Thurs.,
10:00 am, Heritage rmRIF
Circle 4/5 - 2nd Tues.,
1:00 pm, Library RIF

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DOING THE RIGHT THING...

What's fair? What's kind? What glorifies God? Where do I have fear and why? Where might there be self-indulgence on my part? These are the questions I run through when I think about doing the right thing. I have to run through them not only in my head but in my heart, not only on a piece of paper but in a time of prayer, and not only by myself but with others of strong faith.

It is clear that Jesus wants us to do the right thing and yet rightness can be affected by time and place. What is the right thing in one culture or time period may be very different in another. It can be affected by whom we are dealing with. Some kids cry if you look at them sternly and others are hardly altered by a spanking.

But the great thing, I think, about being a Christian is that we can appeal to the Scriptures regardless of time, place, people, or circumstances. Most of the time we have to study scripture diligently to see the principles God has at work there. He doesn't give a cut-and-dried recipe for every single conceivable situation in life. But, he does give principles in his Word for every one we will face.

Over and over I rely on Proverbs 3:5-6 and James 1:5, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths." And, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously." I commend these verses to you as you try to do the right thing as a Christian.

Speaking of doing the right thing, do not become lax in your giving. You would not want your employer to become lax in terms of the payroll. Ministry here ramps up during the summer, not down. And ministry takes money. So be as 'on top of things' during the summer with honoring God through your giving as you are during the rest of the year. To make things easier, you can donate with a prepaid envelope or online.

May God bless us all with a knowledge of his Word, clear consciences, generous hearts, and a great summer! Your co-pastor,

UPCOMING SERMONS:

- 6/9: Sacred Ceremonies: Communion
- Summer Sermon Series, beginning 6/13: "Passages That Lift Me Up"

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the truths we learn, and by taking the time to differentiate between what is a biblical worldview and a secular one.

Several of us participated in *The Truth Project*, hosted at the Corells' home this past year. It is a twelve-week study that lays out the biblical foundations for some of our most important life issues: law, politics, economics, history, science, sociology, the arts, education, and the media.

Big worldview questions are asked: is there such a thing as truth? What is the meaning of life? It is an intense understanding of apologetics and application of the scriptures. The Christian Ed Minis-

vital to Christian growth and highly recommend it. I encourage you to sign up the next time it's offered. It's mind- and life-changing!

(Thanks to Marge Bloom for her contribution to this newsletter; she is a 'new-ish' member of Eastminster and a Secondary Writing Resource Teacher with the Brevard County School System, responsible for Brevard County School's writing program and she teaches teachers. She let slip that she's written newsletter articles at a previous church, so watch for more from Marge!)

ED. NOTE: Due to overwhelming response, *The Truth Project* class beginning on Wednesday, June 9, is full. A second class is now forming. Contact Syd Freese to sign up, 723-8371.

THE SHARING CENTER NEEDS OUR HELP THIS SUMMER! Please bring non-perishable food, canned goods, and toiletries (toilet paper, tooth paste/brushes, etc.) to the church office.

GET A HEADSTART ON BELL RINGING! Youth from elementary, middle, and high school are part of the Celebration Ringers. Interested in joining us after school starts in the fall? Contact Martha Bortner or David Vogeding, 723-8371 during May, June or July to schedule times to practice during the summer so you'll be ready to ring with us in the fall!

UPSTAIRS GALLERY REOPENS! From June 5 through the end of August we will again be treated to an art show by our Eastminster artists. Paintings are in the upstairs hallway of the CMC building.

TRAVELS IN ISRAEL: Pastor Jeff Wood will be speaking at our monthly Men's Breakfast about his recent trip to Israel with Columbia Seminary. Join us at 7:30 am June 12 in the CMC for good food, good fellowship, and an encouraging word as we continue to grow in our walk with the Lord.

CELEBRATE HABITAT! Eastminster is a sponsor of the 2010 Apostle Build. Claire Gibbs invites church members to represent Eastminster at the wall-raising ceremony at 610 Ryoland St, on Saturday, June 5 at 10 am. Ryoland St. is just north of University Blvd. and east of Lipscomb St. in Melbourne. Another wall-raising will occur in July. Pastor Jeff will talk more about this at the Men's Breakfast on June 12 (above).



TIME TO SIGN UP FOR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: Come to one of the most thought-provoking and inspirational 2-day events you'll ever experience: Aug. 5-6, teleconference at Discovery Church in Orlando. World-renown speakers from all walks of life. Group rate is \$135; a \$50 deposit (payable to the church) holds your spot. Visit, www.willowcreek.com/events for info on the conference speakers. Register as soon as possible to set up transportation and hotel arrangements (optional; additional cost). Contact the Pastors' Assistant, Betsy Vosburgh at 723-8371 or bvosburgh@epcfl.org.

HONOR YOUR VETERAN WITH FLOWERS! The Flower Chart has openings on July 4 & Nov. 7. Sign up with Jean Becker, 751-0907. (Also available: Aug. 1 & 22, and Oct. 10).

MEXICO MISSION TRIP: Brevard and Indian River Presbytery (BIRP) Mission Conference, including Eastminster, is doing a hands-on mission trip to the Yucatan the week of Oct. 17. Contact Celia Keen, 676-3336 for more info.

PRAYERS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY are on the Info Station. Pray up to and through the Assembly for wisdom and guidance for our leaders.



SIGN UP TO BECOME A SAFER DRIVER! The next AARP Driver Safety Program is scheduled for Tuesdays, 9 am to noon, Aug. 24 & 31, and Oct. 19 & 26. Call instructor Lou Fead at 956-7643 with your desired course dates. Cost is \$12 AARP members; \$14 non-members.

GIFT RECEIVED: A gift has been received in honor of **Steve Corell** from Jean Brashear, to the Samaritan Fund.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Check with Jacob Collins at jcollins@epcfl.org to get on the e-mail list for updates on camp and summer events.

DISCOVER EASTMINSTER! Come to the class on **Sunday, September 12**, 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Q & A and dinner with the pastors! Childcare is available. Sign up on our website, www.epcfl.org (under Visitor Info), or speak with one of the pastors.

BE IN PRAYER for students and leaders at StudentLife Mission Camp, and at Vacation Bible School, that they may walk more closely with the Lord.

CommTeam -

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Chad Morrison
Jack Rowley
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John Walkinshaw
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Martha Kamm
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Chappie Maxwell
Pat Maxwell
Scamp McMillan
Sue Mederos
Nikki Stubbs
Carleen Vogeding

(Want to help?
Smiling faces
ALWAYS welcome!)

Newsletter Deadline -
the 15th of the month,
for the next month's
newsletter.

Please direct any
suggestions,
corrections and/or
articles for
consideration to:
Betsy Vosburgh,
bvosburgh@epcfl.org.



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Organist

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Joan McCown, Sexton



Birthdays

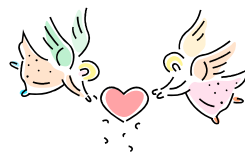
- 1 Jim Sojourner
Jordan Edgerton
- 2 Sebastian Crain
- 3 Tim deCordova
- 4 Josh Revord
- 5 Trish Savage-
Bailey
Ed Enochs
Al Vazquez-Cuervo
David Jung
Danica Dawson
- 6 Barbara Martin
Bev Nuttall
Tim Mulligan
Olivia Knight
- 7 Woody Bowden
Bunny Nairn
Mike Oyler
Dan Moisand
- 8 C.V. Williams
Martha Kamm
Linda Coleman
Troy Boylston
Ezra Martinez
Katie Kaminski
Marisa Storti
Lindsay Alexander
- 9 Palmer W. Collins
Nicole Downer
Matthew Williams
- 10 Judy Davis
Ruby Klinger
Barbara Kocak
Dale Zylman
- 11 Shirley Andoniades
Peite Hammond
Jon Harrington
Marv Toepler
George Maxwell, III
D.D. Davis
Garry Billets
- 12 Kris Henry
Bill Hoffman
Samantha Martin
- 13 Sandy Lawson
Judy A. Bonar
T.C. Cottrell
Mollie Harrigan
Luke Gillespie
Kyle Johnson
- 14 Ruth Cain
Jo Ann Vogel
David Laikin
Tyler Murtha

Birthdays

- 15 Ralph Bronkema
Cliff Miller
Shirley Totty
Debbie Williams
Kimberlina Murra
Drew Cottee
Darby Dummer
- 16 Susan Vallette
- 17 Joan Thomas
Judy Ying
June Sims
- 18 Paul Brimer
Wendy Stewart
- 19 Sammie Krizan
Nancy Johnson
Jennifer Wilster
Kim Babb
- 20 Hanne-Mi
Johannessen
- 21 Alyssa Arnold
- 22 Cheri Martin
Anna Strock
Amy Clare Bils
Barden Bashwinger
- 23 Kim Torres
Ryan James
Amanda Schillinger
- 24 Carlton Wine
- 25 Andrew Walker
- 26 Carrie Lydon
- 27 Fran Hurlbut
JoAnn Edwards
Patti Fishburne
Patricia Giles
Elisabeth Johnson
Megan Moisand
Emma Webb
- 28 Tracy Kable
Barbie Sloop
Charles Westerfield, Jr.
Kevin Weiss
Jessica Richards
Callie Mulligan
Lisa Richards
- 29 Ryan Gorsuch
Nick Yanas
Trisha Mulligan
Caleb Jude Webb
- 30 Vickie Bonnell
Chris Balestra
Kayla Hale
Gail Gray

Anniversaries

- 1 Ernest & Martha Bortner
Chris & Keturah Hughes
- 2 Jim & Sue Hale
Guy & Joan Wiles
- 3 Lloyd & Jeanne Davis
Keith & Kerry Johnson
- 5 John & Pam Hermansdorfer
Dan & Cassie Mathis
Dick & Pamela Dunn
- 6 Walter Wise &
Monica Rodriguez-Wise
- 8 Bob & Susan Wailes, Jr.
- 9 John & Jean Becker
Gene & Judy Davis
Marv & Betty Toepler
- 11 Ian & Joan Falconer
Mike & Beth Oyler
- 14 Elmer & Doris Floyd
Michael & Bren Harris
Paul & Eva Swindall
- 15 Bob & Susan Wailes, III
- 16 Dave & Midge Dunn
Lee & Jo Ann Harris
- 18 Glenn & Katie Webb
- 19 Rob & Nora Huggins
Pete & Vicky Sorensen
Merrill & Mona Wood
- 20 George & JoAnn Edwards
Dean & Gay Leigh McCune
- 21 R.C. & Juli Cofer, III
Pete & Jenny Kopecek
Chris & Keturah Hughes
Paul & Debbie Keller
- 23 Charles & Nadine Durham
Bill & Melba McCaslin
- 24 John & Susan Lundberg
David & Sunny Rudloff
- 25 Jon & Holly Hays
Marc & Diane Nelson
Jack & Alice Chaney
Harry & Theresa Villhardt
- 26 Christopher & Kim Powell
- 28 Jim & Ginney Lesley
Jim & Angela Warren
- 30 Al & Regina Schmidt



10 MINUTES with: THE GIRLS OF FAITH by Kathy Bils, Leader

Eastminster's **Girls of Faith** recently had a discussion about ethics and integrity. When presented with a number of scenarios, the girls' answers were open and honest. Below are some of the questions and some of their responses:

- You studied hard for your history exam, and it's really important that you get a good grade to pass the class. A friend just told you she found the test on the teacher's desk and made copies. She offers one to you. Do you take it? Why or why not?
- *No way! I'd be afraid of getting in big trouble! (unanimous answer)*
- You are in a big hurry to get to school and you might be late. On your way as you ride your bike, you see your elderly neighbor has dropped a bag of groceries and cans are rolling everywhere. Do you stop to help? Why or why not?
- *I'd stop to help and have my friend tell my teacher why I'm running late.
- I'd keep going because I know my friend behind me will stop.*
- You walk out of the bank after withdrawing \$40 out of your savings for something special you've been saving for. You discover that two bills were stuck together, so the teller actually gave you \$60. Do you go give the \$20 back? Why or why not?
- *I'd take it back because the teller would be short.
- I'd keep it because if they were stuck together, no one knew so no one would be short.*

How would YOU answer these questions? **Honestly....**

The Most Important Leadership Quality for CEOs?

by Austin Carr, *Fast Company* print & online magazine

For CEOs, 'creativity' is now listed as the most important leadership quality for success in business, outweighing even integrity and global thinking, according to a new study by IBM. The study is the largest of one-on-one CEO interviews, with over 1,500 corporate heads and public sector leaders across 60 nations and 33 industries polled on what drives them in managing their companies in today's world.

However, in North America, 65% of CEOs think integrity is a top quality for tomorrow's leaders, whereas only 29-48% of CEOs in other areas view it as such!



An interesting read is the *Religion & Ethics* newsletter. For a free subscription, go to the homepage (<http://www.pbs.org/religion>) and click on the subscribe button in the top right corner, just below the box that says "Search Religion & Ethics."

Is "Ethical Leadership" an Oxymoron?

by Maxwell Pinto, *Business Author*

Vision, creativity, ethics, perseverance, exemplary professional background, etc. are all important. Some thoughts on leadership: leadership is the art of mobilizing others toward shared aspirations in an ethical manner. True leaders place a great deal of emphasis on culture and shared values. They realize that business involves human beings and that growth results from fruitful relationships. Formal power is entrusted to them by virtue of their position in the company. Informal power results from their core belief system. They lead by example, thus earning the respect and admiration of their peers and subordinates. As a result, employees are enthusiastic about going beyond the call of duty for "their" leaders.

Leadership traits can create a virtuous cycle for the organization's stakeholders. Ethical leadership calls for morals, fairness, caring, sharing, a genuine "green" approach, rather than "green washing" as an exercise in public relations, and no false promises or unreasonable demands on others.

CALENDAR

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WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study
7:00 pm, in the Parlor
(behind the Sanctuary)
RIF

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study
9:00 am, Youth room,
CMC building; nursery
Provided-church parlor
RIF

CHILDREN

Children's Choir -
Wed, Gr K-2, 3:30
pm; Gr 3-6, 4:00 pm
Choir room RIF

Celebration Ringers -
grades 4 & up, Tues.,
4:30 pm, Handbell rm
RIF

The Joshua Project -
boys grades 5 & 6
Wed., 4:45 pm,
Fellowship Hall, CMC
RIF

Girls of Faith -
girls grades 5 & 6
Wed., 4:30 pm
Heritage Room, CMC
RIF

YOUTH

Middle School -
Wed., 4:45 - 6:00 pm
Youth room, CMC

High School -
Sun., 5:00-8:00 pm,
Youth room (incl.
dinner & discussion)

Sunday School -
MS & HS combined
Sun. 9:15-10:15 am

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CALENDAR*(cont'd. from page 3)***(RIF = Resumes in Fall)****CHOIRS**

**Chancel Choir -
Rehearsal -Thurs,
7:00 pm, Choir rm
(Rehearse Sunday in
Summer)
Calvin Singers -
Rehearsal -Sun.,
7:30 am, Choir rm.**

HANDBELLS

**Genesis Ringers -
Rehearsals-Tuesday,
9:00 am, Handbell room
RIF**

**Alleluia Ringers -
Rehearsals - Wed.
6:30pm, Handbell room
RIF**

PRIME TIMERS -

**Lunch Out - 1:00 pm,
3rd Thurs, call for info,
Floss Orr, 773-6073**

**Game Day - 4th Fri,
noon, Fellowship Hall,
bring lunch-beverages
provided. For info, call
Susan Wailes, 773-0266**

DISCIPLE CLASS -

**Mon, 10 am, or
Wed., 6:30 pm,
Heritage room**

BROWN BAG

**BIBLE BUNCH -
noon, Wed., Pastor
Floyd, Library**

CHOMP & CHAT

**with the Pastors, 4th
Tues., noon, Library**

PRAYER WITH A

**PASTOR - Tues, 9:30
am, Prayer Chapel**

INVESTMENT CLUB

**2nd Tues., 7:00pm,
Meeting room**

*(continued on page 5)***GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM: JULY 2 - 11**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to represent Christ and Eastminster in Guatemala:

Laura Szostak
Ben Grider
Cayleigh Reeder
Riley Baldree
Molly Enochs
Joy Enochs
Morgan Austin
Jordan Edgerton



Sarah Kinsey
Griffin Wood
Taylor Giamarino
Derick Matheson
Morgan Miller
J.C. Campbell
Katie Beckwith
Logan Smith

The following adults will be traveling as team leadership:

Paisley Edgerton	Jamie Beckwith
Eric Edgerton	Sandy Beckwith
Ed Enochs	David Beckwith
Jacob Collins	

From Pastor Jeff:

"Lord, we pray for those who will represent us in mission work. We send them asking they would do your ministry in your way and for your glory. Preserve them and deepen them. Give them joy together and respect for all they meet. In Jesus' name, Amen."

**MISSIONS MINISTRY UPDATE -**

- Jack Rowley, Missions Ministry Team

As we enter into these summer months, the Eastminster Missions Ministry continues to carry on the work of the Lord. We are especially blessed at this time because we recently had a wall raising ceremony for a new **Community of Hope** 3-Bedroom Duplex build on May 22. As one of 12 active churches on the Board of the Community of Hope, we can be proud of this new endeavor that will add two more homes to the seven that are already serving the needs of homeless families with children. One of the missions that we have always supported is that of **Habitat for Humanity** to provide affordable housing for those in need. Please support the **2010 Apostle Build Melbourne** wall-raising on June 5 at 10 am. The address is 610 Ryoland Street in Melbourne. A total of 12 congregations are part of this new Apostle Build house, and we are proud to be one of them.

Members of Eastminster also have the opportunity to join The First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay on its **multi-church mission trip to Mexico** in October to help build additional Christian Education Rooms at the Cooperative Church in the Yucatan. If you are interested in attending, please speak with any Mission Team member or call direct to Celia Keen of FPC Palm Bay at 676-3336.

Last year Eastminster had the privilege of hosting a "**Perspectives**" course, one of only 200 Churches that were selected for 2010. This summer, Our Father's House at 535 Cassia Blvd. in Satellite Beach will have the same honor and will start the program on Aug. 17. The cost is \$225 for a 15-week course through Nov. 30; if you register before Aug. 1, you receive a \$50 savings. This will be a great experience to achieve this true gift of learning. Information about the course is on the Info Station. Pastor Jeff has said, "Someone once said that God doesn't have a mission for his church but a church for his mission. The **Perspectives** Course is all about that mission. It is well-done, has an extensive track record, and will be a blessing to anyone who takes it." Contact Ken Wall for additional information.

A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF ALL FATHERS

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

Whether you're a daddy-to-be or a seasoned granddad, Father's Day is a wonderful opportunity to bask in the glow of your family's affection and appreciation. This year, you can also make Father's Day an opportunity for self-reflection and personal growth. Ask yourself: are you the father you always wanted to be? Are you the father your children deserve? Here are some thoughts on the subject from *Holidays on the Net*, written by history's greatest writers, thinkers, politicians and even comedians:



On Leading By Example -

"Children have more need of models than critics." - French moralist Joseph Joubert

Modern parenting experts agree. Role modeling desired behavior is a far better disciplinary tactic than harsh punishments - not to mention more effective one.

On Disciplining Our Children -

"There will always be a struggle between a father and son, one aims at power and the other at independence." -18th century English writer Samuel Johnson

While children need the freedom to explore and make mistakes in the process, a good father provides clear boundaries and gentle guidance throughout their journey.

On Making Decisions -

"If the new father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right." - Bill Cosby

Like our kids, fathers need the opportunity to learn both through our successes - and through our setbacks. Getting it wrong today just means we have another opportunity to get it right tomorrow.

On *Being There* -

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." - Sigmund Freud

Children reared in single-parent families are more likely to suffer depression and struggle with learning difficulties. They are twice as likely to drop out of school. They are also more likely to have trouble forming long-lasting, intimate relationships. While these situations cannot always be avoided, the consequences can. Fathers need to be active in their children's lives, whether or not they live under the same roof.

On Being Humbled -

"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child." - Knights of Pythagoras

Fatherhood is the ultimate lesson in humility - which most of us realize the first time we hear our newborn baby cry, or the first time our little one spits up all over our new suit. Children change not only the particulars of our lives - but our priorities. And once we embrace that change, our lives can become more meaningful.

On Keeping Perspective -

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." - Mark Twain

When it comes to raising teenagers, we may not ever be able to win. If we don't offend them, we embarrass them. The key to making it out of this stage alive is to keep loving your kids - while you remind yourself daily that they will grow out of this phase...

CALENDAR*(cont'd. from page 4)***(RIF = Resumes in Fall)****BOOK GROUP-**

**1pm, 1st Tues,
Youth Room RIF**

OVEREATERS**ANONYMOUS -**

**Mon, 7:00 pm
Tues, 6:30 pm
Fri. (Men), 6:30 pm,
Dolphin Room**

NARCOTICS**ANONYMOUS -**

**Mon & Wed,
8:00 pm,
John Knox Room**

RECOVERY IN THE**BIG BOOK - AA**

**Tues, 7 pm
John Knox Room**

SPECIAL EVENTS

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