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Dads Are Awesome!

by Tim Tripp

One of the earliest memories I have of my dad is a time when we were playing “gun fight” with dart guns. That may sound brutal and ill advised for our cultural times but it was all the rage then. We had rip roaring dart gun battles that covered the entire house. One or two participants would hide somewhere in the house while a third and (sometimes) fourth would come and try to find them. The first team to eliminate the other (tag them with a dart) would win the round. It was so much fun.

One day I remember hiding in the bathtub and pulling the shower curtain closed. I could hear dad coming down the hallway and then heard him open the bathroom door and turn on the lights. I ducked down in the tub as low as I could and steadied my dart gun for when he opened the shower curtain. All at once he poked his head in the shower. The suddenness of his action took me by surprise but I was able to aim and fire quickly. I didn't see if the dart hit him or not but when I looked out, he was standing there with a dart suction cupped onto his forehead.

I remember thinking that was about the funniest thing I had ever seen and we both had a good laugh. At a later telling of the story, he broke it to me that I had actually missed but he had grabbed the dart and stuck it to his forehead for my benefit. It worked. I was greatly amused.

I remember when I used to wrestle (wrassle) with my kids when they were little. They would struggle to get me on my back and pin my arms down. I would make them work for it but finally would give in and get “pinned.”

Lizzy was three years younger than Anna and 5 years younger than Sam but she always enthusiastically joined in the fray. Because of her small size we gave her an advantage. She had a bucket style hat that we bought her from Bass Pro Shop. We pretended that when she wore that hat, it gave her superpowers. She would try with all of her might to move me to no avail and then she would go and get the hat and put it on. Suddenly she had super strength and could throw me around like a cheap toy. It was a blast.

I'm not sure when but at some point, she figured out that the hat didn't really endow her with super strength but that realization took none of the fun away. Those were some great times!

I often see Dads (and moms) doing that. They instill super confidence in their kids by taking a loss to encourage them to try. They show them that they can do great things when they put their minds to it. Dads could win every time but all that would teach is learned helplessness. Life will throw a lot at them but they are not helpless and with their heavenly Father, they are never alone.

Thank you, Dads, for taking losses sometimes to instill confidence and give your kids the will to try to do things that seem beyond what they are able. With your support and help, your kids have and will surpass what many thought possible. When you add in the confidence their heavenly Father brings, they know that “*What is impossible with man is possible with God,*” (Luke 18:27).

Happy Fathers Day!!

Last Week

Class - 119	Giving: \$12,864
Worship - 297	Weekly Budget: \$13,380
Wednesday Night	YTD Giving: \$286,291
Bible Study - 54	YTD Budget: \$ 321,129



Prayer Requests

Niles Raines, father of Kristen Davis, is in hospice care at home. Please keep the Raines and Davis families in your prayers during this time.

Norman Shay, father of Cindy Jones, is now in comfort care through hospice at home. Please keep Burnis, and Cindy and the rest of the family in your prayers for strength and peace at this time.

Christie Reed is doing well following recent surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a full and rapid recovery.

Tami Robinson is scheduled for a CT Scan soon. Please pray for clear results, and continue praying for her complete healing.

Harry Laird, brother of Mary Reid, is in tremendous pain following back surgery. Please pray for lessened pain and full recovery.

Jonah Vanderheiden has covid. Please keep him in your prayers for a rapid recovery with no complications.

Aris and Carina Ortiz are traveling along the border to deliver books for Truth for Today project. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel, pray for many lives to be touched as a result of their efforts, and that this mission can be completed with no complications.

Jerri Tabor will be having shoulder surgery in mid-July. Please pray for successful surgery and full recovery with lessened pain which will allow improvement to her overall mobility.

This Sunday, June 19 is Fathers Day! Dads play a huge role in the lives of their children and who they grow up to be. God cares so much for families! The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:18, "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be like sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Little Kids Worship ages 3-K that meets in the big room will *not* meet on Sunday, June 19 but will resume on Sunday, June 26. The Nursery/Cradle Roll- age 2 class with Beth Sorrells will still be meeting 6/19 during morning worship.

Enjoy and honor the fathers in your family this weekend!

There will be a VBS work day on
Saturday July 9th in the Main
Building from 2-4pm.
Anyone who would like to help is
welcome!

Baby Shower

Join us for a Baby (Boy) Shower in honor of Alex and Rebekah Spradlin, *next Sunday June 26th*, at 2pm in the Rock. Little Amos Conlee Spradlin is due to arrive in July, and Alex and Rebekah are registered at Amazon.com.

Guest Speaker Next Wednesday!

This summer we will have 3 special guests to speak to us on the subject:
"The Church in a Post Pandemic World"
June 22nd / Leon Barnes, July 20th / Spencer Furby
& August 10th / Carson Reed
Join us each time at 6:30 in the Auditorium!

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