

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Our motto for 2010:

"Do you
know my
Jesus?"



Dad's

Dads today is our day. It is a day to recognize all that dads do. The list can be long: from earning a living, to taking care of the car, the yard, to coaching little league, being Mr. Fix-it and Mr. Tough guy, the bar-b-que man, the one that taught the kids how to fish, how to drive, how to mow, and the one who packs the car for vacations.

Dads do a lot. I am a dad. I have a dad. This day isn't great for some. Some dads failed. They were just never around. Others were mean and abusive. Others were selfish. Some were not leaders. Some were spiritually dead. That is a pity. It hurts. Some feel cheated. Forgiveness will help.

But many of us had incredible dads. They were good in the home and they were our first spiritual giants. I want to tell you about one, he is my Dad.

I remember my Dad coming to my little league games. Every summer, my two brothers and I played baseball, mostly on different teams. Dad was always in the stands. When Dad came home from work we'd go to the school yard and he'd hit us fly balls. We did that until we outgrew little league.

I have cut grass all my life. One summer I was cutting several yards in our



neighborhood. I used the family lawnmower. It was always working. Between college I worked for a landscaper and we mowed apartment complexes in Indianapolis. My Dad was the first to teach me.

My Dad loved books, still does. Our home was filled with books. And now I have my own vast library.

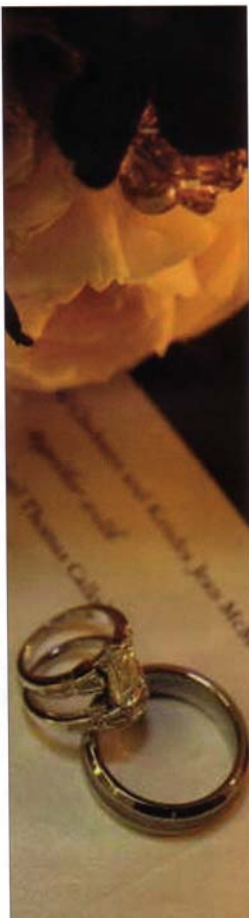
I remember sitting beside my Dad during church services. He always carried

a few mints in his pocket. He'd take notes of what was being preached and often write things in his Bible. His love for the Lord and the things that are right made an impression upon me. Dad never preached but his influence upon me opened doors so I could.

A while back I was preaching at a place where someone knew my Dad. After services he said, "You stand just like your Dad does, with you hand in your pocket." That may have bothered me years ago, but I like that now.

Thanks, Dad! Because of your great influence and life, I'm proud to be a Dad myself. So much of what I am is because of you, and I'm thankful for that!

Keep up the good work dads! God is counting on you!



Marrying Someone Who is Not a Strong Christian

Many young Christians do not see the heartache and difficulty that they add to a marriage when they marry someone who is not a strong Christian. Mom's and Dad's need to teach the importance of finding a mate who will help them get to Heaven. Some have married a Christian, but the one that they chose is a very weak and uncommitted Christian. Such a person is not much better than marrying someone who is not a Christian. Consider some things that a person often does not think about when they marry someone who is not a strong Christian.

- The person who is not a strong Christian does not begin the marriage with the same values and principles as you do. Grace, forgiveness and Biblical love are the principles that must be the heart and foundation of your relationship. Divorce is an easy option for someone who is not a strong Christian.

- Will prayers be offered at the meal before you eat? Don't take that for granted.
- Will you be allowed to attend all the services, including Gospel meetings?
- Will you be able to give as you would like?
- Will you be able to invite other Christians into your home?
- When you become spiritually discouraged, who will be there to encourage you?
- When those dark days come and you must bury a loved one, will your mate be a spiritual help?
- Will your mate be interested in you sharing and talking about spiritual things? Will your mate be able to answer spiritual questions you may have?
- If your mate won't be interested in the most important thing in your life, what else will they not be interested in?
- Will your mate make you weaker and less committed and



Family Connections

News for You

- **Roger** is starting a gospel meeting at Prospect, IN today. The meeting goes through Friday.
- **Paul Corley** is preaching this morning and **Kevin Harrington** is preaching this evening.
- Thanks to all of our VBS teachers! You did a great job and the kids seemed to love it. Thanks to Kevin for leading our VBS songs.
- If you missed the series that Todd Chandler taught to the adults, "Everyday Christianity" get copies of the CD. Good stuff.
- The bathrooms that are in the children's classrooms now have changing tables.

What's Next?

- July 11th Jordan Shouse will be preaching our PM service and Kevin will be preaching at Smedley
- July 23-24 [Youth Lectures](#) with Tommy Peeler and Kenny Mooror
- August 8-11 [Summer Lectures](#) with Paul Earnhart, Zach Lee, Mark McCrary

For your Prayers:

- Remember in your prayers: **Eva Floyd, Stacie Deark, Jeff Hunt, Steve Kirchgessner, Dauphus Crase, Rex Hauger, Gene Fleming, Gail Stein, Paul Smith, Louise Morris, Dick Dewhirst.**

Remember our shut ins

- Loren & Nora Mann
- Nan Grube
- Gladys Cook
- Euva McPherson



Group 9 Meets today

