

THE GOSPEL

MESSENGER

SUMMER 2022 | VOL 97 NO 3

FEATURE ARTICLE

A GREAT **FATHER**

PASTOR JODY PADGETT

THE SILENT I LOVE YOU

BISHOP SCOTTY POOLE | PG 2

A LOVE WITHOUT END

REV. JONATHAN FITZPATRICK | PG 4

STAND UP, MEN OF GOD

REV BRIAN WILLINGHAM | PG 10



THE PADGETT FAMILY

THE SILENT

” I Love You... ”



Bishop Scotty Poole

Bishop Poole serves the CHC as the General Superintendent

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Growing up, I was the youngest of six children. Many said I was spoiled (my older siblings). However, I did not see it that way. I will admit that I was my mother's baby (something that will never change). I did not get any special treatment from my father. He always treated me as he did any of my brothers or sisters. While all my needs were met and exceeded, and many of my wants were fulfilled, I learned from him that we have also to work and do our part in family and community. He taught me that no one is a ship unto themselves and that we need others as others depend on us.

In honor of Father's Day I want to share a little about my father, Wallace J. Poole, whom my siblings and I call

Daddy. My father grew up during the depression era and understood what it meant to live day-to-day life. He was a veteran of World War II, receiving a Purple Heart for being wounded. After the war, he was a brick mason and eventually had his own construction company, employing over 40 people. My father was a leader in business and the community; many people looked to him for advice. At his funeral (he passed away in 1994), I even found out that many of the pastors from our home church would come to him for advice during trying times. He was a man's man. Growing up, we would watch John Wayne movies, and that was the kind of man daddy was, not many words but a man of his word shown in his actions.

He showed me what a man, husband, and father should be. However, I don't think I ever heard him say I love you to me. I'm not harmed by this nor do I feel like he neglected me; that was just who my father was. But there is one thing I always knew. He did love me, and I knew it by his actions.

The one example that speaks this the most is when I did something that he had strictly taught me not to do. My brother and I poached a deer from the highway and got caught. This was something my father would never do, and he disappointed that we did. At the time, I was 20 years old and married for about one year. We went before

the judge and pleaded guilty to the charges, and then it happened. The judge looked at me and said I owed \$1,000 (that would be like owing \$10,000 today). **THE JUDGE LOOKED AT ME WITH DISDAIN AND CONTEMPT** when I told the her I did not have the money. I was shaking in my shoes, but at that moment, I heard my father speak up and say, “give her what you have, and I will take care of the rest.” He loved me so much that even though I had gone against his will, he was still willing to rescue me from myself. I have never forgotten that day because it taught me a great lesson about our heavenly father’s love. While we were yet sinners, He paid the price. I am thankful for a daddy that loved me (both earthly and heavenly). My daddy may not have whispered the words I love you, but he yelled them to me through his actions. I am a better person today to have a father that loved me.

To all you daddies, hug your children, tell them you love them, but also show them you love them—
Happy Father’s Day to you all.



Wallace and Geraldine Poole

The Gospel Messenger (USPS 223-340) is published quarterly for \$10 per year by the Congregational Holiness Church, Incorporated, 3888 Fayetteville Highway, Griffin, Georgia 30223. Periodicals postage paid at Griffin, Georgia, and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to **The Gospel Messenger**, 3888 Fayetteville Highway, Griffin, Georgia, 30223.

All dated material for publication in **The Gospel Messenger** must be in the office of the editor by the following dates: Winter edition: October 20; Spring edition: January 20; Summer edition: April 20; Fall edition: July 20.

Annual Subscription Price:
Individual – \$10 per year
Bundles of 10 – \$90 per year
Bundles of 25 – \$160 per year
Bundles of 50 – \$300 per year

Send subscriptions, change of address to:

International Headquarters of the
Congregational Holiness Church, Inc.
3888 Fayetteville Hwy.
Griffin, Georgia 30223

Send all correspondence to:

THE GOSPEL MESSENGER
3888 Fayetteville Hwy.
Griffin, Georgia 30223
Email: messenger@chchurch.com
Phone: 800-633-0877
www.chchurch.com

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:

THE GOSPEL MESSENGER
3888 Fayetteville Hwy.
Griffin, Georgia 30223



My Other Father

I am genuinely thankful for my natural father. He taught me many necessary skills for life. But I also want to recognize another father in my life: my spiritual father, Pastor Roland Arrowood. Pastor Roland came into my life when I struggled with the call to preach and what it meant to be a follower of Jesus, not just a believer. Like my natural dad, Pastor Roland took me under his wing, even when I would do things I shouldn’t, and nurtured and trained me in following God. Pastor Roland taught me the importance of prayer, the working of the Holy Spirit, and what it means to be a pastor. He helped me develop spiritual skills, just as my daddy taught me life skills. I am forever thankful for Pastor Roland Arrowood and his impact on my life. I call and visit him for advice and prayer to this day. When I took office as the General Superintendent, the first act I did was invite Pastor Roland to come and pray over me and our office. We all need that father to look to, and I am grateful to have Pastor Roland in my life. Below is an excerpt from a message he sent to me to encourage us to keep our life examined before God, and I wanted to share it with you.

“I want to be your habitation. I want to love you, feed you, nurture you, comfort you, strengthen you, heal you, and bring you into My Holiness. I want to delight in you, rejoice with you, dance and dine with you, and you with Me.

This is, once again, the fullness of time. You are coming to the end of an era. Now is the hour of your salvation. Choose Me this day for the night is quickly coming. The call will fade away, the trumpeters will sound no more. Your redemption is near you now. Listen to My Holy Spirit. Listen to My prophet. Renounce your willful ways. Abandon all that is in your hearts that cause you to turn away from me. This is your final call. Oh, how I long once more to spread My wings over you, to nestle you to my breast, but many of you, in your rebellion, wiggle out of my arms and run to do your own thing.”

***This message is shared in it entirety on my Facebook page -
the Bishop’s Corner.***

Pastor Roland and Sandra Arrowood



A Love Without End, Amen.

In 1990, country music artist George Strait released a song titled, A Love Without End, Amen.

The chorus of the song goes like this:

*Let me tell you a secret about a father's love
A secret that my daddy said was just between us
He said daddies don't just love their children every now
and then
It's a love without end, amen*

A few months ago, while on a trip to Brazil, I had the privilege to meet a great man of God whose name is Rommel. Rommel didn't grow up in a Christian home. As a matter of fact, it was the exact opposite. Rommel had exposure to drugs, alcohol, and sex at a very young age. When he was 13 years old, he fathered a child. Being young and immature, he fled from the responsibilities that this would create and eventually lost contact with the mother of the child.

Years later, sometime around 2007, when Romell was in his mid 30's, he was in a bad place. Drugs, alcohol, and the Macumba cult among other things had Rommel in great bondage. "Macumba is a term that has been used to describe various religions of the African diaspora found in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay" It is sometimes considered by non-practitioners to be a form of witchcraft or black magic (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macumba>). One day, as Rommel was heading to a baptism ritual to be

baptized into the Macumba cult, a man approached him with a word from the Lord that Rommel was going in the wrong direction. This interaction changed Rommel's life, and he eventually accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior!


Rommel's conversion to Christianity and his terrible experience with addiction gave him a desire to help others recover from these horrible bonds. After praying for a year and a half, the Lord led Rommel to establish Associacao Ebenézer, a Rehab ministry for men near Fortaleza, Brazil. Since its founding in 2009, Associacao Ebenézer has helped more than 2000 families who have been affected by substance abuse and addiction. Many of these men look at Rommel as a father figure who has helped them get on the right path. But little did he know, Rommel's fatherly love and influence was about to go in a direction he could have never imagined.

One day, Rommel received a friend request on Facebook from a lady named Camilla. Since he didn't know who



Rev. Jonathan Fitzpatrick

Rev. Jonathan Fitzpatrick serves the CHC as World Mission Executive Director.



***"But when we fall down before God
as a sign of our dependence on Him
and seek Him in all our battles,
especially the battles we can't win
on our own,
they become His battles!"***

she was, Rommel did not accept the request at first. About six months later, Camilla liked a post Rommel had made on Facebook. When he saw that she liked the post, he remembered her name from the friend request months earlier, which led him to view her Facebook profile. As he was looking through the photos that she had posted on Facebook, to his amazement, Rommel recognized a picture of Camilla's mother. This is when he realized that the friend request he had received was from his daughter!

After more than 30 years when she was 33 and he was 46, Rommel's daughter, Camilla, whom he had fathered when he was 13, were reunited! Since their miraculous reunion, Rommel and Camilla have a wonderful relationship with each other. Their relationship is an example of the grace of God at its finest. Perhaps realizing that he was a child himself at the time, Camilla has forgiven Rommel and harbors no bitterness toward him for abandoning her as a child. Camilla now helps Rommel with the Associacao Ebenézer recovery ministry, and Rommel has accepted his newfound role as Camilla's father, and their relationship continues to thrive.

In this wonderful story of grace, love, and forgiveness at its best, I realize that George Strait, although not a gospel musician, made a great point in his song, A Love Without End, Amen. And while the song reflects the never-ending love of a good earthly father, we should always remember that our Heavenly Father also has a never-ending love for us. A love without end, Amen! The Apostle Paul recognized this love when he wrote these words: For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39).

In Psalm 68:5, the Bible tells us that God "is a Father to the fatherless." In this unique and encouraging story of Rommel and Camilla, we see an example of God not only being a father to the fatherless to Camilla, but also restoring a long-lost relationship between a father and daughter.

What a story! What a mighty God we serve!



A Great Father

"Imitate (follow) me, just as I also imitate (follow) Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:1

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!! What an honor to bear that title - Father. It comes with such a sense of responsibility and privilege, and in our society today, there is a longing and need for men to step up and be the Father God has called us to be. Billy Graham made this statement "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." Understand that as a father, you are one of the most valuable assets in your child's life!

We live in a time where nearly 1/4 of children grow up in homes where there are no fathers present, and even in homes where there are fathers there, the time spent with their children is under the 15-minute mark a day. Therefore, as Men of God, we must accept the role God has entrusted us, and we must step up and fulfill this call to be great fathers.

Here are some keys to how we can be GREAT Fathers :

1) We must be Godly - for us to be who God has called us to be, we must have a daily, personal relationship with Him and allow Him to mold and make us who we are called to be. This means we prioritize our relationship with God and then live it out every day before our family and friends.

(Matthew 5:14-16)

2) We must remember we are Role Models - as a father, we are the ones who get to teach our sons how to treat a lady and teach our daughters how a young man should treat them. We live our faith out in front of them as well. Understand our kid's eyes are on us, and how we conduct ourselves matters.

(James 2:18)

3) We must be Engaged in our kid's lives - that means help with homework, go to their games, eat dinner around the table, find out their friend's names, ask questions about how their day was. Our kids need to know that we



Wife Michelle with Daughter Bayleigh and her Husband Morgan along with Grandkids Cooper and Millie Beth



Son - Ben, Daughter-in-law Maddy

care about the things happening in their everyday lives - not just the big things like when they win an award or get in trouble, but the small details of everyday matters. Kids grow up fast, so we don't want to miss it!!

(Ephesians 5:15-16)

4) We must be Authentic - our kids will be able to see if we are who we say we are. I can try and be Godly, I can try and be a role model, but if I'm just doing that when I'm in front of my kids or other people, they will see right through our pretending. We have to be consistent everywhere we go and in everything we do. As a minister, I always believed that if other people were saved under my ministry (especially other people's kids) and my kids didn't develop a personal relationship with Jesus, then I missed the mark. I wanted my family to see Jesus in me, the Hope of Glory, in my life outside of the church. That meant sometimes saying I'm sorry to my kids, sometimes admitting I handled things wrong, and asking them to pray for me. I learned that by being authentic, and being real, it helped them see that my relationship with Jesus made a difference in my personal, everyday life.

(1 John 3:18)

5) We must be Teachers - as role models, our kids are watching our actions. As teachers, we are purposefully discussing and talking about the things of God, the way we should treat others, and how we should live. It's important to have conversations with our kids about expectations and behaviors, to talk to them about their personal relationship with God. We can never assume that they just see it in us or just know something is important. If it matters, then it's worth our time to teach it and talk about it.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

My prayer for you as dads this Father's Day is that you will understand how valuable and important you are in the lives of your kids (and oftentimes their friends), and you will rise up and be the GREAT Father God has called and equipped you to be!



Rev. Jody Padgett

The Padgett Family. Rev. Padgett serves as the West Carolina District Christian Education Director. He also serves as the Ministries Pastor at Christian Heritage CHC.

Damon who has lives with us for the past 8 1/2 years



Wife Michelle and Daughter Leah



I am very honored to have Rev. Danny Jones write for Mission USA in this Summer edition. I can say without any reservation that a huge reason I am serving the CHC where I am, is because of this great man of God. He has been a great mentor to me and countless others. Thank you, Pastor Danny, for your work in this Edition and for all you have done for the CHC!

- Dr. Turner



Rev. Danny Jones

Rev. Jones serves the CHC as the General Treasurer.

Ezekiel 22:30, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Cities in ancient times were surrounded by walls that protected the city from enemy attack. If the city's wall were breached, the only way to save the city was for the men to literally stand in the breach or "gap" and fight the enemy. During the time of Ezekiel, the nation of Israel was in crisis. God's heart cried out as He looked upon a nation sliding into an abyss of disaster and judgment. Tragically there was no one to lead and intercede on behalf of the nation.

Today America is in crisis because the American family is in crisis. God is calling fathers to build the hedge [wall] with godly principles and stand in a breach that society is so viciously attempting to create in the family. The Bible provides instructions to the godly father:

Fathers must love God with all of their heart.

Deuteronomy 6:4—9 commands fathers to love God and to train their children in the ways of the Lord God. Chil-

dren learn to follow, obey and love God as they experience God through the life of a father who loves God with all of his heart. They respect, learn, and follow that which they see demonstrated.

Fathers must daily intercede for their family.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16b). "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4). A heart-felt, continual prayer is both a proactive and reactive way to stand in the gap. It is potent warfare that protects our family from hell's assaults that attempt to destroy our family.

Fathers demonstrate love and respect toward his wife.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). Children are either positively or negatively affected by the actions of their father toward their mother. Love and respect shown to the mother creates positive patterns of repeatable behavior that the children will show to future spouses and family. Sons learn how to respect and love their future wives, and daughters learn what true behavior to expect from future husbands.

Fathers must be accessible and provide time for their children.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sit in thine house, and when thou walk by the way, and when thou lie down, and when thou rise up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Dr. James Dobson once said that children in later

life remember the time fathers spent with them more than the material gifts given to them. Work, hobbies, and outside activities should never rob children of the time they desperately crave with their father. Many older ministers state their number one regret was not spending more time with their children.

Fathers must be patient and kind to their children.

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Fathers must understand the difference between patiently training a child for immature actions versus disciplining for acts of disobedience and a rebellious spirit. Fathers who commend their children for their accomplishments and kindly assist them with their challenges and failures create a powerful positive lifetime bond. Constant criticism and hurtful critique only serves to create rebellion and anger issues. Telling a child you are proud of him or her makes an indelible impression.

Fathers must forgive and ask for forgiveness

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

Forgiveness is the foundation for a strong family. When our children break our hearts and deeply disappoint us, yes fathers must forgive. Remember the father of the prodigal son. But also, fathers must ask their children for forgiveness when bad parental behavior toward the child has occurred. This is a strength and demonstrates repentance and an authentic Christian life that will never be forgotten by the child. It builds the wall and mends any breaches.

Fathers must communicate.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). Children look to their fathers for answers. Often when questions are asked it is easy to say, "That's the way life is – and life is not fair, or because I said so." Mark Dunagan states, "Children need to hear why they can or cannot do certain things, why certain tough decisions must be made, and why we often suffer, even when we do the right thing. Our children need to hear the reasoning behind why certain things are forbidden" (2006, Dunagan). Listening to children is an integral part of communication. Also, when fathers listen, they communicate to their children that they and what they have to say are important. When you listen to them, they will listen to you. Proverbs 12:15 states, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth [listens] unto counsel is wise."

Fathers and mothers must work as a team.

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (Amos 3:3)". Both have equally important Biblical roles. Together they form a bond and a united effort that indeed builds the wall and stands in the gap. Yet, it is the father who must take the lead and fulfill that wonderful plan of God for the family.





A few weeks have gone by since men from across our denomination gathered in Griffin, Georgia, for the Men's Empowerment Conference. After two long years of canceled events, sickness, and even death, the eagerness to fellowship was evident on the faces of those who attended. There were moments in the conference when I was certain that Heaven had reached down to touch the earth with God's presence. I don't know much, but one thing I do know: I have never heard anyone sing "Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus" like the men who were there. I would like to tarry here and tell you more about our conference, but we must keep looking forward.

As I write to you, I am preparing to visit our men in Virginia. Earlier this year, I was in attendance at Men's Ministry events in North Georgia, Central Georgia, and Florida. I am happy to report to you that the state of Men's Ministries is STRONG!

As we look ahead to summer, my hope is that we will celebrate Father's Day with a renewed passion for Biblical manhood. I sense a stirring in the hearts of our men. God is calling us to stand up for our homes, our families, our communities, and our churches. I would like to ask all of you who read my words to honor the fathers in your life. While none of us are perfect, each of us are ordained to be the priest of our home.

In a society punctuated by mockery for Biblical manhood, it is imperative that we recapture our position of influence



Rev. Brian Willingham

Rev. Brian Willingham serves as the Men's Ministry Executive Director for the CHC.

in the lives of those around us. We must be gentle but strong. Kind but resolute. Compassionate but uncompromising in our commitment to the calling to be men of God!

Today, I am especially thankful for my father's influence. I am thankful that he taught me how to be a man of God. While many fathers teach their boys to fish or play sports. I tagged along with my Dad on hospital visitation trips, funeral homes, and church conferences. Unlike many preacher's kids, I never resented being raised in a pastor's home. Instead, I sensed that God had shown me favor by allowing me to spend my childhood in the shadow of the steeple.

Sadly, for many, the connection between an earthly father and our Heavenly Father is tainted by abuse, unfaithfulness, and betrayal. While many men pursue their own selfish interests, we must be vigilant in our self-denial. God has called us to take up our cross and to follow Jesus' example of humility and servanthood. We must choose today whom we will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

Stand up men of God! The chance to join eternity's winning team awaits you!



"For what it's worth: it's never too late or, in my case, too early to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit, stop whenever you want. You can change or stay the same, there are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. And I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you never felt before. I hope you meet people with a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of. If you find that you're not, I hope you have the courage to start all over again."

- Francis Scott Fitzgerald

This quote above sums up how many conversations sound with my father, Terron Gentry. But a word that makes me think of my dad the most is found in Frances Fitzgerald's last sentence above, courage. My father is and has always been a great leader. When I was a kiddo, I always wanted to be him. I would try to walk like him, talk like him, and even chew my bubble gum the way he did. Anywhere he went, I wanted to go. If it was him visiting one of his church members or if he was stopping by the post office, I was going with him rather if he liked it or not. Why was I so infatuated, you may ask? Well, now that I'm older or a little bit anyway, I think I know. Being in dad's company, he has a certain courage that rubs off on you, and you start to think, "I've got what it takes, and nothing is going to get in my way."

One of the best memories I have of him as a kid is one Easter Sunday. I was seven years old. My mother, Debra, had my hair stacked to the heavens with a huge bow to top it off. Mama also dressed me in a little white fluffy dress and cute shoes to go with it. Now, I tried to be as well behaved as I could, being a pastor's kid and all (wink wink, haha), but this day, in particular, was a little different. I stood outside, and there were these boys around my age just staring

at me and laughing at my dress. All of a sudden, they start pushing me down one by one. Every time I would get up, BOOM another boy would push me down, and then all of a sudden, dad shows up and said, "Haven, come here." In a very authoritative tone. The boys scattered, and I was crying. My friends all just turned on me, and one of them I had a crush on, but to my surprise, dad said, "Haven, if I EVER see you let them boys do you like that again, you are in trouble. You have the complete right to defend yourself." That's my dad for you! And needless to say, that day, my perspective changed. I went from feeling like a victim of the circumstances around me to having the courage to stand up for who I was. To this day, the situations are more complex, but my father's guidance is the same. It sounds like this... 1. Don't run from it, run to it.

Face the fear head-on. 2. Make the right decisions. Your decisions shape your destiny. And my favorite is... 3. You are my daughter, and I'm proud of you.

To all of our courageous fathers today, thank you. Thank you for enduring the pressures of life so that you may be present to cover your homes spiritually, protect it physically, and affirm your families while they venture through this life. We love you!

Article by Haven Gentry



A PSALM 112 Father



Rev. Micah Messer

The Messer family: Caleb, Micah, Laura, and John Mark. Rev. Micah serves the CHC as the National Royal Rangers Commander.

I want to be a Psalm 112 Father.

Psalm 112 has seven qualities for godly fathers corresponding with seven promises. It says, Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house...for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph, (Psalm 112:1-8).

First, I want to be a father who fears the Lord, viewing God with reverence and respect. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, adds years to our lives, and connects us with knowledge of the Holy One (Proverbs. 9:10; 10:27; 2:5). God reveals His secrets to those who fear Him. He loves those who love him; those who seek Him find Him. If you draw near to God, He will be near to you (Psalm 25:14; Proverbs. 8:17; James 4:8). Second, I want to

be a father who greatly delights in His commands. Obedience to the Scriptures is not a duty but a delight because His commands are not burdensome (1 John 5:4.) Third, I want to be a gracious father since I have tasted that God is gracious (1 Peter 2:3). Fourth, I want to be a compassionate father. Jesus was often moved with compassion in the Gospels. We are to have compassion for sinners and saints (1 Peter 3:8; 1 John. 3:17). Fifth, I want to be a righteous father, honorable in conduct, and noble in character. The righteous are as bold as lions (Proverbs. 28:1). Sixth, I want to be a generous father, sharing freely with my time, liberally my talents, and cheerfully with my treasure; without expectation of anything in return, because the generous will prosper (Proverb. 11:25). Seventh, I want to be a just father with honesty and fairness, walking in integrity and shining as a light. (Ezekiel 18:5-9; Proverbs 4:18; 20:7; 24:16)

These seven qualities of godly fathers are followed by seven promises in the categories of family, prosperity, stability, legacy, security, morality, and victory. Our family and finances will be blessed (Proverbs 13:22; 10:4). We will have the stability to never be shaken and the security to never be afraid. Our hearts will be steadfast and sure. We will have a legacy and remembered forever (Proverbs 10:7). We will triumph victorious in the end. (Romans 8:37).

This Father's Day, my prayer is for CHC to have Psalm 112 men.

What is a Father?

What is a father? Merriam-Webster defines a father as a male parent. However, a father is so much more than a male parent.

To the fathers reading this article, what kind of heritage are you leaving for your children? What traditions and memories will you be remembered for? I am so thankful for my Father, my Daddy, as I call him. Growing up, I have fond memories of my Daddy. I remember camping out in the backyard, planting flowers, and working in his woodshop. When I was sick, he would bring home all my favorite things from the store to make me feel better. I remember him working in the church and helping others. These are just a few of my favorite memories. Growing up and to this day, I never wondered if he loved me because he always made sure I knew. I never wondered whether he would be there for me because he always was. I am also thankful for the Daddy my children had. I asked my children to describe to me what kind of man their Daddy was. They described him as loving, wise, understanding, kind, smart, caring, gentle, funny, quiet, a gifted singer, served in the church, a man of integrity, and an awesome daddy. They each said different qualities he had. But all three felt the same way and agreed that their Daddy had a heart for God. ***If you could leave your children only one memory of you, let it be that you had a heart for God. Let that memory be you loved the Lord.*** The Bible says in Psalm 127:3-5 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. The enemy would love nothing more than to steal your children. Make sure you, as a father, are pointing them daily to Jesus.

No love can compare to that of our Heavenly Father. The old hymn "Love of God" says it so beautifully.

"The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.
Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.
Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."



Kim Causey

The Causey family: Seth, Shelby, Kim, and William. Kim serves the CHC as the National Girl's Ministry Director

I am thankful for the love of my earthly Father, but I am most grateful for the love of my Heavenly Father.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

A Dad's Influence



When I was a little girl, my daddy really pressed both my sister and me to learn to read and to read well. Often in the evenings, daddy and momma would listen to me read aloud, and they sacrificed to purchase the ten-volume blue Bible storybooks that were popular in so many doctor's offices a few years ago. I read every book and every story in each book.

What I didn't realize until some years later was that my daddy couldn't read. Having been taken out of school while in the 3rd grade to help on his grandpa's farm, reading and obtaining a good education were very important to him for his daughters. He wanted better for his family than he had for himself. I don't think daddy was ashamed of not being able to read, but it was something that he wanted to be stopped for future generations of our family. So he took me to our local public library, opened an account, and would take me each week to exchange books and to be part of the summer reading club the library offered.

Many years later, I am still an avid reader. I appreciate my dad's influence in this area because at six years old, I couldn't see to grow that far. But dad wanted better for me than he had for himself, and that selflessness is one attribute of a true father.

If I could give a note of encouragement to dads, I would encourage all the dads that I know to want better for their children than they had for themselves. But be sure to

want the true, Godly things for your children. If your dad didn't take you to church, be that dad that takes his kids to church every Sunday. If your dad never discussed God's word with you, be that dad that talks with his children about what the Bible says and how we must follow its teachings. If you never felt unconditional love from your dad, be the dad that gives that love. It's ok to want better for your children than you had for yourself, as long as those desires are in accordance with God's Word. Dad, you can change your family – it doesn't have to be like it has been for generations.

Dad, you make a difference, and Scotty and I are praying for you.

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might!
Happy Father's Day!



Sis. Redenna Poole

Sis. Redenna Poole is the wife of Bishop Scotty Poole. Sis. Poole serves the CHC as the Minister's Spouse Ministry Director.

CONTINUING *education* CONFERENCE



Conference Speaker
Dr. Mark Rutland
Founder of Global Servants - Author -
Anointed Speaker

AUGUST 26-27, 2022

In-Person @ New Haven CHC - Gainesville, GA
To sign up for this event, visit the Mission
USA page of CHCHURCH.COM

SAVE THE DATE

20 22

YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 3-5

THE GOSPEL MESSENGER
(USPS 223-340)
3888 Fayetteville Hwy.
Griffin, Georgia 30223

Periodicals Postage
PAID
At Griffin, Georgia
& Additional
Mailing Offices



2022

dc | CONGREGATIONAL
HOLINESS CHURCH

Campmeeting & Youth Camp Schedule

NORTH ALABAMA

Youth Camp - June 12-16

Speakers:

Rev. Brandon Willingham,
Rev. Priscilla Willingham

Campmeeting July 10-15

Speakers: Rev. Oral Lyons,
Rev. Mark Willingham

SOUTH ALABAMA

Youth Camp - June 12-16

Speaker:

Rev. Elijah Higginbotham

Campmeeting - July 10-14

Speaker: Rev. G.W. Carroll

NORTH GEORGIA

Jr. Camp - June 12-14

Sr. Camp - June 15-18

Speakers: TBA

Campmeeting July 22-29

Speakers: Rev. Nick Dalton, Dr.
Sam Hemby, Rev. Hulet Smith,
Rev. Javon Ruff

CENTRAL GEORGIA

Jr. Camp - June 6-9

Speaker: Rev. Tony Evans

Sr. Camp - June 13-18

Speakers: Rev. Andrew
Willingham,
Rev. Carson Whiteside

Campmeeting July 17-21

Speakers: Dr. Tim Hill, Rev.
Tommy Bates, Rev. James
James

FLORIDA

Jr. Camp June 17-20

Speaker: The Clarks and Herbie

Sr. Camp - June 21-24

Speaker: Rev. Roger Luke

Campmeeting - July 17-22

Speakers: The Blythe Family
and Rita

WEST CAROLINA

Jr. Camp - June 17-20

Speaker: Rev. Jody Padgett

Sr. Camp June 20-24

Speaker: Rev. Samantha
McCutcheon

Campmeeting - July 1 - 7

Speakers: Rev. Justin Griffis,
Rev. Jonathan Randall,
Rev. Tommy Bates

EAST CAROLINA

Youth Camp - June 19-24

Speaker: Rev. Jeremy Pooler

Campmeeting - July 4-8

Speaker: Rev. Mark Willingham

VIRGINIA

Jr. Camp June 15-18

Speaker: Rev. Wes Conner

Sr. Camp - June 22-26

Speaker: Rev. Paul Robertson

Campmeeting - August 1-5

Speaker: Dr. Fredrick Shumba