

Sunrise Christian Church

June, 2018 Family Newsletter

L3- Called as a church to Love God, to Learn to be like Jesus, and to Lead others to the saving cross of Christ

Love is a gift from God



“Haven’t you read,” Jesus replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?”

Matthew 19:4-5

June is the most popular month for weddings, followed by August and September.

Are you happy?



Happiness has been defined as a combination of how satisfied a person is with their life and how good they feel on a day-to-day basis.

Helen Keller once said, “When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.”

Another person said, "Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude."

Probably the best thought came from someone who was familiar with grief- Abraham Lincoln, our president during America’s civil war. He said, “Most people were about as happy as they have made up their minds to be.”

So, you want to be happy? Then be righteous before God; then you will find the satisfaction and happiness in what you do and how your life is lived. Psalm 68:3 says this: *“May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.”*

Dads are important!



At a time when single parent homes- generally headed by mothers- are becoming more common, the question arises as to how important is a father in the lives of children.

God created families to be comprised of a father and a mother. And every child needs a mother to love and nurture them, but it is the father who helps his children learn to explore the world around them! The father is the one who helps them see that they can be confident in facing the world.

So, children often struggle in life when there is no father, only a mother to parent them. And, yes, grandfathers can and do help provide that male role model, but every child hungers in his heart for his own father.

Therefore, the church needs to promote good parenting by helping men to be the best fathers they can be to their children. And as much as we think being a father ought to come naturally, in truth, all fathers can learn from the examples of others.

Here are some books that may help men to be the fathers their children need:

*Being the Dad Who Leads, by John MacArthur

*Hero: Becoming a strong father, by Meg Meeker, MD

*The Good Dad: Becoming the father you were meant to be, by Jim Daly

An offering meditation:



Some churches don't want to talk about money, more specifically, about giving. They feel that doing so will offend people. But that never prevented Jesus from speaking about money and the necessity of giving. One recent article said that the Bible has five hundred verses on prayer, less than that on faith, yet has over 2,000 verses on money and possessions! Therefore, don't you think this subject is important to God? And since it is important to Him, shouldn't it be important to us also?

And, I dare say that until we learn to rightly handle something as common as money we never will the more important things of life-justice, mercy, and faithfulness (Matt. 23:23).

When I look back on my own spiritual journey, I recognize that there were four important events that helped shape me to be who I am today: Faith in Christ expressed in baptism, a deepening fellowship with a body of believers, my quest to know God more fully through reading the Bible, and when Pam and I started tithing to the church. For until we learned to trust God with our money we could never grow in His grace and truth. And, besides, isn't God who provides us with what we need? Therefore, our country is wise in proclaiming on its money that it's "In God We Trust." Now, how about you, do you trust God? Or yet: How much do you trust God?



Christian author Neil T. Anderson said this about Christian fellowship: "Aloneness can lead to loneliness. God's preventative for loneliness is intimacy – meaningful, open, sharing relationships with one another. In Christ we have the capacity for the fulfilling sense of belonging which comes from intimate fellowship with God and with other believers."

God says that we rob others when we deprive others of our fellowship; just as they rob us by their absence. You might well say that we are made for each other! ☺

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Upcoming events:

- *Faithful Men *men's breakfast*- 7:30am, Saturday, June 2 @ Rusty's.
- *Global Village- 11am-4pm, Saturday, June 2 @ Lions Park.
- * SCC's summer *dinner and a movie night*- 6pm, Friday, June 15.
- *Love INC's *Brining Hope Festival*- 11am-5pm, Saturday, June 16@ Lions Park
- *Cove Christian Camp's *Teen camp*- Sunday, June 17- Saturday, June 23.
- * Cove Christian Camp's *1st & 2nd grade camp*- Sunday, June 24- Tuesday, June 26.
- *SCC's *Praise Sunday!*
- *Cove Christian Camp's *3rd/4th grade camp*- Sunday, July 8- Thursday, July 12.
- * Cove Christian Camp's *5th/6th grade camp*- Sunday, July 15- Saturday, July 21.
- * *Malheur County Fair*- Tuesday, July 31- Saturday, Aug. 4. SCC will have a booth there.

Dad jokes



One summer evening and during a violent thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her young son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug, saying, "I can't, dear, I have to sleep with Daddy tonight"

After a long silence, his shaky little voice was heard to say, "The big sissy!"

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The father of five children won a toy at a raffle. Arriving home, he called his children together to ask which one should receive the toy.

"Who is the most obedient?" he asked. And "Who never talks back to mother?" "Who does everything she says?"

The five children thought about it for a moment, then in unison said, "Okay Daddy, you get the toy!"

Happy Father's Day, dads- we love you!