



GOD THE FATHER AND GODLY FATHERS

A WARM WELCOME
... to you if you are visiting today.
Please stay on for morning tea.

* *Creche* for 1,2 & 3 year olds
is staffed 10 to 11am

* *Skids* program for children aged 4
to Yr 6, runs 10.30-11.15am.

* CD copies of sermons available.

* Good books on sale.

* Gifts to support the Church's work
may be left in the box by the door.

TODAY

9.30am

Sermon: BEAUTIFUL EXTRAVAGANCE

Reading: John 12:1-11

Morning Tea
10am at *crèche*
10.30am at *skids*
11am for rest

6pm GRANITE at Warwick's

THIS WEEK

BIT 56 Tuesday 3.45pm
at West Tamworth Public School

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Friday 7pm
at Calala Lane Youth Hall

Birthdays this week

Monday	Merrie Bott
Tuesday	Adrian Daymond Catherine Taylor
Wednesday	Jeanette Morrison
Thursday	Jack McDonald Sarah Martin Jason Prozinski
Friday	Luke McDonald

We learn how to be fathers to our own children as we seek to treat our kids the way our perfect Dad has treated us, his sons. Our ultimate goal must be that our children would grow to love and worship our God. This simple refrain is repeated on a multitude of occasions throughout Scripture, where it says that a particular generation worshiped the God of their fathers, because God intends for children to worship the same God as their dads.

For example, Christians worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They are a father, son, and grandson. In the same way, my father's name is Joseph, my name is Mark, and my sons' names are Zachariah, Calvin, and Gideon. We are all praying that when my grandson is born to Zac one day (for example), he will worship the God of Joseph, Mark, and Zac.

As a Christian father, we should long to see our children worship the same God we do. To pursue that goal, we must worship that God first. I must worship the one true God as my Father, by repenting of my sin and coming to him by faith for grace to love him, as an example and pattern for my grandsons.

As I daily commit myself to his ways and being his son, I am being instructed on how to care for my children and lead them to worship God with me.

... Sadly, our world is not a very safe place for children, as the statistics on neglect, abuse, molestation, fornication, and rape indicate. But God says that the safest place for children is with a man who fears the Lord. Men who fear God take God's wisdom and use their masculine strength to create a fortress of protection and provision around their homes so that their wives and children can live freely and happily under their care.

Proverbs 20:7 says, "*The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!*" Similarly, Paul tells the Corinthians that when he was a boy he acted like one, but when he became a man he put childish ways behind him ([1 Cor. 13:11](#)). It is imperative that Christian fathers repent of their childish ways (i.e., laziness, lust, whining, drunkenness, juvenile antics, neglecting family in the pursuit of hobbies, foolish spending, and so on) because their sins impinge upon the lives of their children and grandchildren.

A Christian father should aspire to live in such a way as to be a righteous example to his children, which produces a path of blessing that flows to the children from the faithfulness of their father as they follow his loving leadership.

... Godly men aspire to be both good fathers and good

grandfathers, like Jonathan Edwards, America's greatest theologian, who prayed each day for five generations of his offspring in hopes of being a patriarch like Abraham. Wisdom enables a father to see that the way he lives affects the kind of children he raises, which affects the kind of children they raise, and so on.

Therefore, if a man is going to be a good father, he needs to start by living in such a way that his children will celebrate his life and respect him as a respectable man. Likewise, his grandchildren will later follow suit, and generations will speak well of him long after he has passed. In this way, a father begins to reflect, even in a fallen or limited degree, God who is his Father.

For example, one of the highest compliments anyone has ever paid me came from my daughter Ashley, who at the age of four told me, "I'm very lucky to have two daddies. You are my daddy and God is my daddy." When she said that, I was struck by the incredible privilege of sharing the very honourable title of "father" with God in the mind of my little girl.

When God shares his name with us, it is a sacred matter that we must take very seriously.

Mark Driscoll

Serving Today

10am crèche

Kate Jess

Childrens Play Area

Sue W

Morning Tea

Belinda Merryl Lay Hwa

11.45am PAC pack up

Ian Alan H Jim Andy P

Lock-up

Alan

Elders:

Peter Finlayson 6762 4701

Ross Fotheringham 6765 3530

Warwick Lyne 6762 6810

John Paterson 6765 4074

Neil Seaton 6762 3197

Michael van der Graaf 6762 7717

12 at 1

Please return your 12 at 1 response for lunch on the 19th today, so that groups can be arranged and hosts advised next week.

Church Membership

On September 12, it is proposed to admit as new church members *Josh & Chris Davis, Kate Hampstead, Lauren Lamrock and Sally Taylor.*

Please mention to one of the elders any good reason why any should not proceed.

Food

Our thanks to Elizabeth who has organised so many lovely things for our morning teas, for a long time. Carmen now does this ... please tell her if you'd like to join the crew.

Also ... if you are can help cook for Hayley's wedding, please see Terri-Anne.

Tahnee Saban

Tahnee and Morgan were married yesterday ...kindly pray God's mercies for them.

CHBC

Ross and Neil travel to the U.S. on Tuesday. They are to be based for their two weeks at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington DC. They have many meetings ahead of them with CHBC staff, members and church planters, as well as with people from Covenant Life Churches (C.J.Mahaney, Josh Harris etc).

May this time not only profit them, and minister to those they meet, but also help us all, as we as a church seek to make a bigger difference for the cause of Jesus.

Thankyou

Thanks to all who helped make the mountain of paracetamol we will give to friends in need in the Philippines. We now have sufficient.

S.U. Cricket Camp

Scripture Union is running a camp for boys in Years 5-8 at Dubbo over the first weekend of the school holidays. Please see John for details.

Mens Day

A team has put together a very interesting and helpful program for the Mens Day, on Saturday the 18th. Let's all (including young guys from Year 10 up) be there.

- > 3 to 8pm at the PAC
- > \$15 for dinner (or what you can afford) to John Taylor or Will Barton

The whole Bible in one year

Monday 6th

Song of Sol chs 1-4 / 2 Cor 8:16-24
Psalm 50 / Proverbs 22,22,23

Tuesday 7th

Song of chs 5-8 / 2 Cor ch 9
Psalm 51 / Proverbs 22:24,25

Wednesday 8th

Isaiah chs 1,2 / 2 Cor ch 10
Psalm 52 / Proverbs 22:26,27

Thursday 9th

Isaiah chs 3-5 / 2 Cor 11:1-15
Psalm 53 / Proverbs 22:28,29

Friday 10th

Isaiah chs 6,7 / 2 Cor 11:16-33
Psalm 54 / Proverbs 23:1-3

Saturday 11th

Isaiah chs 8,9 / 2 Cor 12:1-10
Psalm 55 / Proverbs 23:4,5

Sunday 12th

Isaiah chs 10,11 / 2 Cor 12:11-21
Psalm 56 / Proverbs 23:6-8

My sermon notes

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