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A Son Not Like His Father

“She is just like her mother.” “He is exactly like his dad.” It is amazing how much children favor their parents, especially when they become adults. They look like their parents. They talk and walk and sit like them. They respond with the same words, gestures and facial expressions. For good or bad, the Jewish proverb *“Like mother, like daughter”* (Ezekiel 16:44) is probably more true than we like to admit. We clearly see how others imitate their parents but fail to realize that we do the same. The influence of both mother and father is strong—so strong, in fact, that we can be tempted to think that it predetermines a child’s destiny in this life and in the next. An old Bible story puts this in perspective.

The first king of Israel was a little man in a big man’s body. Saul was rash and unreasonable. He was quick-tempered and vindictive. He was prideful, jealous and harsh. He did only the things God told him to do that he found useful and disregarded the rest. He had one standard for himself and a different set of rules for others. His own words describe him best: *“I have played the fool and erred exceedingly”* (1 Samuel 26:21). But even that confession was not clean. The prophet Samuel had warned him earlier when he disobeyed God and tried to justify himself, *“Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry”* (1 Samuel 15:23). He would not listen to God and so God refused to hear him. In the end he consulted a witch and the next day committed suicide.

Jonathan was the son of this self-centered, self-willed man, but he was different from his father. That difference stood out in how they related to one who was a man after God’s own heart—David. Saul envied David and was afraid of him; he *“became David’s enemy continually”* (1 Samuel 18:29). But Jonathan was the best friend David ever had. *“The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his old soul”* (1 Samuel 18:1). That friendship almost cost him his life.

Jonathan protected David and his father was so furious that he had the audacity to accuse Jonathan of being just like his mother (*“a perverse rebellious woman”*) and threw a spear at him to try to kill him (1 Samuel 20:30-34). When this happened, Jonathan *“rose from the table in fierce anger.”* But he refused to become the bitter, unjust man his father was. He was loyal to Israel to the end in spite of his father the king and died in a fierce battle with the Philistines (1 Samuel 31).

Jonathan was like Hezekiah, Josiah and others in the Bible. He rose above his upbringing. How? There were other influences in his life, but the simple answer is that he chose to be better. His example is rare, but a true Christian is rare in the overall picture. Even in the worst homes everyone makes the choice to do good or evil. The Bible speaks of a wicked father who *“begets a son who sees all the sins which his father has done, and chooses but does not do likewise”* (Ezekiel 18:14). If it happened then, it can happen today.

It is easy to lose hope in a world like ours. But we must be just and have faith. Don’t be like Elijah when he thought he was the only one who cared about doing right (1 Kings 19). Don’t be like Jonah who thought and even wanted the worst outcome (Jonah 4). We must not be naïve to family traits that cause trouble, but we must also not use the bad we have seen in families as a reason to stop trying. There are still exceptions to the rule like Jonathan.

Kerry Duke

West End church of Christ
Livingston, TN



PRISON MINISTRY

Join in the Work!

We now have 294 Inmate Students. They all need encouragement letters from the church. We need World Bible School Bibles (\$5.00 ea) to send them. We have form letters or you can write your own. We have a few that only speak/read Spanish. There are specific guidelines we have to utilize in corresponding with the inmates. Let David Camp know and he will get you involved.

Please be Praying for...

PRAYER NEEDS & REQUESTS: Our Country; Our National Leaders be guided by God; The whole world as we recover from the effects of COVID; 1/24/23 Tornado Victims & our City; Earthquake Victims in Turkey; Gerald Starns has been in the hospital this week; Donna (daughter of Eileen Adair) had emergency gallbladder surgery 3/21st & is recovering; David Camp is recovering from knee replacement at home; Bea Erwin, friend of Sonoma O'Bannon, is now in rehab after hip replacement and femur fracture; Diane Bowman, friend of Tammy Imel, has lymphoma; Belinda Davenport, niece of Gerald Starns, had successful surgery 3/8/23 to remove a piece of glass from her foot; Jennifer, co-worker of Shannon Burke, may have to have 7th surgery after car accident; Adair Family as they begin the rebuild of their home lost to fire in December; George & Karen Reyez, friends of Dale Guillory; Erin Burke as she travels with her work; Joe Skinner, friend of Gerald, is now walking with walker; Robert Gordon, Sanoma's cousin; is now in assisted living & not doing very well; Reagan, Gerald Starns' 3 yr old granddaughter (her little finger tips are blue); Gerald's niece, Lisa Fowler, who was recently baptized, recovered from 2 aneurysms but has lupus; The people of Ukraine; Hillary Harrison (Tim Culp's cousin is on wait list for double lung transplant); Janet Skinner, Noreen Rock, Karen Green, Martha Hayes, Steve & Kathy Franz, (friends of Gerald Starns); for the Men at the Wheelhouse; for success as they work thru their individual programs; Inmates of our Prison Ministry who have asked for our prayers. We have responded to 294 inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material; Resolve to "turn your face" toward Jesus; Be rich toward God; Delight yourself in the Lord; Jesus said, "Do you love me?"; Earnestly seek our God!; Come, great is the Lord and most worthy of our praise; Be an Andrew & Bring Someone to Jesus; Share the Gospel of Jesus; Answer the Lord's Invitation-"Come"; Remember God is in Control; Pray Without Ceasing for Each Other; Building Program; Serve Others; Love Our Neighbor; Deny Self and not be Mere Human; Love! Church; Breathe the Spirit of God; Excitement and Enthusiasm for the Lord; That We Know God's Word and Live It and Put it into Practice; Us as we strive to be better Servants for the Lord, Share Our Lord, Love one another, Strengthen one another, Forgive one another.

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Eileen Adair; Kristen Adair; Gene Barton; Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Jimmy Burke, Patsy Camp; Michael Conn; Danny Culp (Tim Culp's father); Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher, Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Leslie Hoffman; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (friends of Peggy Burke); Kevin Koctar; Jones Rae 2lbs 6oz preemie (Great-Nephew of Jason & Rena' Cable), born in Jan & not due til April; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Jared Robertson (friend of Scott Burke); Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Curtis Salter; Andrew Shirley (Scott and Erin's Son-in-law); Stephen and Mary Ann Smith; Jim and Linda Thomason; Karl Vinson; Sheri and Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's Sister); Susan Williams; Cathy York (Mother of Erin Burke)

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's Great Grandfather); Ronnie Hock (brother-in-law of Rebeca Holifield); Kalle, friend of Gerald Starns; Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Gerald Starns; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).



To the Family of
Whitney (Dreher) Brummett
who passed into the arms of her savior March 23, 23 in Tyler, TX.

DECIDE TO BE BETTER

Each of us should form a resolution right now!

- **Husbands**, promise yourself that your wife is going to have a more caring husband till death separates you.
- **Wives**, promise yourself that your husband will have a more appreciative wife till death separates you.
- **Parents**, resolve that you are going to love your children and give more of yourselves to them (Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:3-4).
- **Children**, resolve that you will honor and obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Stronger families begin with us.

Determine to do your best for those you love.

-Author Unknown

"He who is of a merry heart has a continual feast." Proverbs 15:15 NKJV

"I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life..." Ezekiel 37:14

Are We Reading Our Bible Every Day?

Daily Bible Reading
Apr 2—Apr 8

Sunday 2	am	Judges 8-9
	pm	Luke 8:22-59
Monday 3	am	Judges 10-11
	pm	Luke 9:1-36
Tuesday 4	am	Judges 12-14
	pm	Luke 9:37-62
Wednesday 5	am	Judges 15-17
	pm	Luke 10:1-24
Thursday 6	pm	Judges 18-19
	pm	Luke 10:25-42
Friday 7	am	Judges 20-21
	pm	Luke 11:1-28
Saturday 8	am	Ruth 1-4
	pm	Luke 11:29-54



Justin & Tammy Imel 15



Myra Higgins	8
Jeffrey Adair	10
Ann Hearon	13
Zane Willis	17
Susan Williams	20



PILLOW MINISTRY
Pillows were delivered to
Deer Park EMT.

Come meet with the Ladies every
Tuesday morning 9:00am—11:30am
for pillow making and devotional.

MILLIONS ARE READING THE SAME BOOK
AT THE SAME TIME

The Bible is on more nightstands, on more coffee tables, on more library shelves, and in more smartphones than any other book. It is the book that millions turn to each day for instruction and wisdom.

It is sought as a book of comfort during times of stress and uncertainty. This fact was clearly shown by a forty-percent increase in Bible sales, at some retailers, in the week following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the U.S.

God has given us His Word to lead, guide, and comfort us in our daily work and walk with Him. But though the average American Christian family has nine Bibles in their home, they are only helpful when read.

So be a daily Bible reader, if you are not already. "Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

The next time you are reading from God's Word remember, too, that millions are doing the same thing. They are seeking the truth. —Dick Brant



**OUR PANTRY
NEEDS:**

**Canned Chicken,
Rice & Cereal**

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word: Matt 7:24-28, Luke 6:47-49, John 6:45, John 14:15, Romans 10:13-17

Believe the Word: Mark 16:16, John 3:16, 20:31, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6, James 2:24

Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5, 15:7, Acts 2:37-38, 17:30, 26:20

Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:12

Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (immersed in water as a believer):
Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21

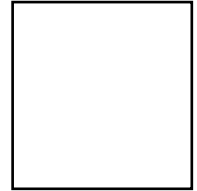
Why do you delay? Acts 22:16

Live Faithfully: Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 10:12, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11, 1 John 1:7, Revelation 2:10

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4



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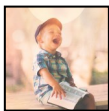


1st Day of Spring
 March 20th!

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 Invites you to join us in Worship!*

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Meet With Us

Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for
 3yrs to 3rd grade during Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30PM

Service this Week:

April 2, 2023

Coffee & Donut Fellowship 9:00am
 Bible Class 9:30am
 Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray

Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Matthew 26:47-56

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: **The Arrest of Jesus**
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
Scott Burke

Greeter **Tammy Adair**
Communion Prep: **Patsy Camp**
Livestreaming: **R.J. Imel**

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6:30pm

REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!