

The Rolling Roads Reminder

June 2023

Looking Over Jordan

June is for Fathers' Day, that is for sure. But did you know there is a "Forefathers Sunday?" This church holiday has been observed for hundreds of years in the Eastern Church. It is a feast day that honors the earthly fathers of God the Son, that is, the ancestors of Jesus.

Our own Father's Day began shortly after Mother's Day in 1910, when Sonora Smart felt she wanted to honor her own father who had raised her and her brothers and sisters as a single father through tough times.

I recently watched a movie from the 1990's. One dominant theme of the movie is "Dad is pitiful/unenlightened/not with it." In other words, the movie seemed to promote a level of disrespect for the father in the family. He became cute, lovable, and to be pitied.

These days, it isn't too difficult to see that certain sectors of our society are not happy that fathers, or even men, exist. How odd this is. Why? Because all people are made in the image of God, and "male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27)

We comprehend and understand that God is our Loving Heavenly Father, who reigns as a king. What does God our loving heavenly Father do all day? He exercises providential care over His universe and all that He has created.

When we look around at the societal decay and degeneration going on, it is a blessing to remember that part of God's providence is human history. Ben Franklin famously said, "The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men." We are all His creatures, and it is a bedrock of our faith in God that He is the all-powerful, all-knowing Lord of all.

As we trust in our Loving Heavenly Father, we need not fear today or tomorrow. Psalm 91:5-6 says, "You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon."

Fathers are to love their children. We should emphasize that God is loving, and I John 4:7 says "God is love." Can God's love have a limit? Can it run out?

When we as dads love our wives and children, we are reflecting the image of God within us. This is a very high calling of a dad, to mirror this love even when sin's temptations try and stop us. When our minds are renewed by the Father, we remember and make the choices that honor God. We do not fear, we trust in God. Happy Fathers' Day!

Happy because of Jesus,

Pastor James

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financial report

April

Income: \$8,059

Expenses: \$7,803



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you!*

Growing Towards Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 18 - FATHER'S DAY

June 18 - Pregnancy Network

Share the Change –
baby bottles due back at church

Each Wednesday - Pastor James'
Bible study Vidcast

Diane will be in the office on a varied schedule as she starts early retirement. If you leave a message/send an email, she will get back to you as quick as



possible. Please know that you are free to call or text her cell phone anytime!

A Godly Man

One righteous man.

What is he worth?

Far above all the diamonds on Earth.

Blessed is the man

Whose God is the Lord.

Who lives by His power and feeds on His Word.

For this man shall prosper

His soul cannot die;

His treasures, the riches of earth cannot buy.

—Betty Dulin



Jesus Took Naps
(I want to be like Jesus)
Mark 4:38



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IS
better
WHEN YOU'RE
LAUGHING

I WANTED TO GO JOGGING
BUT
Proverbs 28:1
SAYS
"THE WICKED RUN
WHEN NO ONE IS
CHASING THEM"
so there's that..