

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

JUNE 16, 2024

The Time Is Now!

A little boy, frightened by a thunderous lightning storm, called out one night, "Daddy, come. I'm scared." "Son," the father said, "God loves you, and He'll take care of you." "I know God loves me," the boy replied, "but right now, I want somebody who has skin on."

The father's role is to be and demonstrate God with skin on.

Once, a little girl followed her father as he carefully stepped through their newly planted garden. She stepped precisely where he stepped while saying, "Daddy, if you don't get mud on your feet, I won't get any mud on mine!"

No matter where we go in Biblical history, the role of a godly father has proven to be essential. All the way back to Adam, his lack of leadership leads to sin and death, even in the case of his sons. David's sin leads to incest, murder, and the death of Absalom (2 Samuel 13, 18). The list continues with God writing, "He will restore the hearts of fathers to their children and hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse." (Malachi 4:6; Numbers 32:14)

Fathers are essential to the development of children. They provide discipline (Hebrew 12:10), training (Ephesians 6:4), and direction (Genesis 18:18), and are also the primary providers for their families (Genesis 2:15; 3:14; Luke 11:11-13), to list a few. When they fear God, their homes are blessed (Psalm 112; 128), and when they lead their homes in wisdom, they establish it forever (Proverbs 24:3-5). Their reverence for God also leads to legacy; "Indeed, may you see your children's children," and it determines whether a city is peaceful or not (Psalm 128:6; Proverbs 3:2). They can keep the mud off the shoes and give God skin.

So let this Father's Day serve to remind us men of our need to be the men God has called us to be. If ever there was a time in history that our children needed godly fathers, THE TIME IS NOW!!

HAPPY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!



UPCOMING Events



WIDOWS MINISTRY BALLOON RELEASE
Losing your partner is never an easy thing and this International Widows' Day, Living Word Fellowship Church is taking a stand to create awareness about the situation of widows across the world. We will have a brief ceremony with a balloon release on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 10:15, in the front parking lot. If you are a widow and would like to participate, please register at <https://bit.ly/3QNvhX7> For more information contact **Maxine Thomas, Pamela Farris or Mary Wheatley**.



FAMILY FUN DAY—SUN. JUNE 23RD 2:30 PM
Join us for Basketball, Football and Fellowship on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at Living Word Christian Academy at 6601 Antoine Drive Houston, TX 77091. Contact **Le'Quinton Lockhart at (832) 310-6893 or Allison Pryor (832) 350-4190** for more details.



CONNECTION SUNDAYS IN JUNE

This June Connect with us as we continue to celebrate 30 Years of God's Faithfulness. We are going old school to the 1990s and beyond.

Sunday, June 23rd — Come dressed "Sharp As A Tack" in your old school church hats and outfits

Sunday, June 30th — **ONE SERVICE at 9:30 am**
Wear Your Family Reunion T-Shirts and Enjoy Deacon Family Fellowship Family Reunion Style



CPR TRAINING—AUGUST 24TH 9AM—12 PM
Have you ever wanted to be CPR certified? Well we have a CPR certification course coming up August 24, 2024 from 9 am to 12 p.m. Must register by August 11, 2024. Cost is \$65 per person. Receive CPR, AED, and First Aid Certification hosted by The American Heart Association. To register, contact **Lulu Hayes** for more information on Sundays after service or at luluhayes1@gmail.com



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"Promised"
2 Samuel 7:27-29

Click "Sermon Notes" on the Website

Call to Discipleship
Please remain seated at this time

Visitor's Welcome

Benediction

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Infants—6th grade



Promised
2 Samuel 7:27-29

A. Claim It vs. 27

1. In his prayer, David recognizes the authority and power of the Lord and knows that, from his own experiences, the Lord will be a mighty Warrior for His people with His host of angels ready to battle for His people.
2. Because He is the Lord of Host, no one or anything can stand against us, "if God is for us, who can stand against us." (Romans 8:31).
3. The One with all authority, the mighty Warrior who sovereignly reigns, has clearly exposed His Word to David. The Lord does the same for us by illuminating His Word to help us understand (1 Corinthians 2:10-15). He has provided us with a full revelation (2 Peter 1:3-4).
4. When we submit our will to the Lord and humbly serve, the Lord builds the house; when we serve our families, it will not be in vain (Psalm 127:1-2).
5. David will endlessly invest his time and every means possible to establish for the Lord His dwelling place. This ensures a lasting legacy (Psalm 128).
6. David can now mediate before the Lord and have an intercessory prayer life, which becomes a sincere worship before God because his deepest feelings are no longer controlled by fear.

B. Trust Him vs. 28

1. David heightens his desire to intensely and urgently plead his concerns before God; worship can genuinely begin.
2. All of the Lord's recorded prophetic revelation is unshakable and faithful, and it absolutely has no falsehood (Hebrews 6:18).
3. The Lord God is repeatedly committed to His covenant for His people and never intends to stop verbally and dynamically communicating what He plans to accomplish (Hebrews 12:4; 1 Peter 1:22-25).

C. Forever vs. 29; Proverbs 3:1-3; 19:14; 24:3-4

1. Because the Lord is faithful in fulfilling what He has covenanted to do, David intensely, urgently carves His attention.
2. The One who has all authority and power, faithfully sustaining His covenantal relationship with His people and has verbally communicated, in a dynamic manner, all He intends for His people to know. There is nothing He wanted to convey that He has not said. We have the truth and nothing but the truth (2 Peter 1:3-4).
3. Even though David commands God to bless His house, he remains a person who is completely committed to endlessly surrendering his life to God's will.
4. Because God's Word is true and the Lord God is the Mighty Warrior, He "is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Prayer Vigil

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH 12:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
LEGACY SANCTUARY

"A Time of Family Prayer!", Psalm 127:1-5

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TOMITRA WILEY TOMITRAW@SBCGLOBAL.NET OR PASTOR LAWRENCE AT DLAWRENCE@LWFELLOWSHIPCHURCH.ORG

+ SUMMER TECH SERIES 2024

JULY 12TH 6:30 PM-8:30 PM	YOUTH /ADULT HTML WEB DESIGN CERTIFICATION	AGES 16+
JULY 13TH 9:00 AM-3:00 PM	YOUTH /ADULT HTML WEB DESIGN CERTIFICATION	AGES 16+
JULY 27TH 10:00 AM-2:00 PM	GOOGLE SUITE & LWFC FORMS	ALL AGES
AUGUST 24TH 9:00AM-3:00 PM	YOUTH CODING CAMP	AGES 12-18
AUGUST 24TH 10:00 AM-2:00 PM	CANVA WORKSHOP	ALL AGES

REGISTER ON THE EVENTS PAGE OF THE WEBSITE & FOR INFORMATION ON TECH WORKSHOPS AND MARKETING CONTACT MARKETING@LWFELLOWSHIPCHURCH.ORG

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Mary Ngwazini & family, Orelee Fields & family, Dee Davis & family, Betty Hopson & family, Bailey Mier-Nava & family, Nikisha Doyle & family, Nathan Harvey & family, and the family of Joeann Hayes.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Pat Crawford, Birdie Williams, Tanisha Collins, Jon Heard, Rutha Patrick, Kevin Carey, Sherri Love, Elizabeth Clarke, Clara Williams, Kathryn Ford-Cheatham, Anthony Thomas, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Patsy Gatterson, Joyce Newsome, Arleatha Housley, Patrina Johnson, Elvis Anderson, Cheryl Walker, Walter Banks, Carolyn Hadnot, Angelique Hudson, Sheryle Crowe, Arnie Glover, Clarence Coleman, Joyce Denman, and Diana Doyle.

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2 SAMUEL 7:27-29

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