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The Centennial of Father's Day

"It is the duty of parents to maintain their children decently, and according to their circumstances; to protect them according to the dictates of prudence; and to educate them according to the suggestions of a judicious and zealous regard for their usefulness, their respectability and happiness." - James Wilson

Father's Day was first celebrated the third Sunday in June in the year 1910.

The original observance was in honor of William Jackson Smart, an Arkansas veteran of the War Between the States, who raised a daughter and five sons on his own, after his wife died giving birth to their sixth child. Smart was devoted to his children, as they were to him, and his daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, wanted to honor her father for that devotion.

Though Mother's Day had been observed in one form or another for centuries, Fathers Day was a fitting complement, and within a few years following the first ceremony, it became a national rite.

While this first formal recognition came about just a century ago, it was abundantly clear to our Founding Fathers that families with both mothers and fathers were critical to the well-being of children.

John Adams wrote, *"The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families.... How is it possible that Children can have any just Sense of the sacred Obligations of Morality or Religion if, from their earliest Infancy, they learn their Mothers live in habitual Infidelity to their fathers, and their fathers in as constant Infidelity to their Mothers?"*

His wife, Abigail, wrote, *"What is it that affectionate parents require of their Children; for all their care, anxiety, and toil on their accounts? Only that they would be wise and virtuous, Benevolent and kind."*

The vital role of fathers has been extolled throughout history, in virtually every religion and culture. No less, it is now well understood that the foundation of our nation is "laid in private families," and that this foundation is critical if the next generation is to be "wise and virtuous, Benevolent and kind."

Unfortunately, there is an epidemic of negligence among fathers today, and consequently (according to the CDC, DoJ, DHHS and the Bureau of the Census) the 30 percent of children who live apart from their fathers will account for 63 percent of teen suicides, 70 percent of juveniles in state-operated institutions, 71 percent of high-school dropouts, 75 percent of children in chemical-abuse centers, 80 percent of rapists, 85 percent of youths in prison, 85 percent of children who exhibit behavioral disorders, and 90 percent of homeless and runaway children.

The causal link between fatherless children and crime **"is so strong that controlling for family configuration erases the relationship between race and crime and between low income and crime,"** notes social researcher Barbara Dafoe Whitehead.

More to the point, a counselor at a juvenile-detention facility in California, which has the nation's highest juvenile-incarceration rate, protested, **"[If] you find a gang member who comes from a complete nuclear family, I'd like to meet him. ... I don't think that kid exists."**

Arguably, the vast majority of social problems confronting our nation today originate in homes without fathers, including those without functioning or effective fathers. (It should be noted here that an increasing number of fatherless homes are the result of mothers who separate from fathers without reasonable grounds for severance.)

"Maturity does not come with age, but with the accepting of responsibility for one's actions," writes Dr. Edwin Cole. *"The lack*

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of effective, functioning fathers is the root cause of America's social, economic and spiritual crises."

Of course, there are young people who were raised by a single parent, or in critically dysfunctional or impoverished homes, but who overcame that impediment. Either they were blessed with a parent who, against all but insurmountable odds, instilled their children with the values and virtues of good citizenship or, somewhere along the way, those children were lifted out of their misery by the grace of God - often in the form of a significant mentor who modeled individual responsibility and character.

As a result, they have been empowered to internalize their locus of responsibility, to take responsibility for the consequences of their choices and behavior.

However, the vast majority of those from homes without fathers externalize responsibility for problems and solutions, holding others to blame for their ills, and bestowing upon the state the duty of providing basic needs and, ultimately, of arbitrating proper conduct.

The failure of fatherhood is more than just a social problem; it is a menacing national security threat. The collective social pathology of the fatherless has dire consequences for the future of Liberty, free enterprise and the survival of our republican form of government as outlined by our Constitution.

One may rightly conclude that most "liberalism," the rejection of Essential Liberty and the Rule of Law, is rooted in pathology that runs much deeper than topical ideological indoctrination. Indeed, psychopathology dictates, or frames, worldview, and worldview is manifested in such expressions as political affiliation.

In this respect, the pathology of the Left is transparent.

This pathology tends to result in mental rigidity, fear, anger, aggression and insecurity, the result of low self-esteem and arrested emotional development associated, predominantly, with fatherless households or critically dysfunctional families in which children were not adequately affirmed. Such individuals harbor contempt for those who are self-sufficient for much the same reason. They believe that conforming to a code of non-conformity is a sign of individualism, when it is nothing more than an extreme form of conformism for those who are truly insecure. Though they feign concern for the less fortunate and the primacy of individual liberty, they are ardent **statists**.

They fear loss because most have suffered significant loss. They often come from socially or economically deprived single-parent homes, though inheritance-welfare trust-babies manifest similar insecurities about helplessness without external sustenance (their trust funds). They reject individual and social responsibility because such principles were not modeled for them as children - and the generational implications for Liberty are ominous.

Some of the fatherless (or those with ineffectual fathers), seek to compensate for the resulting insecurities through

overachievement, which is to say they are case studies of Narcissistic Personality Disorder, as outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - the standard reference used for psychiatric evaluation. These deprived children are relentlessly driven by self-interest, narcissism and visions of grandiosity.

The more notorious of narcissists in the last century include Adolf Hitler, Iosif Vissarionouich Djughashvili (Joseph Stalin), Mao Zedong and Saddam Hussein.

Often accompanying narcissistic pathology are strong charismatic abilities, which attract a cult of sycophantic followers.

It's no coincidence that the most loyal constituencies of these types are the product of the social, cultural and economic blight in many urban settings, breeding grounds for legions of disenfranchised Leftists, those who are largely dependent on the state for all manner of their welfare, protection and sustenance.

Unfortunately, misplaced empathy has played a key role in his unchecked rapid rise of these types of miscreants through the ranks of government, business, and even religion - at great peril to the future of liberty. Actions have consequences, and the grossly negligent act of allowing them to ascend thusly unchecked is producing devastating consequences, as even many leftists are now discovering.

So where do we go from here?

In regard to fatherhood, the foundational future of our nation will spring from our homes, as John and Abigail Adams understood.

The fate of the fatherless is, at best, a broken heart. At worst, it is the root cause of the social entropy we observe in contemporary American culture, because the fate of the fatherless is directly linked to the faith of the fatherless, their relationship with God the Father. Broken trust with earthly fathers often results in a lack of trust in the Heavenly Father.

On this 100th Father's Day, we should pay tribute to the irreplaceable institution of fatherhood - and the importance of a father's love, discipline, support and protection for his children. Every day, those of us who are fathers should encourage other fathers to be accountable for their marriages and children.

There is much that can be done for the fatherless - mentoring through Boy Scouts, coaching little-league sports, teaching in Sunday school, tutoring and volunteering to work with high-risk kids through an inner-city ministry, to name just a few. We, as American Patriots, must bridge the gap for these kids.

As for this publisher, it is a privilege beyond all others to be a husband to Ann and father of three. Indeed, no reward could be greater than the close relationship with my children, and to see their progress as Patriots-in-training - responsible young citizens committed to carrying forward the flame of liberty.

Semper Vigilo, Fortis, Paratus et Fidelis!

Excepted from an essay on Father's Day by
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DAD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Four times in the Gospel of John we read that Judas was Simon's son (Jn. 6:71; 12:4; 13:2, 26). It must have been bitter indeed for Simon to hear himself so often referred

to as the father of Judas. Somewhere in the raising of his son, something was wrong. Many a Christian father today is heading down the same road with his children. The Word of God is crying out to them so as to say, **"Dad! What are you doing?"**

DAD! ARE YOU THE HEAD OF YOUR HOME?

The Bible declares that just as **"Christ is the head of the Church"** the husband is **"the head of the wife"** (Eph. 5:23). The man is to be in charge of his home and his wife is to follow his leading. If she is ordering him around from day to day, **he needs to stop and ask himself, "Am I the head of this home?"**

Little spiritual good for his children will come about in a home where God's order is reversed and the father is a **WIMP**. A wife ought to be **scared to death** to fly in the face of God's Word when it plainly says, **"But permit not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man."** (1 Timothy 2:12).

DAD! ARE YOU FAITHFUL TO YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN?

Just as the Lord Jesus is faithful in providing for the needs of the Church, the father is to provide for the needs of his family. God has assigned him the task of being the "breadwinner" for his wife and children (Gen. 3:16-19; 1 Tim. 5:8). His "helpmeet" is the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3:7) and is commanded by God to be a "keeper (or stayer) at home" (Tit. 2:5). The Lord Jesus is also faithful to his Church and will have no relationship with the Harlot Church (Eph. 5:25-32; Rev. 19:2).

So also, Dad is to be faithful to his wife. He will not flirt with women at work or waitresses in a restaurant. Any man who is doing such things needs to stop and read Proverbs 5:15-23 where God says, **"And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger."** An unfaithful father will produce unfaithful children.

DAD! DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY ALTAR?

A Christian father ought to gather his children together for Bible reading and prayer each day. In the old days this was referred to as the "Family Altar." It is still true that **"man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."**



to show them our total love for the Word of God and our absolute belief in prayer. Oftentimes fathers who will not discard their TV to the rubbish pile will refuse to establish time for the family altar.

Dad! Have you read Psalm 101:1-3? - "I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes? I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me."

DAD! DO YOU SPANK YOUR CHILDREN?

A man who does not spank his children when they are being disobedient hates them. A father who loves his children will punish them and keep them from going to hell.

1. **"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes"** (Prov. 13:24).
2. **"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying"** (Prov. 19:18).
3. **"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him"** (Proverbs 22:15).
4. **"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell"** (Proverbs 23:13-14).
5. **"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame"** (Proverbs 29:15).

Children need to learn that unacceptable conduct brings punishment. It is basic to their understanding of Salvation. A child left to go on in sin without restraint will have little appreciation for One Who came to die for his sins. A child raised without fear of punishment will have little fear of a God who punishes sinners (Rom. 3:18).

DAD! ARE YOU STEADY AT CHURCH?

A father who does not attend all the regular meetings of the church shows his family that Church is not important. It is a fundamental principle that **like produces like**. When you sow potatoes, you do not reap tomatoes. When you sow unfaithfulness to the Lord as He gathers the believers together, you will reap children who are unfaithful to the Lord. At the other extreme there are fathers who let their children sit home while they attend church. Your children should always be with you at church, and they should all sit with you.

DAD! ARE YOUR CHILDREN IN THE HEATHEN SCHOOLHOUSE?

If so, they will learn the "way of the heathen" which God says they are not to do (Jer. 10:2). Enroll them in a Christian school or teach them at home. You have been ordered to **"train up a child in the way he should go"** so that when he is old **"he will not depart from it"** (Pro. 22:6).

The words "TRAIN UP" mean "to narrow" and come from a root meaning "to be narrow." The heathen school has taken more children from Christian Homes to Hell than we can imagine.

Dad! It does not cost to send your children to Christian school-IT PAYS. It pays eternal dividends. Cash in your IRA, sell the house, drive an old car, skip the pool in the backyard, work two jobs - but take your children to Heaven with you!

DAD! ARE YOUR CHILDREN DATING THE LOST?

Marrying the lost children of the Devil (John 8:44) sets up an unequal yoke which God has forbidden (II Cor. 6:14-18). I do not know anyone who got married without first dating. One inevitably leads to the other. Your children should be allowed to date only saved young people, and when I say **SAVED**, I mean *really SAVED*.

Anyone who gets "saved" so as to date your daughter should be made to wait six months. If they are still around after that time you might let them date (assuming your daughter is at a proper age to date) but only with a chaperone along to ensure everyone keeps their hands to themselves.

The stories of misery coming from "unequal yoke" marriages are to numerous to count.

Dad! They are your children and God has made you responsible as the Head of the Home!

- Paul L. Freeman

LADIES - DON'T FORGET THE SHOWER FOR PIPER & RYAN NEXT SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE A.M. SERVICE!

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Janet Bridges
Wed. Eve. Service ----- Volunteers Needed!!!

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of June 13, 2009

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 898.00
Love Offering, Pastor -----	\$ 50.00
Insurance Fund -----	\$ 28.00
Total Received for Week of 06/13/10:	\$ 976.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*

Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!



As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - **OK?** Thank you.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of June 13, 2010

Sunday School -----	22
Sunday Morning Service -----	41
Sunday Evening Service -----	31
Wed. Eve. Service, 06/16/10 -----	17