

*But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,  
slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth.*

*Psalms 86:15 (CSB)*

## Happy Father's Day

I wrote kindergarten curriculum for Lifeway Kids Ministry for many years. A few times, I was assigned a unit on the family. I quickly realized that all the families in the Bible were messed up. All the fathers in the Bible sinned, and their embarrassing moments are forever written in the biblical tomes for us to read. Yet, God used every one of those flawed men for His plans and purpose.

Isn't this good news on this Father's Day? If you didn't have the father you wanted, you are in the company of many. But you have a heavenly Father who's gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love. He longs to talk to you, love on you, and be present in your life.

Yes, we all can improve on being the best parent to our children, but it doesn't mean we do it in our strength. We'll never measure up. Instead, allow His power to work in you. For where you are weak, He is strong. When you're unsure, He generously gives wisdom. When you mess up, He offers forgiveness.

Dad, breathe a sigh of relief today. It's not up to you on this Father's Day and the year ahead. God's got this. Let Him empower you to be the father your child needs you to be.

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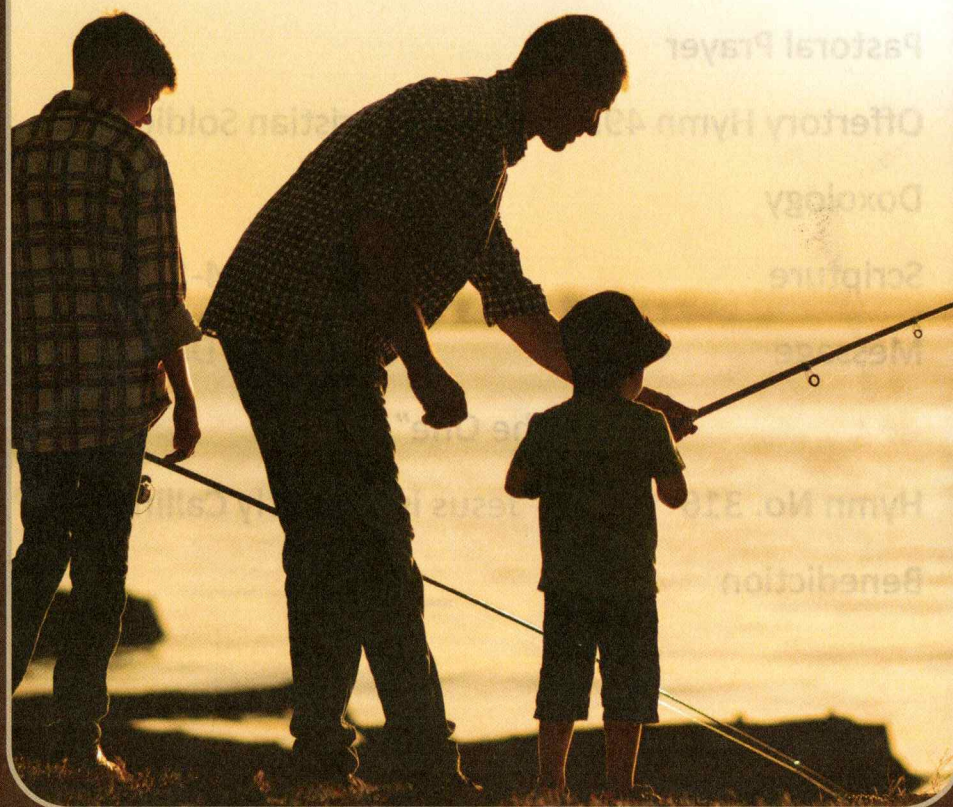
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FATHER'S DAY

**I AM TEACHING YOU  
THE WAY OF WISDOM;  
I AM GUIDING YOU  
ON STRAIGHT PATHS.  
WHEN YOU WALK, YOUR STEPS  
WILL NOT BE HINDERED;  
WHEN YOU RUN,  
YOU WILL NOT STUMBLE.**

PROVERBS 4:11,12 (CSB)



# SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

June 16, 2024

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No 547 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Hymn No. 386 "Family of God"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Louise Brucato

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn 493 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Doxology

Scripture 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"He Is the One"

Hymn No. 316 "Jesus is Tenderly Calling"

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

The children will be collecting hats & sunglasses for the month of June for The Shoe Box Ministry.

Look for our daily devotional on our website [www.sapponybaptist1773.com](http://www.sapponybaptist1773.com).

To subscribe to our text alerts, text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282. We send out prayer requests and reminders.

Missed a sermon? Or just want to hear it again? Our past sermons are available on our website, Facebook, Youtube, and your favorite podcast app.

We will have the Quarterly Business Meeting following the worship service. It will be followed by our covered dish luncheon.

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Samuel 17:32-49