

"You can do nothing without me."

John 15:5 (CSB)

Building a Relationship with Our Father

Each year, we honor our earthy fathers on the third Sunday in June. On this day we pay tribute to the fathers who have instilled in us Christian values, high morals, sound principles—and so much more. When I was a young child, my father would call me to hold a board he was cutting with a hand saw. Or, he might ask me to help him plant beans in the family garden. I even was asked to hold the ladder while he repaired a hole in the roof.

Now, I realize he didn't really need my help—but what he wanted was to develop a close relationship with me. Dad could have done all these things by himself, but with me there, we could talk and form a closer bond. I knew my father in a different way because we spent time together. This connection has sustained me throughout life, and I'm grateful.

Like my earthy father wanted to spend time with me, our heavenly Father desires our time, talents, and skills in serving others while we serve Him. God wants to have a deeper relationship with His children. How can we do this? Prayer, reading the Bible, and developing a servant's heart are only a few ways to form a closer fellowship with God.

James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (CSB).

How can you develop a closer relationship with God? Can you encourage others in your church to walk closer with our Heavenly Father?

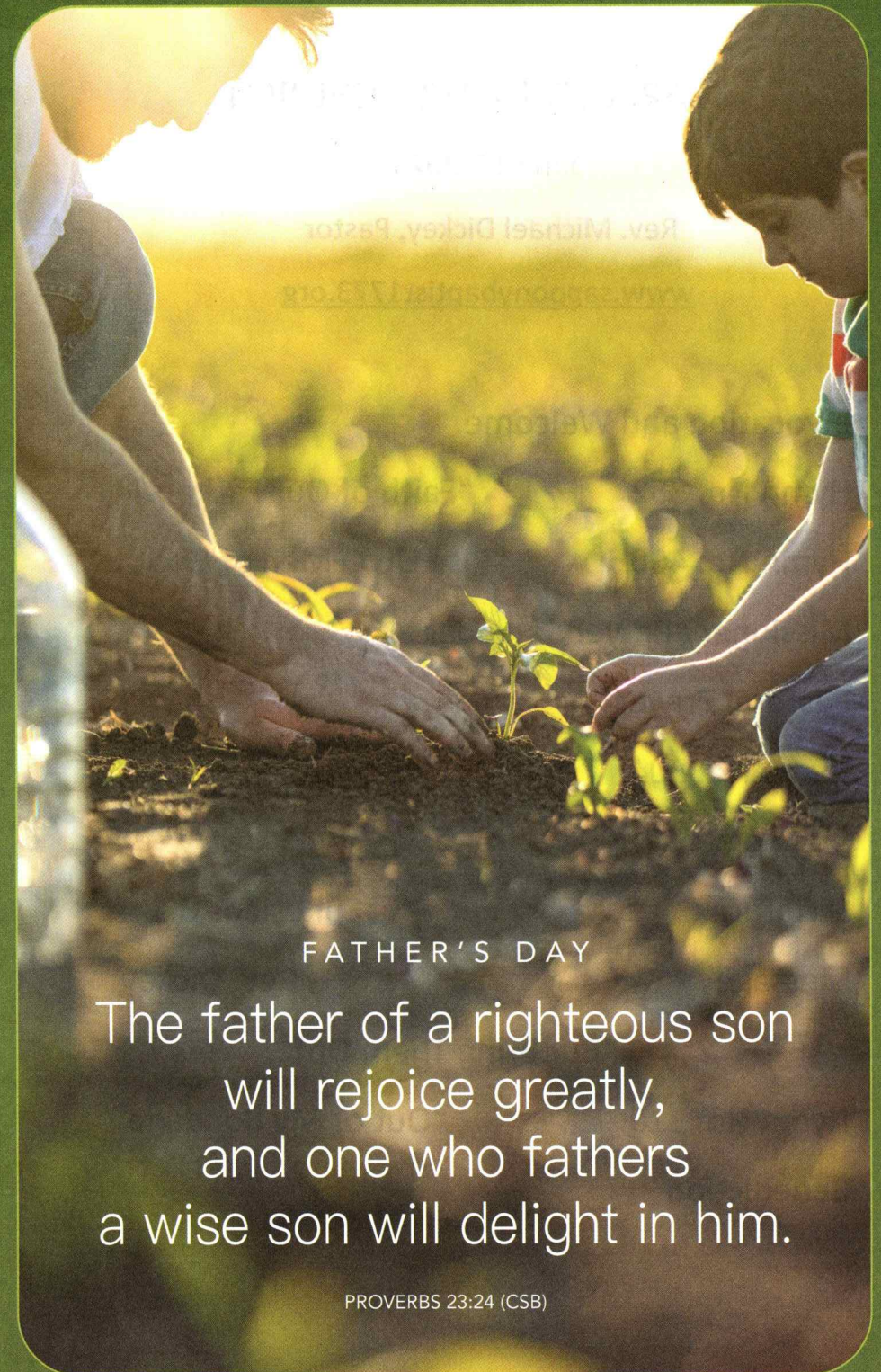
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FATHER'S DAY

The father of a righteous son
will rejoice greatly,
and one who fathers
a wise son will delight in him.

PROVERBS 23:24 (CSB)

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June 15, 2025

Rev. Michael Dickey, Pastor

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Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 352 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Hymn No. 400 "Rise Up O Men of God"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 504 "God Give Us Christian Home"

Doxology

Scripture Ephesians 6:1-4

Message Rev. Dickey

"But Bring Them Up"

Hymn No. 310 "Out of My Bondage"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be no Wednesday Bible Study for the remainder of June.

Thursday, June 26th. volunteer day for "From the Heart" with Rebecca Kennedy at 9:30am.

Don't forget 5th. Sunday Breakfast and fellowship June 29th.

If you wish to receive text message updates (including Prayer requests) from the church, please text "JOIN" to (804)430-6282 in order to be added to the list. Also please save that number as a contact in your phone to ensure that our messages don't go to your spam folder.

THE PRAYER WALL is up on our website. Anyone may now submit prayer requests online, so please check the wall and commit to praying for those requests. Also, please update us on any prayer requests that you have. This can be done on the website or by contacting Sue (804) 731-1481 of suewinfield171@gmail.com.

Next Sunday, June 22, our guest preacher will be COL. (Ret) Alan Pomaville. He is the founder of Hope and Healing for Heroes, a local nonprofit ministry.