



News From The Rock

June 2019

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Family Ministry Update

by John Pearson,
Family Ministry Coordinator

We will be having a Kid's Night on June 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We are planning to have this night be a pizza and paint night. The kids will each get to top their own personal pizza how they would like and then do a special painting.

Please let me know the dates when kids will be attending camp so I can plan to visit the students while at camp.

Our summer VBS with WAMA will be July 7-11 at Warren First Baptist from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Our theme is "To Mars and Beyond."

Rock Solid Youth enjoyed a lock-in on May

17-18, full of food, kickball, basketball, four square, glow-in-the-dark capture the flag, and a couple movies. (Most of the kids slept through both movies.) Unfortunately our bonfire got rained out, but we had a total of 12 students and 4 adults present all night for the lock-in.

The WAY will be June 2nd, hosted here at Solid Rock. With Father's Day being on June 16th, we will not have Rock Solid Youth that night so families can be together.

We have a family event scheduled for July 28th where we have 110 tickets reserved for a TinCaps game. The game starts at 3:05 p.m., and tickets are \$11.50 per person. The deadline to sign up and the money for the tickets is due by July 7th. Contact me or the church office to reserve your tickets for the game. Please bring in or let me know of different schedules or events



(baseball, dance, plays, etc.) that the children/youth may be taking part in this spring and summer.

Bible Study

With the coming of summer and its attendant outdoor activities, we disciples are challenged to take time to be with God. You are invited to take one hour each

Feasting on the Word
Monday of the month to join with other followers of Christ in studying His Word. The "Feasting on the Word" study group works with the following scriptures which look forward to Pastor Paul's Sunday message. Bring your Bible, an inquiring heart, and an openness to God's Spirit leading.

- June 3: John 14:16-27 (Joe Haney, leader)
- June 10: John 11:1-45 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- June 17: Matthew 11:1-6 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- June 24: Matthew 13: 44-52 (Joe Haney, leader)

Feed on Him with thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m. in the Solid Rock kitchen! See you there.

Thank you

Solid Rock,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will be a huge help. I really appreciate it. I would like to invite everyone to my graduation party on Saturday, June 8, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Solid Rock. Thank you again.

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from
Pastor Paul

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

These are the first words that open the story of Scripture. God creates light, sky, land, plants, sun, animals and humans.

The poetic story of Genesis tells of this creation in six days. It tells of how after six days, God is overwhelmingly delighted and pleased with creation, deeply in love with the birds and people and grass and water. So on the seventh day God rests.

Author Dorothy Bass writes that in resting "God declares as fully possible just how very good creation is. Resting, God takes pleasure in what has been made; God has no regrets, no need to go on to create a still better world or creature more wonderful than the man and woman. In the day of rest, God's free love toward humanity takes form as time shared with them."

This first Sabbath rest is an act of love, a choice to show love by spending quality time together. We should not be terribly surprised therefore that the Sabbath is one of the most important and often talked about commandments of God. God wants the people of God to rest, to nourish our souls with uninterrupted quality time spent with God.

Now this might not seem like good news for those of us who love productivity and check lists, for those of us who keep our plates so full with activities and responsibilities that spending one day a week resting sounds as likely as spending one day a week teaching pigs to fly.

We might respond to God's request saying we just don't have that kind of time!

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Our Vision: Sharing and experiencing the life-giving message of Jesus, to restore wholeness and build an intentional community of hope, relationship, and purpose for everyone.

Solid Rock Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS (Sunday School)

Children's Classes

- PEBBLES (Nursery)
 - Ages 0-4
- LITTLE ROCKS/ROCK FOUNDATIONS
 - Preschool-Grade 4
- ROCK SOLID YOUTH
 - Grades 5-12

Adult Classes

- FIRM FOUNDATION
 - Currently studying "Follow" by

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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9:00 a.m. - Noon

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- FRIENDS IN FAITH
- REAL LIFE
 - Currently studying The Bible Project series.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

- FEASTING ON THE WORD
 - Meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the church kitchen

April Financial Update

General Offerings	\$11,651
General Fund Expenses.....	\$15,563
Mortgage Balance	\$6,922

SOS

SOS met at Teresa Kriegbaum's home on May 9, 2019. Co-hostess was Martina Cocklin and the lesson was given by Pamela Hensley. There were 15 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Kodi Elliot. The minutes for the April meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given.

The lesson was given by Pamela Hensley.

The card report of cards sent and received was given by Lana Myers.

Joys and concerns were spoken by the members and prayer was led by Kodi Elliot. Old business was discussed and a few new items were introduced under New Business. The love offering was collected. The monies collected each month are given to a local resident or organization who is in need of funds.

Prayer partners for the next month will be the one person to your left. Next meeting will be June 13 at the home of Tamara Spahr, Mariah co-hostess, and LeAnn will have the lesson.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of our benediction.



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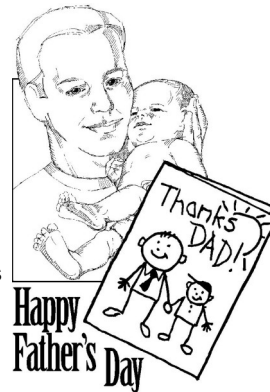
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Father's Day Quotes for Christian Dads

The role of the father is especially important in a Christian family, as he is seen as the central figure and a role model and source of strength for his children. Fathers are portrayed in the Bible as good and bad, wise and foolish, kind and jealous, but their role in the family is key.

Here is a short collection of favorite quotes you can share with your special dad in a Father's Day card or birthday E-mail greeting.



Billy Graham: "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

Theodore Hesburgh, Catholic Priest and President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame: "The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

Max Lucado, Christian Author: "I was raised in the greatest of homes...just a really great dad, and I miss him so much... he was a good man, a real simple man... Very faithful, always loved my mom, always provided for the kids, and just a lot of fun."

Charles Spurgeon, 19th Century British Preacher, and Theologian: "Train up a child in the way he should go—but be sure you go that way yourself."

George Herbert, Anglican Priest, Poet: "One father is more than a hundred school-masters."

Dwight L. Moody, 19th Century American Evangelist: "A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian...and most of all, his family ought to know."

Clarence Budington Kelland, U.S. Writer: "My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

Anne Frank: "How true Daddy's words were when he said: 'All children must look after their own upbringing.' Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."

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The world moves faster now!

And still to all this, God says: rest with me. You are not so important and in control that the world cannot get along without your work for one day in seven.

Sabbath is a relinquishing of pride, a relinquishing of the tempting siren song of overworked and over-packed schedules. Our place and importance in the world are not determined by how much we do, volunteer for, or how many people depend on us. Instead they are determined by God's love for us. A love that invites us to set aside our business and spend some quality time with God.

What would it look like for you to join God in Sabbath this week? Sabbath is not a time when you sit still all day and try not to be bored, all that is relinquished is work and productivity, not fun or joy.

Instead, Sabbath is a day of worship, prayer, family time, long walks outside, naps, and good books. It is a time to spend with God and those you love, a time spent with the things that nourish your soul and breathe life into your heart.

Author Tony Jones writes, "Sabbath is yet another spiritual practice that at first blush seems to be about giving things up (one day a week to 'get things done'), but in the end becomes a gift that is beyond price. In other words, it becomes an addition (of love, joy, hope, peace, etc.) rather than a subtraction."

Sabbath is counter-cultural. It is counter to many of our patterns of life. But it is life-giving and soul-filling.

How can you practice Sabbath this month? What day, half-day, or even couple of hours can you intentionally set aside for Sabbath?

See You Sunday,
Pastor Paul

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Kent Nerburn, U.S. Author, and Educator: "It is much easier to become a father than to be one."

Tiger Woods: "My dad has always taught me these words: care and share."

Ken R. Canfield, Ph.D., The National Center for Fathering: "I like to compare the job of a father to that of a long-distance runner. Fathering is a marathon—a long and often trying journey—and we must be disciplined if we hope to finish successfully."

Lydia M. Child, U.S. Author: "Blessed in-

deed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!"

Margaret Thatcher: "I just owe almost everything to my father...it's passionately interesting for me that the things that I learned in a small town, in a very modest home, are just the things that I believe have won the election."

Rick Johnson, "The Power of Fathers": "As fathers, we have the power to impact generations of lives. Make sure your impact on the twenty-first century is a positive one."

George Will, U.S. Journalist: "We are given children to test us and make us more spiritual."

Pope John XXIII: "It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father."

Katherine Anderson, "A Father's Gift": "No matter what it is that we do best, we would do well to follow Tolkien's lead—to use the gifts we have been given to enrich the lives of our children, who indeed are every parent's legacy."

Psalm 103:13 The New Living Translation (NLT): "The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him."

Dennis Rainey, "A Father's Presence": "What a boy can use, and too often doesn't have, are the heart of his father and the fellowship of men. A boy needs at least one man who pays attention to him, spends time with him, and admires him. A boy needs a role model, a man whom he can regard as a mentor."

Dawn Walker, "The Daddy Gap": "Unfortunately, we have an enemy who knows that if he can take out the leader, he can weaken, cripple and scatter those in his wake."

Proverbs 23:24 (NLT): "The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise."

Alice Miller, "For Your Own Good": "The father receives his power from God (and from his own father)."

Bob Carlisle, Singer, Songwriter: "I love to be with my family and do things with them, whether it be to fish or just hang around and be dad. I get more joy from that than anything else."

—Mary Fairchild

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe on Thursday, May 2, 2019. President Barbara Hart welcomed everyone and opened with an interesting devotion titled "Someday I'll Tell My Children" and prayer.

The Purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by the members.

The prayer calendar mission focus was Inter-Serve Missions. The birthday of the month was Shirley Townsend Jones of South Carolina.

Joys and concerns were taken by Bernie Garrett and she offered prayer for those mentioned.

Roll call and secretary's report were given by Martha Plummer. Barbara Hart gave the treasurer's report.

A very interesting program was given by Carolyn Winters about Phoebe, a servant minister in France. She was a deaconess and was called to a service of love and missions and to make Jesus Christ known.

The meeting was closed with prayer.



What does it mean to be saved, to accept Jesus as your personal savior?

The phrase *being saved* in the Christian tradition carries with it the obvious assumption that someone is in need of rescuing. It implies that one needs to be freed from imminent danger; that a life is imperiled; that dreams, hopes, and aspirations are all very near to being lost. Being saved in the Christian faith is really a two-part experience: being saved *from* something and being saved *to* something.

To be saved means turning away *from* a life that is without God, that is focused solely upon ourselves. It means giving up the obsession with our needs, our wants, our pleasures, our comforts, our importance, our egos, and our power. If my world is nothing but me, then no one else, including God, is likely to get in. Being saved *from* also means being saved from destructive patterns of life—things that destroy us instead of build us up. Some of those common destructive elements (which Christians call sin) are alcohol, drugs, sexual misuse and abuse, intolerance, lust for power, pursuit of money at the expense of

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others, and so forth. Involvement in such patterns usually comes from a need to fill a void in life, to cover a feeling of inadequacy.

When God becomes a part of our life, we realize that a focus on self is not a full life. We understand that self-focus alone has no future and offers nothing to build up anyone else or to advance the great causes of humanity.

But being saved from ourselves also means that we are saved to a life that is the exact opposite. Such a life says that the will of God and living this faith daily is a greater priority than our own will, that being the people of God is more important than anything, that giving and sharing are better than taking and accumulating. Our lives are changed by God to lives that affirm others, lives of healing and wholeness.

Being saved means that we have awakened to the wondrous opportunities to share each day with our brothers and sisters and see what God is doing in our lives together. Most people who are rescued begin to evaluate their lives, take stock, and find ways to improve their lives; it is a wake-up call. We believe that being saved is, in essence, God's wake-up call to us.

—Peter Harrington

The warmth of the sun's embrace, the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide, the rhythm of seasons, of new birth, death and recreation. All these speak so clearly of your love, your power and your beauty. All are expressions of your creativity, and more importantly of yourself. As an artist might share his personality within each brushstroke, so within the myriad colors of a butterfly's wing you share the exuberance of your love.



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