

Worship Preview

JUNE 14, 2022

Sunday is Father's Day. Fathers don't get a lot of respect in our culture today, but God thinks that fathers are important, in fact, so important that He made sure we all got one. Our human fathers may not be perfect, but they are a gift from God, and they do have a very important role in our lives.

There are not many fathers mentioned in the New Testament. But I can think of a couple right away. There was Joseph, Jesus' father. And then there was Jairus, the father who came to get Jesus when his little girl was very sick. That

is the story we will focus on this Sunday. And there is also the story of the Prodigal Son, which could be and probably should be called the story of the

Extravagant Father. It is hard to tell from this story, if Jesus wants us to focus on the foolishness and waywardness of the son, who sees the error of his ways, then repents and goes home, or if we should focus on the relentless and extravagant love of the father who welcomes him home, or perhaps both. Is it also possible that the three father stories I just mentioned in the New Testament are not there simply as nice stories to entertain us, but to teach us about our Heavenly Father? There are some very important lessons from each of these three fathers that teach us about our Heavenly Father.

Jairus is not a major figure in the Bible, but like many fathers, he certainly is very important to his family. The significance of this story in the Biblical narrative is not

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SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

Worship Leader - Tim Eash Music - Erica Kinsman

You can now join in the live stream of Sunday sermons by clicking onto You Tube, then typing in FMC INDIANA in the search box. We begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings, but the livestream may not be fully available until 11 AM.

BIRTHDAYS

Grant Miller	6/19
Kris Rheinheimer	6/21
Doris Hershberver	6/23
Katie Hochstedler	6/23
Tom Kurtz	6/24
Mose Troyer	6/25
Leona Yoder	6/28
Jan Kauffman	7/1
De Schlabach	7/1
Melvyn Yoder	7/1
Kathy Hartzler	7/6
Robin Tahara Miller	7/9
Marge Troyer	7/9

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*Our mission is to extend grace,
build peace, and share love within
& beyond our faith community*

Worship Service
Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am

Office Hours

Pastor Phil
Tuesday 9:30a—1:30p
Thursday 1:00p—6:00p

Pastor Tim
Wednesday 2:00p—6:00p

Business Office
Monday and Tuesday
8:00a—5:00p

Outreach

**FMW Sewing July Project is for
Spa Ministries**

**Vinegar ~ 409 Cleaner
Air Freshener ~ Kleenex
Saran Wrap ~ Gallon Ziploc bags
Ibuprofen (Advil)
Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
Pepto Bismal ~ Body Wash**

Please put your donation items in the collection box by July 14th. Carrie Zickerfoose will be at the July Meeting to share about the SPA program!

From the Office

No, I really haven't lost my mind—although many would contend it's a pretty short trip!

For those of you getting anything printed on an envelope, I'm sure you are wondering if I'm not paying attention. Well, I **am** paying attention, but I'm not willing to create a lot of scrap paper (and costs) if it's functionally usable! This weeks burial aid envelopes are the epitomy of unexplainably crazy. Some are perfect, some are backwards, some are upside down, and some are upside down *and* backwards—all from the same print job! I'm trying to work through all of this as it presents itself, but for some reason the printer and the my new computer are pretending they're "...like a box of chocolates - you never know what your gonna get..." So please be patient, as soon as I get this all worked out we can pretend it never happened!

Administration

**Stewardship Report for
June 12, 2022:**

Money Given to Budget
\$ 3,385.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget
\$ 5,047.52

Year-to-Date Money Given to Budget
\$ 191,569.44

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for
Budget **\$ 206,948.62**

Fatima Fundraiser

Thanks to your generosity we are sending over \$2,800.00 to the Fatima Children's Home!!

Outreach

Change for a Dollar was recently used for a lady in our community with car problems to purchase parts. Our goal is keep the balance at least \$500.00. This balance is replenished from the loose coins and \$1 bills in the plate, or by noting Spare Change or Change for a Dollar on your envelope

Publishing deadlines!!

All **newsletter** submissions need to be in to the church office by **12 noon on Monday**, **Bulletin** submissions are due by **10 am on Tuesday!**

I'm generally pretty prompt about having everything ready to go Tuesday mornings! Don't miss getting your items published in the newsletter or bulletin.

Father's Day Word Search



FATHER
UNCLE
FAMILY
RESPECT
PROTECT



DADDY
LOVE
PARENT
WISDOM
GOLF



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American Public Servant

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only that Jairus cares for his family, but that his role as father in his family is in some way tied to and is greatly enhanced by his relationship with Jesus! That relationship with Jesus adds much to his role as a father. He knows that his family needs Jesus, that Jesus can help his family. He then goes and finds Jesus and brings Jesus to his family, and his family is made whole again! Throughout history, families have been ravished because fathers have failed to bring Jesus into their homes.

And here is something else about fathers that we would do well to give some thought to. We know that Jesus always referred to God as His "Father," with one exception. And that was when He was hanging on the cross, and He was quoting Psalm 22:1, and Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Our Father..." when praying. The use of "Father" in prayer denotes closeness, family ties, and that prayer is primarily relationship, a relationship that grows out of love and that fosters love, and reminds us of our utter dependence on God. It also invites a certain boldness in approaching God, approach God as a child approaches his/her father.

Related Scriptures: Luke 2:41-50, Luke 15:11-32