



THE VISION

June 2018

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”
Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

Our deacons compiled a meaningful Vision article for Mother’s Day. I think it was very insightful and heartfelt. I have the privilege of compiling our Vision article for Father’s Day.

Father’s Day is June 17th! I was wondering “how do we” or “how did we refer to our Father?”

In my own family, my sister and I call my Father Daddy. My children call me Dad. Have you ever thought about the significance of Jesus calling His Father, Abba? In **Mark 14:36** Jesus called God “Abba.”

Abba means Daddy, and it is the first word a Jewish baby cries. When the child becomes older, the parents will teach their child that Father God loves them like their Abba does.

Abba is a very intimate term for Father God. Before Jesus, no Jew would dare call their Holy God Father, much less “Daddy.” Jesus, by using that name, taught His disciples, and us, to think of God as a child thinks of Daddy.

As children, we used to climb up on our Daddy’s lap, hug him and then we shared our most personal concerns with him. I believe our Heavenly Father wants us to come to Him in that same spirit. How often do we picture ourselves climbing onto our Heavenly Father’s lap and just loving on Him? As we pray for needs to be met by God, do not forget to thank our Heavenly Abba for just being present for us!

Abba appears only three times in the New Testament. In **Mark 14:36**, Jesus called God, “Abba,” and in **Galatians 4:6**, the Holy Spirit calls Him, “Abba.” It is no wonder, therefore, that in **Romans 8:15**, Paul urges all believers to think of God as our Abba. What gives us the right to call God, Abba? We can do so because we have been adopted into God’s family by our faith in the atoning work of God, the Son, Jesus Christ!

When Jesus cried, “Abba, Father” in **Mark 14**, He was saying, “Daddy, Father.” A Jewish boy was taught to respect all older men by addressing his elders as Father. However, only his real father was addressed as “Abba, Father.”

Therefore, as we address God that way, we realize that He is twice the Father of all believers: He created us, and He purchased us by His own blood. That means He loves us more dearly than He loved Himself.

Jesus showed us the “Abba Father” love of God that will fill the void in any heart! Paul said that is the kind of love a husband should show to his wife, **Ephesians 5:25** and, certainly, that is the kind of love each of us ought to return to our “Daddy, Father God!”

Happy “Abba” Father’s Day!

—Pastor Bud Goude

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Happy
Father's
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Deacon's Devotional

GOD'S PROMISE TO US NEVER FAILS

How many of us have been hurt by broken promises? Sometimes it is from those who are not sincere in what they say, and other times it is because of unforeseen circumstances.

As we celebrate our Savior's victory over the grave, it proves that He is faithful and always keeps His promises. In order to receive these promises, we must acknowledge Him as Lord and surrender our lives to Him. (Romans 10:9)

- Jimmy Diggs

Deacon of the Week

6/3—Pauline Littell
6/10—David Crummett
6/17—Jimmie Diggs
6/24—Buddy Hogge

Nursery Workers

6/3— L.Walton & G.Breeden
6/10—Alishia Milligan
6/17—Devan & Elyza Willard
6/24—Shannen Jenkins

June Ushers

Sonya Anthony
Stan Gandee
Seth Gandee
Jamie Moore

June Tellers

Tommy Ashe
Buddy Hogge

CHURCH WORKERS

Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

6/3—Theresa Svoboda
6/10—Jennifer/Lauren Hall
6/17—Madison/Seth Gandee
6/24—Charlene/John West

Younger Children's Church

6/3—Tracy Williams/Jade Jenkins
6/10—Sonya Anthony/Nancy Dyson
6/17—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner
6/24—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells





Sports Camp will be held
June 18— 22nd, 2018.

Tell Your Neighbors—Bring a Friend

Registration forms are available at the Information Center in the Narthex. Pick one up and get your children and your children's friends signed up to attend this special event!

VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL will be Monday, July 9th—Friday, July 13th. The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. We will have an interest meeting on Sunday, June 10th immediately following the worship service to hand out all materials to group leaders.
Madison Gandee



Our American Heritage Girls would like to thank you for your support and encouragement this year. We will be finishing out the year with our Awards/Crossover Ceremony on Monday, June 4th at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary. You are all invited to attend. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Come out and see what we've been up to and celebrate with the girls who have completed special requirements to move up to the next level within the troop. We hope to see you there!



HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11.

When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-39.

When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.

When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalms 90.

When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30

For Paul's secret to happiness, read Col. 3:12-17

When you grow bitter or critical, read I Corinthians 13.

For Paul's idea of Christianity, read II Corinthians 5:15-19

For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, Romans 12.

Submitted by Linda Breaks