



# church of Christ at South Bumby

June 21, 2020



## *The Difference a Dad Makes*

Being a father is not easy; but it's worth it! The Bible gives instructions about how to do it right. For example, notice Ephesians 6:4, *“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”* How do you bring up a child in the training and admonition of the Lord? Notice what fathers can do for their children...

**1. PRAY FOR THEM.** There are many biblical examples of fathers praying for their children: Jairus (Mark 5); the father with the demoniac son (Mark 9); Job 1:5) and David. Toward the end of his life, as David prepared to pass leadership to his son Solomon, he prayed a special prayer: *“give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made*

*provision”* (1 Chron. 29:19). Pray for them and with them. Let them hear your prayers to God. One of the greatest gifts you can give your children is prayer.

**2. SPEND TIME WITH THEM.** A recent survey revealed: The average five year old spends only 25 minutes per week with his father and most children spend 35 hours per week with some type of digital device. No wonder we have difficulty influencing our children. Notice God's Word: *“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up”* (Deut. 6:6-7). Moses stresses the importance of spiritual growth. Spending time with your children is an investment. When you give your children your time, you are giving them your heart.

**3. GIVE THEM RESPONSIBILITY.** In Matthew 21, Jesus told of a father with two sons. He sent both to work. One son told his father he would work, but didn't. The other told that he would

not work, but changed his mind and did. By giving his sons responsibility, the father learned which son was obedient and which one was not. Our children need responsibility. Giving them responsibility means letting go of the reins and allowing them to make their journey into maturity. It will strengthen their confidence.

**4. GIVE THEM A SENSE OF IDENTITY.** It is important that your children hear about heroes in your family. The best are heroes of faith who made an impact on the history of the church. My dad regularly read He-brews 11 in our home and emphasized the greatness of faithful obedience. He also made sure that I spend time with great preaching heroes, I was able to identify with faithful fathers. It gave me roots that have proven beneficial throughout life. This is why the Lord said to Moses, *“tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I [am] the LORD”* (Exodus 10:2).



Identity strengthens our knowledge and wisdom.

A father that gives his heart to his children will pass the test of fatherhood. It has nothing to do with money, power or success. The thing children want most from their dads is their time. -

Mark N.Posey-

## In Daddy's Steps



I watched him  
playing 'round my  
door  
My neighbor's little  
boy of four

I wondered why a child would choose  
To wear his dad's old worn out shoes.

I saw him try with all his might  
To make the laces snug and tight  
I smiled to see him walk  
and then he only stepped right out  
again.

I heard him say, his voice glad,  
“I want to be just like my dad.”  
I hoped his dad his steps would choose  
Safe for his son to wear his shoes.

And then a shout and a cry of joy,  
A “Hello, Dad,” and “Hi-ya, Boy,”  
They walked along in a measured stride.

“What have you done today, my lad?”  
“I tried to wear your old shoes, Dad.  
They're big, but when I am a man  
I'll wear your shoes, I know I can.”

They stopped and stood there hand in  
hand,

He saw his son's tracks in the sand.  
His words, a prayer, came back to me,  
“Lord, let my steps lead him to Thee!”

via Westvue Messenger

Are your steps good enough for your son or daughter? Only you can answer this question. Do they see duty, devotion or neglect and rebellion? Do they see piety or putty? Do they see results or hear excuses? Do they see you worshiping God or bowed before the TV. Do you really want your children to follow in your steps?

# Fathers, You Are So Important!

An amazing statistic on the importance of fathers.

If a child in a family becomes devoted to Christ, there is a 7% chance that the rest of the family will follow.

If the mother of the family becomes a followers of Christ, there is a 23% chance that the rest of the family will follow.

If the father of the family becomes a disciple of Jesus, the is a 93% chance that the rest of the family will follow.

This is a call for fathers to be spiritual leaders of their homes.

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."*  
Ephesians 6:4

Tommy Peeler - June 18, 2020

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

## NEWS & NOTES

Continue to remember those battling cancer, **Nancy and Ken Puckett**.

**Jessie Aquino** spent part of last week Tampa at the Moffett Cancer Center. She underwent multiple tests in preparation for her transplant, which is still scheduled for July.

**Norma Thigpen** and **Liz Finley** (Broken bones).

Since Liz is not allowed ANY visitors, be sure and send cards to her. This is the only communication she has, as she forgets how to use her phone. Her current address is **East Orlando Health & Rehab - 250 S. Chickasaw Trail - 32825**

**While you are sending cards, I'm sure everyone else would enjoy getting one also.**

**Nancy Hart** continues to improve from her case of shingles.

**Dan Johnson** continues to make slow but steady progress at home.

**Doris Ryan** (Sharon Poyner's aunt) has been brought home from the hospital, under the care of hospice, for stage 5 kidney failure.

**Cindy Walton Lindsey** (cousin of Darlene Keller & India Racliff) is in very critical condition after suffering with cancer for a number of years.

## Service Times

Sunday:  
Morning Worship 9:00 AM  
Bible Classes 10:00 AM  
Worship- Communion 10:55 AM  
Wednesday  
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

## Elders

Jim Duke 407-823-8026  
Ralph Kline 407-810-8045  
Walcott Steele 407-375-3955

## Preachers

Ken Chapman 256-702-5738

*Thank you to all that have continued making your contributions, rather in person, online or through the post office box.*

*Pray fervently for our Shepherds as they are leading us, not only in spiritual matters at this time but trying to keep us healthy as well.*



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## Wednesday Schedule:

7:00 P.M. - Watch a live stream of the continuation of our studies in Ezekiel.

[youtube.com/bumbychurch/live](https://youtube.com/bumbychurch/live)  
[Facebook.com/southBumby](https://Facebook.com/southBumby)

## **South Bumby Information Line**

**To stay informed call:  
407- 801-9190**

**for updates and information.**

**Be sure and tune in to our  
live worship services on  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m. if you  
are not able to join us at the  
bldg.**

**[Facebook.com/SouthBumby](https://Facebook.com/SouthBumby)**

**Also, enjoy the  
continuation of our study in  
Ezekiel at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday  
and 7:00 P.M. Wednesday night  
at the same location.**

**Maintain your regular  
Contributions** – Even though you may not be able to attend worship services your ongoing, weekly contributions remain a responsibility. Even in these times, our own and other evangelists we support, and members who need benevolence help depend upon our contributions. And we still have our regular bills to pay.

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