



New Life Church

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And he will turn the hearts of
fathers to their children and
the hearts of children to their
fathers...

Malachi 4:6

Highlights this Month

Father's Day - June 15th

Happy and Blessed Fathers Day to all our Fathers.

Lord, thank you for all fathers. For the new ones, who endure

sleepless nights with infants in arms. For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life. For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children. For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens. For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults. For the father uncles, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews. For all granddads, who love and support their precious grandchildren. For the foster dads that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones. For the Sunday dads who care for our children and lead them in faith. For the dads who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love. Thank you Lord for all our beautiful fathers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day. Amen.

Guest Writers

Father - Rev. Gilbert Wooldridge

Joseph - A Fathers Day Message - Rev. Tony Cooke

Member of the Month

Gene "Geno" Shell

Announcements

WORSHIP SERVICE...10:30 AM

KIDS UNITED... 10:30 AM

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

following the morning praise & worship

*The third Sunday of the month is Family

Day & all children will remain in the sanctuary for service.

QUILTING MINISTRY

Mondays - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

See Evelyn House for details.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:00-6:20 PM - Praise & Worship

6:20-6:50 PM - Preaching/Teaching

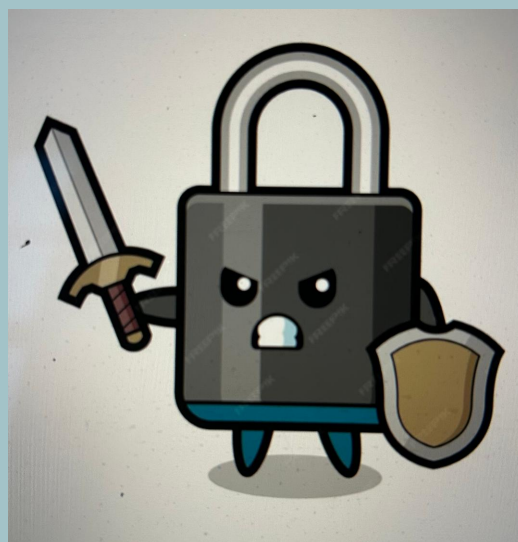
6:50-7:15 PM - Prayer

TEENS & KIDS UNITED

Downstairs following Praise & Worship. Teens are continuing to study from the Book of Romans.



If you would like to support the Richmond Campus and/or Bless the Blue financially, please mark your offering accordingly.



As a security precaution, all church doors will be locked during the service. Thank you for your understanding.

Nursery Workers Needed

We would love to have more hands to care for our babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings!

See Pastor Melissa about volunteering in our Nursery. We thank you for your heart to serve in your local church.



Get excited for some delicious food and yummy 🍦 at Hurst Drug Store! 🍦 The Keenagers are meeting at the church at

Teenagers are meeting at the church at 12:00 PM on **Saturday, June 21st** to head to Talbotts in Bardstown. Make sure to RSVP to Teresa if you want to join in on the fun! 🍌🍦🚌

If you have kids ages 4-12, mark your calendars to join us for VBS 2025 at [New Life Church](#) June 10th-13th! Registration will be open soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



June 10th-13th 6:00-8:00pm

New Life Church
770 Ridgeview Dr. Frankfort, Ky



Wednesday - June 25th - Teens United will travel to Hoggies for a time of fun, fellowship & ICE-CREAM



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KELLI JOHNSON

TEEN CAMP SPEAKER
JOE WOODY JOHNSON

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FATHER

by: Rev. Gilbert Wooldridge

As Father's Day approaches, I just want to say a couple of things about the father or dad if you prefer.

One definition of father is one who serves, leads, and protects his family. That is a great responsibility. Sadly, we have many biological fathers that are not doing the right thing. I heard a pastor say that a young man said to him "If God is like my

pater say that a young man said to him, "I see to like my father, then I don't want anything to do with him."

We must get our role model from God our Father. Jesus said in John 5:30, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."

John 8:38, I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

John 10:37, If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

John 14:9, Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

May it be said of us the fathers, If you have seen me, you have seen Jesus. We only know how to be like Jesus if we look in the holy writ. Let us fathers that will honor God our Father by getting into the Word.

Matthew 5:16, Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Happy Fathers Day!

Joseph – Father's Day Message

Note from Tony – The main outline for this message is not original with me. I came across it years ago, but don't recall the source. If you happen to know the source, please let me know so we can give proper credit.

One evening a little girl and her parents were sitting around the table eating supper. The little girl said, "Daddy, you're the boss, aren't you?" Her Daddy smiled, pleased, and said yes. The little girl continued "That's because Mommy put you in

charge, right?"

One Pastor said:

"Usually the pattern in most of our churches, is to exalt (or praise) motherhood on Mother's Day and beat up (or criticize) Fathers on Father's Day. It never ceases to amaze me how whenever there is a male function of some sorts in the church, people look for ways to remind men of all of their shortcomings.

You see – we preachers are no exception; we usually join the fray by chewing the dads out for not spending enough time with the family, or for being spiritual deadbeats. And when we do so, I find it amazing as to how we have the audacity to come to Church the following Sunday and complain about the lack of male presence.

Now, if you don't mind, I'm going to do things just a little bit different this morning. I'd like to preach one of those uplifting "Mother's Day" sermon for our Fathers.

Why? Because I believe that being a Christian Father is one of the highest callings any man can ever achieve in his life."

Once on a plane, I sat next to two ministers – both friends of mine. It was one of those divinely orchestrated coincidences...

We got to discussing Father's Day messages, and the topic quickly turned to our own fathers.

1. The first pastor had been abandoned by his father as a child. Grew up with enormous challenges – and a major part of his perspective on life was centered on making sure that he did not turn out like his own dad.

Psalms 27:10

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.

Psalms 68:5-6

5 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in

His holy habitation. 6 God sets the solitary in families...

2. The second pastor's father had been heavily involved in his upbringing – a very connected family...

Timothy

As my friend spoke of the absence of his father, I thought of Timothy... though his father and grandfather are not mentioned, Paul refers to him as his spiritual son in the faith. Timothy kept his eyes open for a man who could be a godly influence and example for him to follow.

In Search of Paco

There's a Spanish story of a father and son who had become estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read: Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father. On Saturday 800 Pacos showed up, looking for forgiveness and love from their fathers.

– Bits & Pieces, October 15, 1992, p. 13.

Whether or not we had an earthly father that was seeking us, and seeking our spiritual well-being, we have a Heavenly Father who has loved us...

I want to speak to you about a man – a FATHER who is very often overlooked.

He is often overshadowed by the prominence given to his wife. I'm talking about **JOSEPH**, the husband of Mary and the adopted father of Jesus.

Even as God chose Mary to be the one who would give birth to the Son of God, so in His mighty providence He chose Joseph to be a FATHER to Jesus and to raise Him into manhood. Mary and Joseph were chosen together to be parents.

God searched the earth, and He found a young girl – a teenager engaged to be married – of whom the Bible says:

she “found favour with God”. She was a choice young lady – God-fearing young lady.

But NOTE: God also went looking for a father. He called Mary AND JOSEPH as a couple. And here is the point of it – GOD WAS DEMONSTRATING FOR US THAT THE ROLE OF THE FATHER IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE.

Fathers are not only needed for the physical act of CONCEIVING a child; they are also needed for the spiritual act of RAISING a child. This child, Jesus, was conceived in the womb of Mary “by the Holy Ghost” – a miracle took place so technically, there was no need for a man to be involved in the conception. But a man WAS still needed to fill the role of father in Jesus’ childhood.

HAVING SAID THAT – let me say a word to single parents here today. Please don’t despair that your children are beyond hope because their father is gone, or their mother is gone – that is NOT the case. God is SO gracious. “Though my father and mother forsake me, yet the Lord will take me up.”

Single parents, today, we salute you. We honor you. God bless you for your diligence with your children!

So, Joseph was chosen. And just as God had looked for a godly young woman to bring forth the child, so He looked for a godly man to be the father. And what an inspiring model of fatherhood Joseph was. God made a good choice! (He is a WISE God.) Let’s look together, for a few minutes, at some things the Bible tells us about this man Joseph.

Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His

name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Matthew 2:13-14

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt...

Matthew 2:19-21

19 Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,20 saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.”
21 Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

What do we know about Joseph from the Bible?

1. JOSEPH WAS A LOVING MAN.

The Scriptures draw the picture for us of a wonderfully caring and affectionate man. And we can see this, firstly, in his relationship toward Mary.

TOWARD MARY

Joseph finds out that Mary is pregnant. How does it make him feel? Angry? Betrayed?

The penalty for adultery in the Old Testament was death by stoning. And this punishment applied to in-fidelity between a

stoning. And this penalty applied to infidelity during betrothal as well as marriage. Now by New Testament times things had changed somewhat, but the matter was still treated as a grave offence. Upon discovery that Mary was pregnant, Joseph would have been obliged to divorce her (DIVORCE WAS REQUIRED TO BREAK OFF A BETROTHAL ENGAGEMENT), and this would expose Mary to public shame and humiliation.

BUT, even before God spoke to Joseph – Joseph wasn't operating from vengeance or bitterness of heart. The Bible says: he "was minded to put her away secretly". (There were ways in which a divorce could be enacted very quietly, without the involvement of a judge, and Joseph was already considering the best way to do this.

Joseph was kind. He LOVED Mary. It's based on a real commitment. And husbands, the Bible says to US today that WE must love our wives with all that we have.

Joseph was a loving man toward Mary.

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." – David O. McKay

"Creating a warm, caring, supportive, encouraging environment is probably the most important thing you can do for your family."

– Stephen Covey

When Mary was about to give birth to Jesus, there was no room for them in the Inn, but Joseph did the very best he could to see that Mary was taken care of.

But we also see that Joseph was a loving man in his relationship...

TOWARD JESUS

When the child came along – the child he had not conceived – there was no attitude in Joseph that "THIS BOY ISN'T MY FLESH AND BLOOD".

There was no resentment or indifference toward Him; no lack

of love at all. JOSEPH ADOPTED JESUS AS HIS OWN.

- He protected Him from the hatred of Herod.
- He nurtured Him and cared for Him.
- He taught Jesus his own trade of carpentry.
- HE ADOPTED THE ONE THAT THE REST OF THE WORLD WOULD REJECT.

Joseph paid a price to be a father to Jesus.

2. JOSEPH WAS A DEVOUT MAN.

He was a man who OBEYED God.

He explicitly followed the Lord's leading and direction. He didn't follow his own marked-out plan for life – he wanted God's plan for his life. So when God spoke to him in a dream and told him to marry Mary (even though she was pregnant) HE OBEYED.

Then when God spoke and said: "Take Mary and Jesus and flee to Egypt for safety" – he immediately obeyed. He closed up his business and left.

Then when God said: "It's O.K. now, head back to Israel". Again he did as he was directed. He was a man of obedience.

Another thing:

He was a man of FAITH.

It takes FAITH to pack your bags and head off to a foreign country with no prospects and no planning; simply on the basis that God said so. He had faith and obeyed the dream. He could have made excuses to stay where the prospects looked good, but NO – he was a man of faith.

FATHERS here this morning, your faith will speak to your children! Raise them in an environment of faith toward God.

[ILLUSTRATION]: There was a farmer who had toiled over a bumper crop of grain – a badly needed crop of grain – a badly needed crop that was going to pay off many creditors and secure the family for another year. But just a few days before it was due to be harvested a freak wind and hail storm

ravaged the property, and the harvest was lost. The man stood with his little boy looking over the fields of destroyed grain. The boy expected to hear his father cursing in despair. But instead his Dad began to softly sing: "Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee." Years later that boy, grown into manhood, said: "That was the greatest sermon I ever heard!" His father had shown him FAITH where the rubber meets the road!

Joseph was leaning on God. He was a man of FAITH. And one more thing:

He was a man who was FAITHFUL IN SPIRITUAL DUTY.

He set an example for his family – going to the Temple; attending the feasts. (We read about it in LUKE 2:41) He was regular in going to God's house.

Luke 4:16

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

So, let's just re-cap for a moment.

- Joseph was a LOVING man. (Toward his wife. Toward his son. Toward his whole family.)
- Secondly, he was a DEVOUT man. (A man of obedience and faith, and being faithful in spiritual duty.)

Finally...

3. JOSEPH WAS A WISE MAN.

Joseph was wise because he lived as one who REDEEMED THE TIME.

By all accounts it seems that Joseph had a SHORTENED LIFE.

- We don't read of him after Jesus' childhood.
- At the Cross Jesus charged John with the care of His mother – so it seems that Joseph was taken from them prematurely.

But JOSEPH HAD USED WHAT TIME HE HAD BEEN GIVEN HONOURABLY – WISELY!

- He had provided for his family.
- He had set an example for them that they would remember.
- He had raised them in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord.

Jesus was not the only child he had; he raised other boys for the Lord also, and possibly daughters as well. He had other sons – TWO OF THEM (at least) WERE GREATLY USED BY GOD. They wrote books of the Bible (James and Jude). James was leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Joseph raised his children in the ways of the Lord, and He left behind him a legacy after his lifetime.

CONCLUSION:

Are we really walking in the love of God as Joseph did?

- Walking in kindness
- Walking in graciousness
- Walking in mercy

Are we living devout, honorable, and godly lives?

- Obedience
- Faith
- Faithful in spiritual duties

Are we redeeming the time as Jesus did?

- Encouraging our families at every opportunity?
- Setting an example?
- Providing for their needs?

In talking with fathers, the verse is often used...

1 Timothy 5:8

8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is

worse than an unbeliever.

Some say, “Oh YES. I provide for my family” – when what they mean is that they put a pay cheque on the table every week. But what about the OTHER provisions they need from you?

Affection?

Example?

Godly counsel?

Laughter and warmth?

Loving concern?

We must provide for our own, men. Let’s be challenged together.

This man, Joseph, inspires me. I’m sure that he wasn’t perfect – BUT HE WAS DEVOTED, and he was doing his very best – redeeming the time.

https://tonycooke.org/holiday-resources/joseph_fathersday/



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Gene "Geno" Shell

Hello to my New Life Church family! I'm Gene or Geno to my friends!

Thank you for such a warm welcome to your church!

I moved here from Columbus, Ohio with my wife, Teri and our dear friend, Marcia nearly a year ago. I have a daughter (Shannon), a son (Trent), a son-in-law (Aaron), who puts up with me 😊 and 3 grandbabies (Adelynn, Stella and Elliott).

I retired from the Franklin County Board of Elections in 2020 after 32.5 years of service. I oversaw the mailing and counting of absentee ballots from all over the world for the citizens of Franklin County, Ohio. I was blessed in early 2000 to become part of God's family and we (me and God) have been on an amazing journey ever since!!! The Lord has added so much to my/our life story since we moved to Kentucky and New Life has been a part of it.

We're looking forward to where He is going to take us next in this amazing journey.

Praise God!

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