

# Falls Fellowship



## 'DAD'

**O**n being a dad. ... I have been called by many names and titles in my life, but 'DAD' is something only three people are able to call me. Being a dad is something you are inadvertently trained for by your own dad until you become one yourself. As with any training, there are some things you decide you will do, some things you'll change, and there are a lot of things that didn't seem to be covered!

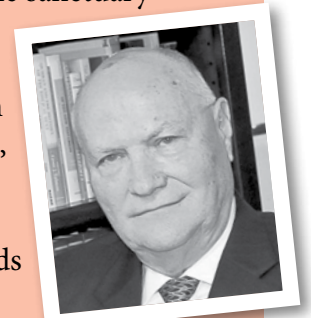
Regardless of how much training you got, being a dad is often about being there and getting things done. Whether it's fixing a toy, baiting a hook, helping with homework, putting a new battery in the car, or arriving at the scene of a fender bender, a dad certainly has a lot of jobs. Most things like this, a dad can either do himself or get someone to do it if he can't.

But what if a dad doesn't know the answer or can't fix or get someone to fix whatever the issue is? That's when dad calls on his heavenly Dad for help. I've prayed many times for the safety of my children, for them to

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## An Assortment of Thoughts June 2024

**T**hank you for the wonderful celebration of my birthday on Sunday, June 2. Beautiful flowers in the sanctuary honoring me, wonderful lunch after church, many birthday cards, spoken words of appreciation, my family, and a good crowd in worship ... some of what I will remember from the day. The choir did an exceptionally good job with their selection. Thank you. For as long as I can remember anything, I will remember the day.



Let me remind you of two important matters related to our church's future. One, the nominating committee is charged with the responsibility of presenting to the church nominees to serve in all volunteer positions. Obviously, their report directly influences the future of the

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## Event Calendar

- June 2 — Dr. Jenkins Birthday Luncheon 12 PM
- June 14 — Bingo Night! 7 PM
- June 16 — Called Church Conference 12 PM
- June 16 — Choir Practice 2:30 PM
- June 17 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- June 23 — Lord's Supper
- July 3 — Independence Day Celebration 6 PM
- July 8 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM

## Food Donations

We continue to collect food for Tri-Area Ministry each month. Our participation makes an important difference to helping families in need in our area.

Some items needed:  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken), Chef Boyardee, Cereal, Grits, Rice, Dried Beans, Oatmeal, Mac 'n Cheese, Pasta / Noodles, Crackers, Canned Soup.



TRI-AREA MINISTRY  
**FOOD PANTRY**

## Treasurer's Report

Our financial statement for the month of April 1, 2024 — April 30, 2024.

Tithes and Memorials - \$12,112.00

Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,175.06

Other income:

Annie Armstrong - \$645.00

Parsonage Rental - \$750.00

Actual expenditures - \$7,836.73

Budgeted expenditures - \$12,175.09

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

## Nominating Committee meeting

Our nominating committee is meeting and will be calling members to see if they are willing to serve on various committees during our upcoming 2024-2025 fiscal year.

When, not if, you are called, please give serious consideration to serving our church. We have ambitious plans to grow and spread God's word through our areas and we need everyone to help!

## Matthew 25 Ministries

After review and consideration, we will NO Longer Collect Pill Bottles. If you would still like to donate financially or send your bottles, please see the link and info below.

Matthew 25: Ministries - HOME | Matthew 25: Ministries (m25m.org)

Mail checks to Matthew 25: Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242.

Donation Drop-Off 11083 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242

Thank you for ALL your previous donations! We just sent them a large box!

— Sandra Leonard

## June Birthdays

- 2 Anne Young
- 5 Shirley Tart
- 7 Johnny Fonville
- 9 Elizabeth Jackson
- 12 Polly Jenks
- 14 Chris Barham
- 15 Denise Norton
- 16 Arlene Foster
- 23 Ryan Watkins
- 26 Randy Jackson
- 27 Bill Upton
- 28 Tommy Brown
- 29 Earl Creech
- 30 Teresa Doman



## The Most Difficult Aspect of Praying

I know some things my pet does not. My dog thinks he wants to fight that pesky cat next door. By his barking and straining at the leash, Albie gives every indication that chasing that cat would be the high point of his day. It wouldn't. It would be his greatest nightmare.

That little cat sits on the driveway, completely unmoving when my dog walks within 10 feet, barking and snarling and threatening. The cat hardly blinks an eye. Another day at the office. Another house dog who thinks he wants a piece of me but has no idea the trouble he's asking for.

I know what a fierce cat can do to a sweet little house-broken dog that has never been in a real fight in his life. I know his instincts tell him to chase the cat—that this is what he was put here on Earth for—but I know better.

I hold the leash and lead this lovely little canine on to other things, and as far away from that fierce little feline as we can get.

And just so does our Lord lead His children.

He knows. He knows better. He knows better than we. "He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake." (Psalm 23:3).

When we pray, we say, "Not my will, but Thy will be done." And we say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

We want what we want, but more than anything—am I assuming too much here?—we want His will. He knows what is best.

So, when we come to pray, we trust Him in answer in the way of His choice, not ours.

If we cannot pray and leave the answering of that prayer to the Father, accepting whatever He chooses to send as His will in that situation, if we cannot receive that with thanksgiving and believe that He has indeed heard us, we will quit praying.

Some have quit praying.

If we cannot keep believing in God when He delays answering our prayers, we will quit praying. Many have quit. If we cannot keep trusting when God disappoints us with the answers He sends, we will quit praying. And many have quit.

God knows what He is doing. God has His own plans. He wants our faith in Him to be strong and steadfast, to endure the hard times and to be pure in the good times.

God is at work this very moment. He will do things in His own way and He will take His own good time about it.

If we cannot pray "Thy will be done," we will quit praying and go away disappointed. Many have gone away disappointed.

Do not be surprised if God's answer to your prayers is not what you asked or wanted or expected. But what you said you wanted above all was His will to be done.

— Joe Mckeever, *sermoncentral.com*

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### "Dad" continued ...

make it through something they are struggling with, and in general, just to give the wisdom to know what to do to help them through whatever they might be struggling with. Children cannot give their dad such a gift, but surely, that would be the greatest Father's Day gift of all.

So, what can you give your dad, and what do they really want on Father's Day? Any physical gift is fine (keep the receipt, he'll probably return it!), but what a dad really wants on Father's Day is something he gave you when you were young, and that is time.

Time is the greatest gift of all. It is the simplest, yet most valuable gift you can give, and it is the gift he will appreciate the most. So, spend some time with your dad, and your Father, this Father's Day!

## Deacons

Frank Powell, Chairman	919-604-1285
Victoria Neal, Vice Chairman	919-880-1888
Bill Upton	910-358-7303
Tommy Brown	843-446-6540
Johnny Ray	919-740-7099

## Thoughts cont' ...

church. Two, we will soon nominate people to serve as deacons. Our system of deacons' service requires us to nominate and elect several people each year. The deacons guide the church in making major decisions, planning the church's work and they assist me with pastoral responsibilities. Pray for direction as you vote.

Alan scheduled another social night for us. This time it's "Bingo," with prizes, and we will gather in the fellowship hall on June 14 at 7:00.

Speaking of future events, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 23. This is always an impressive service for me for it reminds me of the gift of life which comes through Christ's giving his life for us. Amen.

We will have a July 4th celebration. More on that later.

Some upgrades to our landscaping will soon take place. Speaking of landscaping, weren't the roses especially beautiful this year?

Yes, we will continue our Wednesday night activities, including a meal, during the summer months. We come together for food, fellowship, singing, prayers, and Bible study. For the summer, we will be studying the Book of James. Sign up on Sunday mornings to give the cooks a number to "shoot for."



Some of you will be away for vacations. Cheryl and I will be headed to the beach. Don't forget to bring your tithes and offerings when you return. We still have bills to pay even when you are away, and I suspect the cost of cooling the church will be higher than it was last summer. Be prepared for your bill at home to increase.

I was in the parking lot when a "walker" came by at the time the chimes were playing. She told me that she always enjoyed hearing them and they reminded her of the church of her childhood. I invited her to come on Sunday and enjoy the music and worship experience. She would especially enjoy Kevin's playing of the piano and organ and the choir's singing, all to the glory of God and, indeed, to honor God is the purpose of the chimes.

— Tom Jenkins



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