

# FRIDAY

JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> 2012 PROVERBS 4:1 & 13:1

The book of Proverbs is full of wonderful examples of the benefits of obedience to our "Fathers".

- Some of us our fathers are no longer here with us, or no longer in charge of us. Yet we still have a heavenly father. What are some ways we can implement God's wisdom in our life?

# PRAYER LIST

Aaron Hendrix	Glenda Grice	Mother Dear
Amy Copeland	Graduates	Norman Threatte
Benjie Rogers	Jack Hudson	Olivia Massey
Bertha Lopez	Jan Collier	Othedris Cowart
Beth Barrett	Jan Collins	Rain
Bev Larson	Jim McCooey	Ruby Blocker
Blake Morgan	Jim Strickland	Ryleigh Todd
Brandy & Neal Griffin	Johnny McCooey	Sally Cedaton
Brenda Durrence	Josa Bell Massey	Sam Bailey
Bro. John & Family	Julia Coleman	Sarah Morgan
Cecil Anderson	Matthew Donnan	Smiley Shackleford
Family	Kendall Freeman & Family	Stacy Wheeler
Charles Fiveash	Lainy McNeal	Steve Roberson
Clyde Tootle	Larry Massey	Susan & Jimmy
Corrine Miller	Larry Sikes	Parker
Dansen Pinkard	Lee Wonder	Theresa Reese
Deborah Richey	Lori Brown	Tiffany Sands
Diana Lott	Mamie Tucker	Todd Hill & Mischelle
Durrell Kicklighter	Margaret Lewis	Tommy Grice
Edna Blankenship	Maria Hodges	Travis Jones
Erin Hendrix	Marion Akins	Wendel Wasdin
Faye & Bobby	Marvin Davis	Will Walker
Strickland	Michael Davich	Wren Griffin (Baby)
Faye Lot's Daughter	Mike Fultz	Zettie
Geraldine Kirkland	Monnie Lee & Family	
Glady's Durrence		



# **GROW. PRAY. STUDY.**

## Union UMC Weekly Guide

## Father's Day Sermon: The Perfection of Our Fathers

## Scripture Reference

<sup>39</sup>Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>When he arrived, he said to them, "Pray that you won't give in to temptation." <sup>41</sup>He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed.<sup>42</sup>He said, "Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done." <sup>43</sup>Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. <sup>45</sup>When he got up from praying, he went to the disciples. He found them asleep, overcome by grief. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won't give in to temptation." Luke 22:39-46

### *Things I would Like to Remember From Today's Message*

# MONDAY

JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> 2012 ROMANS 8:15-17

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Paul is unpacking the idea of us all being God's children or how we are apart of God's family. The way we are apart of God's family is because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.

- Have you ever noticed how families act the same? It sometimes is easy to see how someone's parents pass on their attitude or beliefs to their children. If we are in God's family what are some attributes we should have?
- Paul explains how we should not have a spirit of fear, but instead we should enjoy being in God's family. Is there anything you are afraid that knowing you are in God's family may seem less scary?

# TUESDAY

JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> 2012 PSALM 78:1-8

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The Psalmist here is explaining how we are to pass on God's law to our families or ancestors. It is a reflection on how God wants our faith to pass down to the next generation

- Why do you think it is important for us, not just the pastor or prophet to pass down the faith to the next generation?
- V. 7 in the NRSV says we do this "so that they should set their hope in God." Why is it important for us to help the next generation set their hope in God?
- Is there anyone in your life that you begin to pray about sharing this hope with?

# WEDNESDAY

JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 2012 MATTHEW 2:19-23

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Here we see Joseph's obedience to the angel commands. Previously he has married Mary and fled to Egypt based on what an angel has told him. Joseph is an example of good faith. By obeying God he protects Jesus.

- Is it hard to follow through when you hear God or the Holy Spirit telling you something?
- In Matthew Henry's commentary he says, "In all our (re)moves, it is good to see our way plain, and God going before us; we should not move either way or the other with out order (from God)." Joseph had authentic faith when he obeyed God. Do you think that makes parenting decisions easier?

# THURSDAY

JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> 2012 Psalm 103:6-19

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Psalm 103 is a Psalm of praise for God's goodness through the generations. It is so assuring that even though one day we will pass and leave our families for a little while that God will remain to take care of them.

- V. 13 in the NRSV says "God is like our father having compassion for those who fear Him." What are some ways we can keep God as a focus of our life?
- As a church what are some things we can do to help us continue to grow in our relationship with God? What are some ways we can empower others to see God and the compassion he has towards them?