

*Welcome to*  
**First Baptist Church**  
*Wright City*



**Rev. Richard Boone--**  
**Faith of Our Fathers**

**June 21, 2020**

## Wise Men—Father's Day 2020

*Ephesians 5:15-16*

**The importance of the role of husband and father (like so many other spiritual things) is much more significant, far-reaching, and influential than most people realize.**

- † Charles Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship, writes: “Dozens of studies now confirm the evidence I’ve seen with my own eyes. Boys who grow up without fathers are at least twice as likely as other boys to end up in prison. 60% of rapists and 70% of adolescent murderers never knew or lived with their father. Even in the toughest inner-city neighborhoods, just 10% of kids from intact families get into trouble, but 90% of those from broken families do. Girls raised without a father in the home are five times more likely to become mothers while still adolescents. Children from broken homes have more academic and behavioral problems at school and are nearly twice as likely to drop out of high school.”
- † This world is lying when it says, “Everybody has affairs,” “Divorce doesn’t hurt anyone,” “One parent is just as good as two,” and “Children are very resilient, they will survive.”
- † Immorality and selfishness that leads to broken homes and marriages DOES do serious harm, and has long-term, negative consequences on our children.
- † God intended us to be **wise men**, with wise priorities.

### **1. As Wise Men We Must Spend TIME with those We Love and Hope to Influence.**

- † Time is one of the most precious and valuable gifts you can give to those you love. The more TIME we spend with our children, the greater the benefits later in their lives. Just as it is unwise to wait until you start saving for retirement, you cannot wait to start spending time with your children. We have the first 10 to 12 years of our children’s lives to make the most impact on their values and their future. After that age, our children naturally tend to turn their attention to with their friends. If you wait until your children are teenagers to bring them to church, to pray with them, to teach and train them in the Lord, you have waited too late!
- † We need to understand that every day is valuable and time is one of the most precious and most valuable gifts we can give to those we love.
- † “My small children aren’t interested in me and would rather watch TV or to play with friends.” NOT TRUE. Kids are thrilled to have dad play, read, and spend time with them. When you spend time with your kids you are saying to them, “You are important to me.”
- † “My time is better spent earning a living, and provide everything they need and want.” NOT TRUE. Earning a living is important, but don’t neglect your children and marriage. The future of our children and our families are more important.
- † “There will always be plenty of time later to talk with my children about what is most important.” NOT TRUE. Time quickly passes and cannot be reclaimed.
- † If you do not spend time with your children when they are young, they won’t spend time with you as they grow up.
- † Wise fathers understand that their work is important, but their family is more important.

### **2. Wise Men AFFIRM and ENCOURAGE those they Love.**

- † Our words, especially words from a father, have power to build up or destroy and tear down. When our children fall and scrape a knee, and come crying, Dads say, “It’s not that bad.” Nurturing does not come as natural to us, but disciplining does. We can get the kids to behave quicker with a look than our wives can in five minutes

of words. Discipline and correction comes more natural to men. Rules need to be enforced and children corrected, but they also need to hear lots of words of praise and approval, or they will grow up wondering if they ever made us proud.

† Being “The Enforcer” is not the only role of a father. He needs to affirm and encourage his children, and to tell them how proud and happy he is with them. Even God did this when He spoke from heaven, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased” (Matt 3:17).

† Fathers need to speak words and set the example that will help their children love God and the church, that will help their children want to go to heaven, and be pleasing to their earthly father and Heavenly Father.

### **3. Wise Men are the SPIRITUAL LEADERS for those they Love and want to Guide.**

† Spiritual leadership is NOT pretending that we know all the answers. It’s not thinking that we have to be perfect or make everyone else think that we never make mistakes. Spiritual leadership is about following Jesus and seeking to be more like Him. Spiritual leadership is serving, helping, providing gentle care and love! It is not issuing a decree and then leaning back into the recliner! Spiritual leadership IS accepting the responsibility to help my family safely reach heaven and see that our home is built on the principles of God’s will and His word. It is being the one who guides and sets the example for those you love in God’s way.

† **Give them some big godly shoes to fill! (Kids want to wear your shoes!)**

† It is about being the one who protects his family from harm and danger, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. A Father must never be the one who inflicts harm and abuse on their wife and children. The best way to be the spiritual LEADER in your home is to make Jesus the LORD of your life.

### **4. Wise Men Acknowledge they Need God’s Help.**

† Wisdom is admitting we cannot be the father that we need to be by ourselves. We need God’s help guiding us, working in our homes, and picking us up when we fail.

† “Before a man talks to his children about God, he first needs to talk to God about his children.”

† Men of real strength are not men who can lift more weight over their heads, but men who can bow their heads in devoted prayer and who most rely on God’s strength and help. James 1:5 reminds us that if we lack wisdom, we should pray and ask God to give it, and He will. There is a battle being fought for the hearts and destinies of our children. Dad, you are the Point Man for your family. You are the leader... the example... the protector for your family. To be those things for your family, you must live as wise men.

### **5. Fathers, your faithfulness and your devotion to your marriage and family is an example this world needs to see.**

† To wise and faithful Fathers, I want to say “Thank you,” because you make this church a much stronger place. But if you have not been the kind of father you hope to be, today is the day you can decide to take the necessary steps to be the kind of father and spiritual leader you need to be.

† Spend generous amounts of time with your children.

† Try to affirm your family members more and to be less critical.

† Don’t just send them to church, take them, and be the godly example of how God wants all people to live.

† And finally, pray.

† Pray for yourself and pray for your family. Let them see and hear you pray for them.

† It will make all the difference in your life and in theirs.

# What's Happening At First Baptist Church

## Early Independence Day Celebration Next Sunday!

Please be with us on **JUNE 28**—next Sunday morning—as we celebrate the birth of our nation just a little before July 4th. We will **meet in the sanctuary at 11:00** for our service and move to the Activities Building afterward for **hot dogs and watermelon**. Invite your friends and family to join us!

## June Birthdays

Sheyanne Charleton (1), Tonia Castaneda (2), Nolan Jeske (2)  
Piper Woodruff (7), Rohn Boone (12), Max Combs (14)  
Donna Freeman (16), Daisy Sprayberry (16), Betty Pace (18)  
Delores Jeske (19), James Sprayberry (19), Chloe Petty (26)

## June Anniversaries

Korey & Rohnda Byrd (2), Trey & Caitlin Womack (6)  
John & Ena Stovall (19), Marty & Piper Woodruff (19)  
AJ & Sheyanne Charleton (23)

## Our Missions-minder



George and Luisa Dimakos were approved as Baptist Bible Fellowship missionaries to Greece in September 1993. George graduated from Baptist Bible College with an MA and PhD in psychology from Louisiana Baptist University. Luisa also graduated from BBC. They have three children. Please pray for the Dimakos family and the souls in Greece.

**You may place your tithe or gift in the offering box in the Sanctuary Foyer.**

**UPDATES:** No midweek services this week  
**NO Sunday School or PM Services June 28**

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<u>Sunday School</u>	10am	<u>Wednesday Groups</u>	6:30pm
<u>Sunday Worship</u>	11am	THUGS	High School
<u>Sunday Evening</u>	6pm	CHAOS	Middle School
<a href="mailto:fbcwrightcity@gmail.com">fbcwrightcity@gmail.com</a>		JAMS	Grades 1-5
		Little JAMS	Pre-School
		Prayer Warriors	Adults

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