

Family Matters

Church of Christ • Bayfield, Colorado

February 18, 2007

Bonding with God

Parent child bonding is a simple, beautiful process that God created to help children and parents grow truly close to one another. Several years ago Smithsonian Magazine published a piece that explained the process. As a newborn is held close to mom or dad, the little eyes actually scan back and forth like a computer scanner, logging into the brain the facial image of that person.

Spiritual bonding to God is a very similar process. To bond we must spend time with our Father. To bond we must know who we are, who our heavenly Father is and what it means to be His child. The bonding process includes certain things that God provides for us and certain things that we give to God.

God gives us comfort, protection, security and nurturing (among other things). An amazing array of scriptures shows this to be the case. A sampling:

- **Comfort** - II Corinthians 1:4
- **Protection** - Matthew 23:37
- **Security** (within His presence) - Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:31-39
- **Nurturing** - Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:19

As a proper response from a true child, created by our heavenly Father, Psalm 100:3 and Psalm 139, we must learn to respond with:

- **Recognition** of who our Father really is - Creator (Genesis 1), and Deliverer (Deuteronomy 6: 20-25) - Without that recognition, we cannot intelligently seek the one true God.

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Daily Bible Reading

	New Testament	Old Testament
Sunday	Luke 22:1-20	Job 6
Monday	Luke 22:21-38	Job 7
Tuesday	Luke 22:39-62	Job 8
Wednesday	Luke 22:63-23:12	Job 9
Thursday	Luke 23:13-31	Job 10
Friday	Luke 23:32-56	Job 11
Saturday	Luke 24:1-12	Job 12

Prayer Concerns



If you have someone in the prayer concerns, please take one of the yellow cards and write an update on the back so we will know how each are progressing and if they still need on the list. Put in the collection plate.

NEW

- Shannon has pneumonia.
- Tim Ragan, friend of Ron & Mac, has Multiple Myeloma (cancer lesions on spine, brain, & bones.) Many times goes into remission.
- Jason White is having health problems. He had tests done last week. Hoping they can figure out what is going on so can be treated.
- Kate White has TMJ.
- Linda Burton is having terrible stomach aches. The doctors advised her to go back to Mayo Clinic.

DEATH

- Lola's brother, Ralph, died

CANCER

- Leroy Beaver
- Clarence's dad
- Dan McClure's daughter, Sam
- Gene's mother, Terecia
- Debbie Brown's sister, Tammy
- Ginger's brother-in-law, Earl Peterson
- Stan Williams
- Mike H.'s mother, Fern

OTHER ILLNESSES

- Kenneth McCoy
- Wanda's daughter, Judy
- Duane Odom's sister, Durice
- Jeannie Schmidt's mother, Patty Riecke-lung disease
- Tyler Yager
- Justin Watt's-lung problem
- Harry & Ruth Mortimer
- Angela Westbrook
- Harold Fair (back surgery)
- Jodi's friend, Ashley
- Monty's grandmother, Nadine

Ford

- Gladys' friend, Janie Tubbs
- Gladys' friend, Mary Ann Adams
- Brian Wells, Sandra's son (kidney transplant)
- Darren Cowger
- Hannah's great granddaughter (kidney)
- Eugene Westbrook
- Traci Bartalo
- Twilla's sister-in-law's sister
- Ginger's granddaughter, Ginny
- Cameron Lora (stomach attacks)
- Carolynne's cousin, Hewey

VARIOUS NEEDS

- Doug's aunt & uncle, Frank & JoAnn Layman
- Brian Young-jail
- Jessica Hill
- Hall Branch
- Wayne Culbreth
- Linda Manley's brother-in-law, David Grey
- Linda Manley's brother, Larry
- Ryan Lopez
- Brian, Alisha, and Jeremy
- Juanita
- Ruth Sutherland
- Howard and Lucile

PREGNANCIES

- Ginger's niece, Karen
- Jeri's sister, Jaki
- Jessica Pennington
- Desiree Speaker

MILITARY

- Dylan (Iraq)
- Matthew Laas (Iraq)
- Bob and Sue Deitz grandson, Andrew
- David Van Tassel (Afghanistan)

Activities



- The Serenity Group (Spiritual Recovery Fellowship) meets Monday evenings at 7:00 downstairs in the main building.
- Ladies' Bible Class Tuesday morning 9:30-11:00 in The Family Building.
- Wednesday Night Meals 6:00 in the Family Building. This week is potluck.
- Ladies' Breakfast will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 8:00 in the Family Building before Ladies' Bible Class. It is a potluck.
- Ladies' Night Out will be Monday, Feb. 26 in the Family Building at 6:30. If you would like to help with the supper, talk to Jodi. Jodi will be teaching us how to make necklaces. Please sign the sheet in the foyer so she will know how many supplies to buy and what color you would like. There will be a \$5.00 charge which you can give Jodi now or at the party.

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- **Seeking His face** - the face of the one we recognized by His logic from scripture and our logic in recognition. I Chronicles 16:11; II Chronicles 7:14; Ps. 27:8; 105:4
- **Trust** - I Chronicles 20:20; Psalm 25:2; 31:14; 52:8; 56:11; 119:42; Proverbs 3:4-6 (Trust in God and lean not on your own understanding.)

This is parent/child bonding on an eternal and cosmic scale! What a great God we have to allow us to seek His face and bond with Him as the beginning of an eternal relationship! Be sure to take advantage of this ineffable opportunity each and every day.

–Ray Wallace, Dahlia Street Bulletin



Eight Weeks Starting March 8

(There is a 45 min. pre-session **March 1** to distribute materials and introduce the course.)

What are the requirements for each session?

- **ATTENDANCE** once a week for eight weeks for 2 1/2 hours. This time lapse of 8 sessions over 56 days allows time to replace old habits with goodly ones.
- **HOMEWORK** consisting of assignments outside of class each week, which leads you to better understand yourself as well as your spouse.
- **BIBLICAL OPENNESS** specifically sharing with others without fear and with understanding. Husbands and wives reach a new level of sharing, praying, and understanding each other.

There is a cost involved with this, \$140.00 per couple. This takes care of all the books and materials used in the course, plus shipping costs. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. We only have room for 12 couples. Hopefully this can be offered again in the fall.

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Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Bible Class . 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
Devotional 7:45 P.M.

Servants

For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV)

Elders

Harvey Cundiff 884-9074
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Monty Cundiff 884-1363
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Gene Chapin 884-9280
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A natural way of looking at others is to compare them to ourselves or our vision of what we want ourselves to be. There are several problems with that, starting with the fact we are beginning with an imperfect model. When we were in chapter 2 of Romans it really hit me that Paul was telling folks that were happy to judge others that they themselves are guilty of the very things they fuss at others about. Yesterday in our men's breakfast we took a few minutes to talk about the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector found in Luke 18:9-14. Listen to how this parable begins: "To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable."

It is not wrong to have confidence in one's relationship with the Lord. 1 John 5:13 speaks of knowing we have eternal life and of confidence we can have before God. But two things strike me from this lead in: (1) confidence was in "their own righteousness," and (2) they "looked down on everybody else."

Our study in Romans 5 today continues a theme we have been seeing since chapter 1 verse 18 – all people are sinners. None of us have anything at all to brag about with regard to our own righteousness. Any attempt just comes out hypocritical. The best we can say is, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner," (Luke 18:13). God indeed has mercy on sinners. So when we are in Christ our status has changed from condemned because of our sin, to justified because of Jesus Christ.

As we work through Romans 5, may we be impressed with the absolute gift of grace offered through Jesus and in turn give that to our friends, neighbors, and yes, even our enemies.

–Love Gene



Chapin's Corner

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Small Groups

	LOCATION	LEADERS
Group 1	Auditorium	Frank Van Tassel & Harvey Cundiff
Group 2	Moyers' 308 E. East St.	Bart Moyers & David Ebert
Group 3	Hately's 4040 CR 509	Mike Hately & J. Paul Brown
Group 4	Family Building (teens)	Doug Hooten & Mark Huffmyer
Group 5	Melinda Cundiff's (Young Adults) 2253 CR 516	Doug Hooten & Gene Chapin (This group meets at noon)
Group 6	Chapin's 1871 US Hwy 160B	TBA