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This is what the NGBF children had to say about their dads...



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"Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old." Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)

A Good, Good Father

By Dr. Tony Mathews



Billy Graham is correct, "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." A father's influence matters greatly in the lives of children. Since this is true, we need direction from our God as we guide our little ones and adult children to do greater things for the Kingdom of God and for society.

I enjoy the following thoughts and words from Focus on the Family; therefore, I want to share it with you. Go to any playground and listen to the parents. Who is encouraging kids to swing or climb just a little higher, ride their bikes just a little faster, throw just a little harder? Who is encouraging kids to be

careful? Mothers protect (which is so important) and dads encourage kids to push the limits, in a healthy way of course!

A father's involvement makes a positive difference in a child's life.

Where others may see the impossible, a man of God sees the possible given that God is leading his efforts. He is a man that keeps God's greater glory in front of him. A great man is one that regardless of where he is, what he's doing or who is with him, he is the same man. He's a friend to men, a mentor to boys, and helps set the standard for his daughters. He has a relentless passion to serve God and others.

I see this in the fathers and men at NGBF. So I simply write and say, **Happy Father's Day, Dads!** You deserve it, and we thank God for each of you.



FATHER

A rock of strength to lean upon
in time of joy or stress;
An understanding, loyal soul,
A heart of tenderness.
A mind all wisdom,
knowing how justice
and love to blend;
A teacher, loving, patient, kind
My father and my friend.



Teacher's Spotlight - Lee Varnado

By Juanita Toole

Dutiful Dad! For this past year, we have been blessed to have Lee Varnado lead our TNT boys for our AWANA Ministry, and what a blessing it has been!

Lee has been a member of NGBF for many years and serves in the Men's Ministry and Usher Ministry. He is also involved in the Journey Sunday School Class taught by Dr. Jim Larsen, and has traveled with the Missions Team to Ecuador.

Lee could be described as a learner and teacher. He has two sons who are in 2nd and 3rd grade and has been married to April Varnado for 15 years. As a family, they love to travel and watch football together. Lee is a graduate of Auburn University, and we have heard him shout "WAR EAGLE" a few times.



When asked what he has loved this year teaching 3rd - 6th grade boys, Lee said, "Seeing the light go on from not understanding to understanding scripture." **Things you wouldn't know about Lee:** He has a comic book collection, spring is his favorite season, and if he could live anywhere in the world it would be Bermuda!

2019 Prayer



I pray for myself, the church, and the Real Body of Christ to prepare ourselves and be ready to interact with the world directly and boldly with courage just like Christ.

Favorite Ice Cream



Lemon Gelato

Hobbies



Marvel movies and playing Tackle Daddy with his boys

Favorite Scripture



"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason." 1 Peter 3:15

Kid's Corner



Summer Days Word Scramble

Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to figure out the secret message.

Hint: The secret message is scrambled too.

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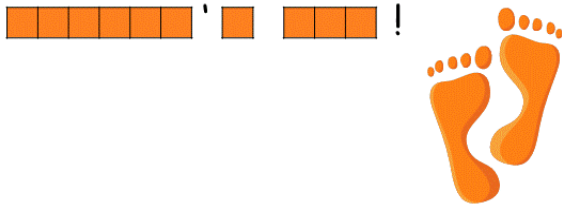
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Our **Father**,
 Who art in **heaven**,
hallowed be **Thy** name;
 Thy **kingdom** come;
 Thy **will** be done on **earth** as
 it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our **daily**
bread;
 and forgive us our
trespasses
 as we **forgive** those who
 trespass against us;
 and lead us not into
temptation,
 but
deliver
 us from
evil.
Amen.



Directions: There are 15 words that appear in bold print in the prayer. Find those words in the word search below.

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Can you spot 10 differences?



**Why did the baby strawberry cry?
 Because his dad was in a jam!**

**What did daddy spider say to baby spider?
 You spend too much time on the web!**



Sudoku for all ages

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| | | 8 | | | 2 | 7 |

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Vacation Bible School - In the Wild

By Juanita Toole

We are so excited to serve our church and community by hosting our annual vacation bible school. **To make this event happen, we need your help.** Join us as we share the truth and love of Jesus with the children and community of North Dallas, **June 17 - June 21** at NGBF.



Vacation Bible School

All Volunteers: Feel free to sign up in the children's wing or contact Juanita Toole with questions or suggestions at 469-328-4152.

If you like to decorate, meet us at the church on Monday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m. as we begin to stage our jungle to journey In the Wild. The kids and adults alike will experience amazing encounters with Jesus. Kids will experience opportunities to respond to the gospel through every encounter, filling this summer with moments to go from bewildered to believing.

Every element of In the Wild—worship rally, bible study, crafts, music, games, and snacks—ties to the gospel.

Theme verse: "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31

Motto: Zoom In, Focus on Jesus!

Register online at <http://ngbf.org/whats-next/> or in the children's wing. Registration fee of \$10 includes an Into the Wild t-shirt and dinner, served daily at 5:30. VBS starts at 6:00.

Wild encounters are coming, so start up your all-terrain and join us. Don't forget your camera.

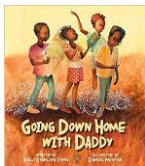
Summer Reading List

By Michelle Chester & Monika King

Congratulations! You made it through the school year! Now it's time to relax, sleep late, and READ! Yes, reading over the summer for at least 20 minutes each day will keep your mind active. Plus, if you're not going on a summer vacation, you can take them through reading. If you don't know what to read, check out the books listed below to get started.



FEATURED BOOK



Going Down Home With Daddy by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Daniel Minter (Peachtree Publishing Company, \$16.95, ages 4-8) It's time for the big family reunion "down home," where Granny lives. It's time for everyone to remember their ancestral history, but Lil Alan doesn't know what he can possibly add. The gorgeous acrylic wash paintings greatly contribute to this sweetly told tale of a warm and loving family.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER READS

- Dream Big, Little One by Vashti Harrison
- Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World by Vashti Harrison
- This Little Trailblazer: A Girl Power Primer by Joan Holub
- A Little Black Girl's Book of Poems: A Collection of Empowering, Esteeming and Affirming Poems for Little Girls by Alicia Johnson
- LeBron James: The Children's Book: The Boy Who Became King by Anthony Curcio
- Miami Jackson Gets It Straight by Patricia & Fredrick McKissack

For a summer reading guide for all ages, visit the Reading Rockets website –

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer/2019>

AWANA Banquet 2019

By Juanita Toole

The **NGBF Annual AWANA Banquet** was held Wednesday, May 1st in the Fellowship Hall. Doors opened at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. The annual banquet was open to all current clubbers, family members, and leaders. This is a fun event for all for it highlights each clubber in a special way.



After nine months of hard work, the clubbers are eager to see the AWANA sessions come to an end and for the summer to begin. **This year, we are proud to report we averaged 55 clubbers every week, which has set a record.** We were honored to see one of the largest 6th grade classes be promoted to youth in recent years with 14 clubbers.

The evening was capped off with our keynote speaker, Mr. Steve Bell, who performed a Christian magic act. The kids and adults were presently surprised...."How did he do that?"

What an amazing year 2018-2019 was. Truly the clubbers and leaders did an incredible job in the AWANA ministry.

...Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Mark your calendars! We have a lot in store for 2019-2020 as we celebrate our 20th year of AWANA at NGBF. AWANA starts September 4th 2019.



Youth Scoop - Teens Reaching Teens

By Julie Cummings

In just a few weeks, some of our teens will be traveling to **Esmeraldas, Ecuador**.

From June 12th – 19th, **Reonna Mathis, Mykaela Walton, Jaden Cummings, Lucy Diaz** and **Benjamin Singleton** will travel from Dallas to Ecuador to lead a youth retreat for the Ecuadorian teens.

"Estas Listo Para Cristo" is the theme which means: **Are You Ready for Christ?**

Each teen will lead small groups, which will include leading worship, giving their testimony, teaching through the material to the teens, and playing all sorts of games. They will also be able to take a trip to the equator!



Please pray for safe travel. Some of the teens will be flying for the first time.



Also, pray for the hearts of the Ecuadorian teens to be open and ready for God to work and that the hearts of the NGBF teens would be willing and ready to do whatever God desires.

God is working in Ecuador and we are excited to join Him in what He is doing there!

1. I am called Rufus and I am proud to say that my dad helped Jesus carry His cross to Calvary. Do you know the name of my privileged father?
a. Simeon c. Saul
b. Simon d. John
2. What father had the honor of being called a friend of God and the father of nations?
a. Abraham c. Adam
b. Isaac d. Boaz

Bible Trivia



Answers can be found on the last page.

3. My father became well known because of me. I was never called by my name alone but was referred to as "___ of the son of ___". What is my dad's name?
a. Obed c. Dan
b. Er d. Nun
4. In the song, "Father Abraham" how many sons did he have?
a. 7 c. many
b. A lot d. it doesn't say

Did you know...

Father's Day officially began in 1910 in Spokane, Washington, where 27-year-old Sonora Dodd proposed it as a way to honor the man who raised her when her mom died in childbirth. Dodd was at a church service thinking about how grateful she was for her father when she had the idea for Father's Day, which would mirror Mother's Day but be celebrated in June—her dad's birthday month.

Church Contacts

Have you ever wondered who to contact with questions or suggestions for various ministries under the Children's Church umbrella? Well, look no further than below for a list of contacts.

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What's Happening



June 16 – Promotion Sunday – Quarterly Breakfast

June 16 – **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**



June 17 - 21 – Vacation Bible School – In the Wild
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June 21 – First Day of Summer



June 23 – Children's Choir Sings
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

Want Ads



ASK ANDREW & MESSAGE MICAH

Hey kids! Do you need some FUN advice from another kid or have a question about kid stuff? Do you ever wonder if you have to wear sunscreen when you are in the pool, or how much you should read over the summer?

If so, you can write to Andrew & Micah this summer. They have a new column for the summer called "**Ask Andrew & Message Micah**". You can email thescoop.ngbf@gmail.com with your questions. **Parents:** Advice is meant to be entertaining and will be proofed by an adult.



Not sure where you would like to serve? Want to try something new? **What about Sunday School?** We are in need of **three additional teachers** to fill some vacancies.

We are looking for people who are willing to **commit once a month to teach in our children's department**. We have three spots available. **No experience necessary**, just a willing heart to teach and serve. Contact Juanita Toole or come to the children's wing if interested. We would love to plug you in.

Fun Facts for June

Every day is a special day but some days require a certain type of celebration. Below are some fun facts about February. For a complete list, visit <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/june/>

June 1 – National Say Something Nice Day

June 7 – National Chocolate Ice Cream Day

June 8 – National Best Friends Day

June 14 – National Wear Blue Day

June 17 – National Eat Your Vegetables Day

June 19 – Juneteenth

June 21 – National Daylight Appreciation Day

June 27 – National Sunglasses Day

June 30 – National Meteor Watch Day



Dear Andrew & Micah,
 My mom post waaaay too many pictures of me on social media, **without my permission!!**
 What should I do?

Micah's Reply...

If my mom posted something about me, it would depend on what she posted. If it is embarrassing, she would have to let me approve it before she can post it. But if she posted it first, I would be a little mad. If she posted something good, like saying, "my baby girl learned how to walk," or "my girl got 100 on her STAAR test" I would let her post it. If it's something funny, I would need her to show it to me first. So, it would all depend on what she posts; if it's good, bad, funny, embarrassing, or even if it does not matter. It all depends on what she post to see how I would react.

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| <u>Bible Trivia answers</u> | <u>Word Scramble answers</u> | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. b – Simon (Mark 15:21) | Beach | Vacation |
| 2. a – Abraham | Sunscreen | Barbecue |
| 3. d – Nun (Numbers 14:30) | Baseball | Watermelon |
| 4. c – many | Pool | School's Out |

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