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Although I'm not a basketball fan, I did enjoy watching the phenomenal skills of Michael Jordan. I recall watching one championship run. Jordan and the Bulls won it all just three short years after the murder of Jordan's father, who'd been shot repeatedly as he sat in his car, seat reclined, napping at a highway rest stop in North Carolina.

After the game's final shot, a herd of reporters followed the players into the locker room to interview the victors in their celebration. However, there in the corner of the room, lay Michael Jordan—the greatest basketball player in history—weeping, facedown, overcome, inconsolable, holding an orange basketball in his arms.

No one knew quite what to do. Do we talk to him? Do we

leave him alone? I suspect everyone knew exactly what was happening though. It was Father's Day.

So there lay a broken champion with everything the world had to offer but with no father to grab him by the shoulders and say, "Son, I'm so proud of you."

In the post-game interviews to come, reporter after reporter asked Jordan what it was like to win everything, have everything, and be loved by everyone. For Jordan, his success, fame, and money didn't seem to matter; one could see it in his eyes. Because when he gazed around the locker room that day, he found everything he could ever dream of, but he couldn't find his dad.

Living life without God is like having everything you've ever wanted, but having no father in the room to celebrate with.

Jesus put it this way, "What does it profit a man if gains the whole world yet forfeits his soul?" (Mark 8:36)

In triumphs and tragedies, our God and Father is there. He encourages us when we are downcast. He rejoices with us when we are triumphant. He lovingly rebukes us when we become wayward.

He is a good and great loving Father who is always seeking to bring about our greatest good and His greatest glory. Earthly fathers are important and they can be a blessing. However, there is nothing like a heavenly Father who whispers in our ear, "I'm so proud of you!"

Have a happy Father's Day,
Pastor Brian

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

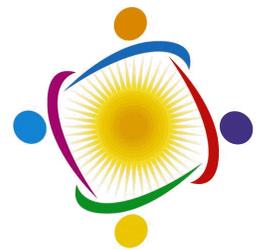
Izzie Frazier	1st
Travis Wood	1st
Ben Cheatwood	7th
Katelyn Vargas	7th
Denny Spearman	12th
Ricky Clement	16th
Caragan Lee	18th
Brandon Barnes	22nd
Tommy Tomblason	22nd
Gaila Clark	23rd
Darlene Hay	28th
Brandy Collins	29th
Courtney Henderson	29th
Jane Phipps	29th
Brian Frazier	30th
Steve Sutton	30th



CHARLIE'S CHATS



COME JOIN US



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection with Others

Each Sunday

at

9:30 a.m.



FELLOWSHIP
Saturday, June 13
from 12 to 2 p.m.



JULY 5 - JULY 10, 2015

WEEKLY EVENTS

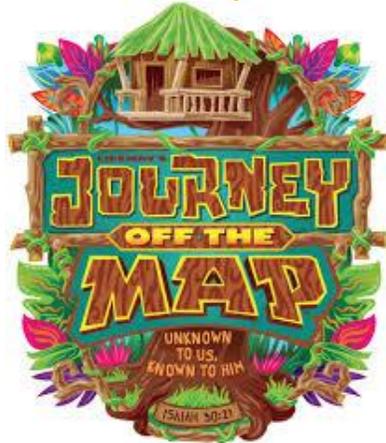
Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE
FATHER'S
DAY
June 21



July 27-31

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



SUPPORT
HOPE FOR
BOSSIER
Food
Pantry

