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#### **Upcoming Events**

- June 12<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> LRBA Mid-year Session 6:00pm Nightly
  - June 18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> Graduate Sunday
  - In person Prayer meeting at 6:30pm and Bible study at 7:00pm every Wednesday night!

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### A Moment in Black History

June 4, 1919 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, passed by Congress.

**June 14, 1989 -** Congressman William Gray is elected Democratic Whip of the House of Representatives, the highest-ranking leadership position ever held by an African American in Congress.

**June 18, 1991 -** City Auditor Wellington Webb is elected mayor of Denver, Colo. He is the first African American to hold the post.

#### HOW FATHER'S DAY ORIGINATED

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2021 occurs on June 20.



In other countries–especially in Europe and Latin America–fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19.

#### **Keeping In Touch**

Hello fellow church members and friends. I hope everyone is staying safe and practicing social distancing. I would like to encourage anyone who would like to write an article or have some information, or an upcoming event that they would like to be in the newsletter, please email me at <u>fbcltonnc@gmail.com</u> or drop it off at the church. In case you would like to submit an article for the upcoming month newsletter, you would need to have it in by the last Wednesday of the month. So if you would like to do an article for the month of March, you would need to turn it in no later than February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely, Kanisha Addison Executive Secretary

# **Encouraging Fathers**

We are well aware that Father's Day doesn't have the same celebration, advertisement, support as Mother's Day. When an athlete gets any camera time, he or she will normally shout out "Hi Mom" during that time. Many households are absent of fathers and because of neglect and issues with the mothers, men who are real fathers don't get the honor or encouragement.

The book of Proverbs has several chapters of one-way conversations of a father teaching and encouraging his son. When there is an active and supportive father, children have a greater backing. Dads have a major role in the family and oftentimes it can be taken for granted. The responsibility of provision and protection sound simple but carries a lot of weight. So how can we as a community of faith inspire men in fatherhood. Katie T. Kennedy give a couple of ways we can encourage men on Father's Day.

In this article, Katie shared that we must acknowledge their efforts. We see the responsibility that mothers have and applaud them when Mother's Day comes. Men who take on the responsibility of fatherhood, in many cases, take it on without a manual or example of what a father should do. They have to make tough decisions and have to take the unpopular route of parenting. He may not make all the right decisions, but his presence and efforts should not only be acknowledged but also celebrated. Like a good mother, fathers tend to not only impact their children but other children in church, school, and community.

Katie also suggests that we acknowledge their burdens. Because many men don't have a manual of fatherhood, the burden of it can be overwhelming. Whether they are currently with their children or in a blended relationship, the responsibility of a father is major and important. This burden can come from unresolved issues from the man's past development, relationship, and life. As God, who is our Heavenly Father, works on the father, the father is strengthen for the responsibility and in many cases, destroys generational curses and gives their children an opportunity of better start of adulthood.

Jesus shows the need to keep the relationship with the Father so we should encourage fathers to strengthened their relationship with the Father and fortify their connection with their children.

From an article on Crosswalk.com written by Katie T. Kennedy

### Vacation Bible School June 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm nightly

## Theme: "I'VE GOT THIS! With Jesus"

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13, NLT)