

## THANK GOD FOR FATHERS

The book *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* tells the story of two men with the same name. Both were born in Maryland. Both grew up with single mothers. Both had run-ins with the police by the time they were 11-years-old. But at this point their stories part, *drastically*.

One Wes Moore became a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Johns Hopkins. He eventually became a Rhodes Scholar. He served as a White House Fellow under former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and he is also an Afghanistan combat veteran. This Wes Moore wrote the book *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*, which is a series of reflections on his life and the life of the man with whom he shares a name.

As for the other Wes Moore? He currently resides in Jessup Correctional Institute's maximum-security unit. He is serving a life sentence without parole for his part in the shooting death of a Baltimore police officer.

The author, we'll call him the "good" Wes Moore, wrote the book to demonstrate not the differences between his life and that of the other Wes Moore, but the similarities. In particular, he wanted to show what it's like to grow up without a father in the house.

"My mother could teach me to be a good person," said the author in a *USA Today* interview, "but she couldn't teach me to be a good man." Moore credits family members and teachers with that, men who intervened in his life after his father died when he was only 3.

The other Wes Moore saw his father only three times in his life. It was during the third and final visit that Wes Moore's father looked up from a drunken stupor and asked, "Who are you?" The rest is tragic history.

Two men, with the same name, yet drastically different life outcomes. All because of the presence, or lack thereof, of a male figure in their lives. As Roland Warren, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative, says, "Fatherless kids have a hole in their soul in the shape of their fathers, and it leaves a wound that is not easily treated."

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.  
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your might.*

*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.  
You shall teach them diligently to your children,  
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,  
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

Grace & Peace  
Derek

### Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,  
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244  
**YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE**

## Family News & Notes

- **Peggy Crouch** will have rotator cuff surgery **Friday, June 22**.
- **Dave Keffer** is home.
- **Peggy McGowen's** cancer is back.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Helen Denton, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Tom MacMillan, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Emily Ready, Jerry Richardson, Jack Usery Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Jane Winstead, Jeanette Williams.

**REHAB:**

**SHUT-INS:** Mary Lou Bennett, Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorenson, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Lynn Stalnaker, Helen Weathers.

**FAMILY:** Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Pam Edwards, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Mary Jackson, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Chris Weatherford, Ray Yearwood.

**HOSPICE:** Lula Whittle

### SYMPATHY

Goodman Oaks would like to extend our sincere sympathy to **Kathi Jones and Family** at the passing of **Phillip Jones**. Services were Friday.

### WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a Wedding shower for Groom Elect, Casey Bailey and his Bride Elect, **Rebecca Dean**, today, from **3:00PM until 4:30PM**. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Williams Sonoma.

### COIN CANS

Paragould coin cans are here. If you would like a can, please see **Tonja & Tristan Johnson** in the foyer. The cans will be collected in September.

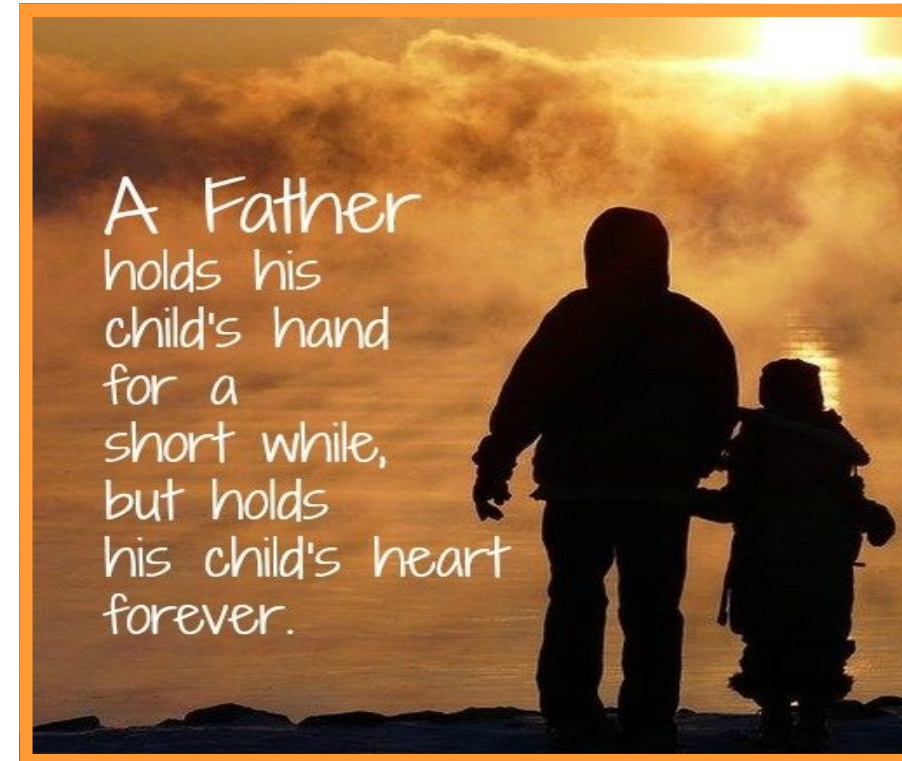
### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY'S "SIMPLE SUPPER"

Each **Wednesday** this summer from **5:45—6:45PM** dinner will be available in the FLC for the families of our KFC's and Little Lambs classes. Our elders will be joining us for a good time of fellowship as we get to know each other better. There will be a different menu each week but the cost will be the same, \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, ages 3 and under will be free. **June 20** will be pizza and salad bar.

## INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP

Reminders . . .

☞ **SHARE** will not meet today.



### JULY BBQ

Our annual 4th of July BBQ is always a great time of fellowship as we celebrate our nation's birthday. This year we will be having our annual BBQ on **Sunday, July 1**, as a congregational fellowship meal following our morning worship service.

The menu will be BBQ, buns, sauce, cole slaw, baked beans, and corn on the cob. To offset the cost of this meal we ask that **adults pay \$5**, kids **ages 4-10 pay \$3**, while children ages 3 and under are free. **Matthew**

### VBS JULY 15—18

- VBS Volunteer meeting on **Sunday, June 24** immediately following AM worship in Pathfinders Classroom (17/18).
- **Sunday, June 24**, is last day to pre-order a t-shirt if you would like one.
- **Sunday, July 8**, is our VBS work day to start setting up.
- Members—please bring empty toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls. (We need about 300). We will have a bucket set up in the lobby with a sign to drop these in.

### YOUTH NEWS

#### SUMMER THURSDAY NIGHTS

During the summer, on Thursday's, we will have a weekly teen event. **Thursday, June 21** we are planning to go to a ropes course!

#### GRAND ISLAND, NE MISSION TRIP

The dates are **June 26 - July 2**. If you are planning to go please let **Jared** know so he can plan for transportation and housing. While there, we will do service projects around Grand Island, lead Wednesday Night and Sunday worship services, and encourage the Brothers and Sisters in the area churches.

