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EDITORIAL: A FATHER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FAMILY

Fatherhood is the greatest opportunity in the world- to have children and watch them grow at various stages of life. (Bill Bell)

To be a father carries with it an awesome responsibility. It is not just contributing to the creation and birth of a new life but ensuring that that new life is loved, nurtured and cared for in every way.

In the Bible fathers are instructed to bring up their children with Christian discipline and instruction. They are also advised against "provoking their children to wrath". This suggests that fathers are expected to be the spiritual leaders in their families. Additionally, fathers need to ensure that the emotional needs of family members are being adequately met. It is felt that the relationship that a father shares with his daughter will have a lasting effect on how she relates to other men in her life. In the same way, a son will tend to emulate his father in how he relates to members of the opposite sex.

Although fathers are expected to provide for the material needs of their families, they need to realize that it is not how much they contribute financially that matters most, but rather the quality time spent building relationship with family. Christian fathers should always pray for their children even when they are grown. Job—that patriarch of old—did just that and it certainly paid off.

It is my hope that in these days when male role models are hard to come by, fathers will "step up to the plate" and assume their rightful place in their families.

Earle B. Irvin

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PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Today is Fathers' Day. We pray that God will bless all the fathers in the world and guide them to be good role models and loving to all children. Give them, Heavenly Father, grace and patience to handle parental situations in a loving way. Help these men, O God, to feel appreciated and recognize that they have an invaluable contribution to make in this world. Amen.

June Birthdays: Happiness to you on your day!

Dave Campbell 1st	Leanord Bucknor 9th	Micol Israel 9th	Marilyn Melvin 11th	Veronica Allen 13th	Daphne Reid 17th
Karlene Wedderburn 20th	Pauline Brown 23rd	Leroy Corey 25th	Joslyn Spence 26th	Beverly Peddlar 26th	Nicola Nagheer 26th

JUNE REMINDERS

June 1 marks the beginning of the Hurricane Season

- 15th Fathers' Day  
Fathers' Day Concert
- 22nd Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Sunday
- 27th Health Fair
- 29th Exchange of Pulpit

Up-coming Events

- July 13th Harvest Thanksgiving Ingathering Services
- July 26th Circuit Beach Trip Puerto Seco Beach

June Wedding Anniversaries

	Lurline & Micol Israel celebrated 17 years of marriage on June 7.
	Annette & Winston Tracey celebrated 17 years of marriage on June 7.
	Claudette & Victor Taylor celebrate 14 years of marriage on June 19.
	Winsome & Gregory James celebrate 9 years of marriage on June 25.

## Especially for you Fathers: We honour you

Let us honour those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us honour those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us honour those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us honour those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us honour those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us honour those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us remember those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us honour those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us honour those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us honour those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us remember those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

*(Original author Kirk Loadman)*



**Remember to pray for the sick and shut-in members of the church and in our surrounding communities.**

**Here is a list of our sick and shut-in members:**

Port Maria Class: Sis. Audrey Maxwell; Sis. Emma Scarlette-Grant; Sis. Ionie Thomas; Trinity Class: Sis. Inez Graham; Valerie Melbourne; Sis. K. Spence; Sis. Loretta Reid; Mason Hall Class: Sis. Gwendolyn Byfield; Galina Class: Sis. Daphne Reid; Sis. Violet Daley; Cox Street Class: Sis. Georgina Peart; Bro. Lucan Scott; Sis. Adassa Reddie.

### **Advice from three older men and fathers to young men on how they are to live in this world today:**

**Bro Vernon Allen:** Learn to be obedient, listen to the advice of others and be honest. Many young men are quite nice in appearance but they are not honest. Be respectful. Be careful of how you address others, especially your parents. Choose your friends wisely and always ask if this friendship will be good for me. Be truthful. Finally, always act in a way that will cause people to love you.

**Bro Leroy Corey:** God calls young men because they are strong (Ecclesiastes 12). You are included. A call as important as this from God should never be ignored or its response be delayed. Regardless of how exciting things look in the world, they are all temporary-just lasting for a moment. There is nothing important enough to substitute to answering the call to God. Therefore young men you should be living for God.

**Bro Fitzroy Hylton:** Live at a particular standard and focus so you can be a good example and influence to others. Be respectful. Talk with both the younger and older generation with respect. Be a 'big brother' or mentor. Encourage other men. Be thoughtful. Be honest in dealing with others.

**We welcome your ideas and suggestions.**

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