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Family Ministries

Fathers What Kind Of Legacy Will You Leave?

Since the death of my Dad in November I've been pondering the reality that my siblings and I are now the Elders of our family....Wait! What!? Y'all, we're not ready! That's a BIG responsibility to fill our parent's shoes. As we sit around and reminisce about; family dinners, special occasions, and relocations (we are Army brats each of us born in a different state) we all agree on a similar memory that being the legacy our parents left us. They loved the Lord.

They lived out their love for the Lord. It was seen in how they related to each other, us, and others. Since this is a Father's Day article I'll speak about my Dad. One of the most precious memories I have is seeing my Dad kneeling at the side of his bed at night praying. He did this even during his battle with Alzheimer's. In the morning he would thank Jesus for another day to serve Him.

Dad believed every person put in his path during the day was God appointed. He would stop and help someone broken down on the side of the road without a second thought. He would also help the widow down our street by taking care of her lawn and edge the entire street on his way. He volunteered faithfully in our church benevolence program until he could no longer drive. He took communion to the shut-ins and started a tape ministry (tons of cassettes) of the pastor's sermon and sweet music from their era for those in nursing homes.

I could go on and on but the point I'm trying to make is what kind of Legacy will we leave for the generations coming behind us? Here are a couple of questions to think about:

Does my life reflect my relationship with Christ daily?

Do I rely on my faith during good and bad times?

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 "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.



Preschool

Additions to the Parent Handbook: <u>Medication</u>

The center does not administer medication

However, we will administer medication if not giving the child medication will cause a life or death situation. **Clean Ups**

Wet Clothing. Children's wet or soiled clothing shall be stored in individual plastic bags immediately after being removed from the child. Because of the above statement that is in the rules and regulations of the Bright From the Start Handbook we reserve the right to throw away any clothes we deem are too soiled to send home with a child. **If you do not have a Parent Handbook please stop by the office and pick one up.**

Summer Camp: June 5th is the first week of Summer Camp and we are anticipating a great group of children that want to have lots of fun. Our promise to you is that we will deliver! Some of the activities we have planned for the summer are; golf, swimming, cooking. Camp this year will be in the Turner England Room.

VBS: Vacation Bible School starts Monday June 5th and ends on June 9th.

Chapel: We will not have chapel for the summer. Chapel will resume in September.

Vacation: All children receive one half rate per year as a vacation week. Therefore parents are required to pay half of that week's tuition. All other weeks require full payment whether your child is in attendance or not. Vacation weeks should be paid for before you leave for vacation so that you do not incur a \$50.00 late charge.

New Employees: Rebecca Gojda and Allena Harris are also joining us for the summer. Please welcome them when you see them in the classrooms.

*We would like to thank the Woodlawn Sunday School class for allowing us to use their classroom for summer camp!



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EPHESIANS 3:20

Dear Woodlawn Faithful,

Immeasurably More!

The time of transition for pastors creates the most difficult part of being United Methodist in a connectional system. We find ourselves filled with sorrow as we say "good-bye" in preparation for "beginning again." Some before me have found it helpful through the years to consider transition in ministry as though one is reading an interesting novel. We complete one chapter never knowing what the next has to offer. There is always a sense that the author has prepared some nice surprises to follow. So is the case with our "comings" and "goings" of United Methodist pastors. We trust that the mighty power of God moves with and through our conference, congregations, ministers and their families.

I count it a privilege to have served as your pastor for more than nine years, 437 sermons, 127 PTA meetings and 2 sons-in-laws! Amy and the girls, Jamy, Ali, Jean-Ann, Amanda, Mimi, and I made Augusta home and you opened wide your arms and hearts and made us family! We cherish the meaningful relationships and ministries brought through our mission together to "make disciples of Jesus Christ!" Mt 28.19

As we (the McCollough family) and you (the Woodlawn family) prepare for the next divine appointment... to Him who is able to do <u>immeasurably</u> <u>more</u> than all we could ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Amy, the girls, Mimi and I wish to thank you for the showering of love and fellowship on "We Are "Family" Sunday! We are so grateful to be a part of God's family that God keeps adding to, daily. Welcome Grayson, Caroline, Camden, and Maddy. We are Family! Eph 2.19

Rev Jim

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