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Father's Day is almost upon us. I find it interesting that the one day of the year when most phone calls are made is Mother's Day, while the one day of the year when the most collected calls are made is (you guessed it) Father's Day.

Some of us were given hands-on fathers, while others had fathers who were somewhat distant and not engaged. Sadly, some have dads who have abandoned them altogether. And some have fathers who have died.

But there is one thing that we all have in common, regardless of what kind of father we have had on earth: We have a Father in Heaven. And regardless of how our fathers on earth have treated us, for better or worse, we have a Father in Heaven who has always been there and always will be there.

Honoring our heavenly father is one of the best reasons to recognize this holiday.

In fact, one of the greatest stories in the Bible comes from Jesus's story of a father and his two sons: One day, the younger son essentially said to his father, "Dad, I'm sick of your rules and I'm tired of waiting around for you to die. Just give me my portion of the inheritance now so I can get away from this house."

Amazingly, the father did what his son requested and gave him his portion of the inheritance that day. That son went away to a far country and wasted all of his money on living the high life. His brother even accused him of wasting money on illicit things as well. Not long before, he felt alone and took a job feeding some man's pigs. One day, he was so desperate and hungry that he was thinking about eating the pigs' food.

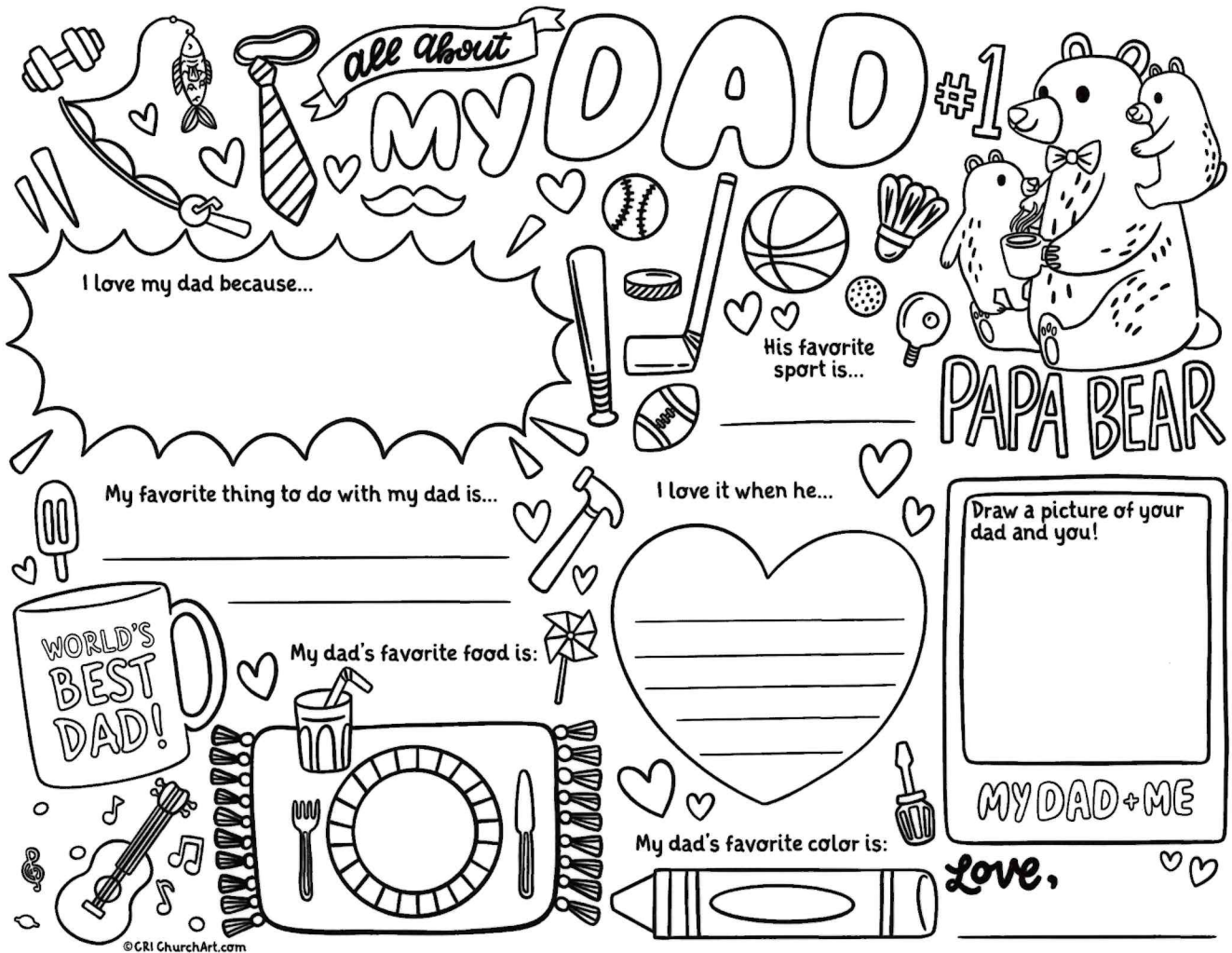
Once he realized how terrible his situation was, he decided to go home and say, "Dad, I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Just hire me as your servant, and I will work any job you ask."

When the father saw his son coming, he ran to him, threw his arms around him, and without hesitation said, "Welcome home, son. My son who was once dead is now alive. He who was once lost is now found." At that moment, they had a party to celebrate his return.

That is a picture of our heavenly father and how he looks at each one of us. We may not have the perfect father in this world, but we have the perfect one in Heaven—a father who never abandons us and never fails.

But this beautiful story also offers a picture of the challenges in raising our own kids. Even when children are raised in a godly home, they sometimes rebel. In fact, some of the most notorious sinners are preachers' kids. Franklin Graham, for example, once said he wanted to do everything his father, Billy Graham, told him not to do. But Franklin's mother, Ruth, kept praying, and he eventually came around and committed his life to Christ.

Father's Day is an opportunity to be reminded of all these things: our perfect father and how His work never fails even when we might fall short. *~Pastor Mark*



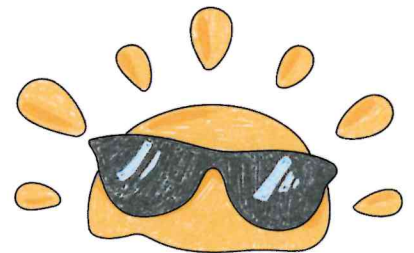


Join us for  
*Worship & Family Fun*  
at Inspiration Hills!!

*WORSHIP* will begin at 10:30am outdoors at Inspiration Hills on Sunday, June 30. (There will not be a service in the church that day)

*LUNCH* will be catered and served following the worship service.

*STAY THE AFTERNOON* and spend quality time with your church family & friends swimming in the pool and playing games!



We're excited for a *FUN* day of worship & fellowship!  
(rain or shine)

*MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND and INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!*



This year we are asking for donations to help cover the cost of the meal.

Donations can be dropped off at the office or put in the offering - designated to Inspiration Hills Meal in the memo.



## **PROJECTION**

JUNE 1	Loree Walton
JUNE 8	Heather Mesman
JUNE 15	Kaileen Roelofs
JUNE 22	Jacob Gaul
JUNE 29	Inspiration Hills Worship

## **VIDEO**

JUNE 1	Aisayah Moss
JUNE 8	Reid Van Voorst
JUNE 15	Brian Sipma
JUNE 22	Kaileen Roelofs
JUNE 29	Inspiration Hills Worship

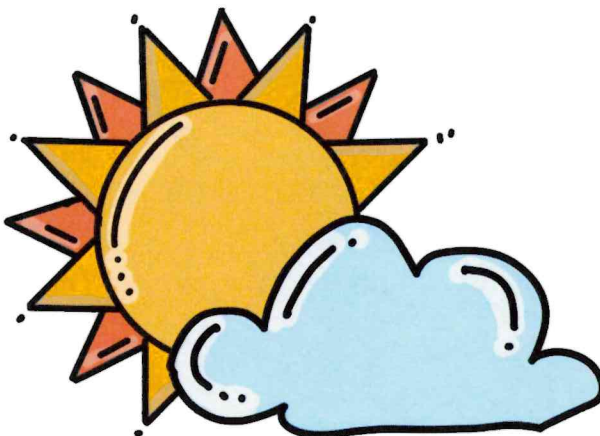


## **USHERS**

JUNE 1	Craig Moss, Dean Hoogeveen
JUNE 8	Denny Kelderman, Dwayne Hansmann
JUNE 15	Denny Kelderman, Dwayne Hansmann
JUNE 22	Galen Breuer, Harlo Vink
JUNE 29	Inspiration Hills Worship

## **NURSERY**

JUNE 1	Alex & Jacob Van Der Wilt
JUNE 8	Casey Schafer, Jacob Gaul, Vanessa Wissink
JUNE 15	Marsha Moss, Justin Sipma, Peyton Van Roekel
JUNE 22	Brad & Donna Wallenburg
JUNE 29	Inspiration Hills Worship



Reserve **WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH**  
to serve at **THE BANQUET**  
in Sioux Falls.



We will need **6 volunteers** to prepare the meal  
from **2:00pm-5:00pm**  
**20 volunteers** to serve the meal  
from **5:15pm-8:00pm**



SIGN UP AT THE CONNECTION  
CENTER TODAY!

ADDRESS: 900 E 8<sup>TH</sup> St, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Ages 10 & older may serve in the dining room, 13 and older may serve in the kitchen  
No open-toed shoes, casual pants/long shorts



We are excited to be a part of the

### **Heart & Soles Ministry program!**

This program is designed to meet the shoe need of families that have extra financial challenges during the back-to-school season.



Look for the clothes line in the great hall mid-June and prayerfully consider helping a child with a new pair of shoes!



The kids collected a total of \$2160.67 for  
Kaden's Kloset--that is 54 first night packs!  
Praise the Lord!  
We'll have a new quarter project in the fall.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Please continue to save EMPTY PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES.

Ida (441-4092) is looking for people who would like to help with several projects this summer to prepare for packing boxes in early winter.

- 1.) Crocheting
- 2.) Possible small sewing project
- 3.) Working with a group to organize individual school and craft supplies

## GRACE COVENANT MINISTRIES MISSION TRIP UPDATE July 27-August 2



No special skills needed, just a willing heart to serve. There are jobs for everyone. Transportation costs and room & board will be paid for with money raised at the Church Mission Auction for any member of ARC.

Join us as we be the hands & feet of Jesus! **A sign up sheet is at the Connection Center.** If you have any questions, please contact Ken or Ida Evertse.

We again plan to take donations for the Trade Store with us. Last year your donations were greatly appreciated by the workers and the shoppers at the trade store!

**There is a table in the Great Hall to bring your donations.**

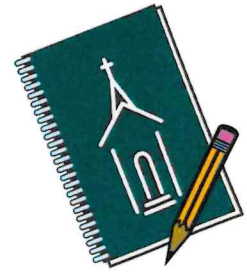


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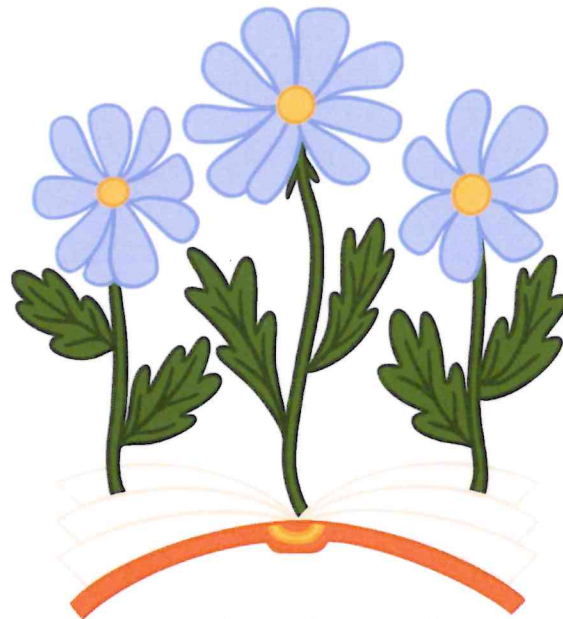
- Kids' Clothes of all sizes
- Adult Clothing
- Shoes
- Blankets
- Books (especially kids) games, toys and puzzles
- Kitchen Items

# MAY CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

*by Carolyn Goold*



- As of May 25, we have switched to the new program for the messages and images viewed on the screens.
- There are opportunities for some new people to help with Sunday School and Wednesday night programs.
- We will be expanding our participation in the Shoebox program through Samaritan's Purse this year. Ken & Ida have been getting information about things we could send.
- On July 16 we will serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls.
- The dates for the Mission Trip to Kentucky are July 27 - August 2, 2025. There is still room for volunteers.



**Spend time with God this summer**



***God's blessings  
through the  
generations***

**Prayer Warrior**

**Annville Institute/Grace Covenant Ministries**

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**Phone 606-364-5151**

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**May, 2025**

**"Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as  
enduring as the earth you created. "**

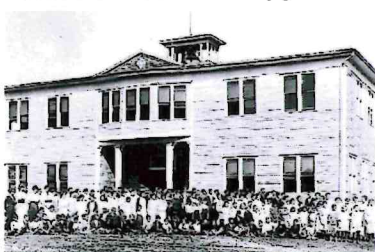
**Psalm 119:90 (NLT)**

Change is a constant in our lives, and organizations are no exception. In the early 1900s, Rev. William Worthington rode a horse to a hill in Annville, KY, where he envisioned a boarding school with a farm to support its educational mission. This setup was necessary due to limited transportation for students. His mission was to improve the lives of the mountain people.

As times have changed and travel has improved, the necessity for the boarding school disappeared. Over the years, many buildings have been repurposed, and programs have adapted to meet the community's evolving needs. This evolution has been possible because of your support and involvement. However, the vision of making a difference in the community by sharing the love of Christ has remained the same.

Some of the changes in the process now include rehabilitating Lincoln Hall (formerly the main classroom building on campus) into a community cultural arts and event center. The building that was initially built to house a milking parlor is now being converted into a youth center. A former storage building is being transformed into a new maintenance shop. Some of these projects have been in progress for several years as we wait for funds to advance the work. But it is gratifying to see the progress being made, as we are reminded that God is faithful.

We are thankful for the support from individuals, organizations, and churches, which has allowed us to enhance our campus. Generous contributions, grants, and the hard work of volunteers have significantly helped our improvements. We hope all who pass through the campus gates will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as we strive to share Christ's love with those we serve in Appalachia.



**Original Lincoln Hall**

**Rebuilt Lincoln Hall 1923**

**Lincoln Hall Fall 2024**

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**SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUND OFFERING**

January ..... Love, INC  
February ..... Sr. ARCYF  
March ..... Gideons  
April ..... Sunday School Anniversary Fund  
May ..... Living Stone Prison Church  
June ..... Amistad Cristiana  
July ..... Village Northwest  
August ..... Jr High RCYF  
September ..... Grace Covenant Ministries  
October ..... Inspiration Hills  
November ..... Bruce & Tamar DeJong  
December ..... Center of Hope