



# Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

## Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

Sue Brockman—church neighbor, well-being  
 Charles Harris—upcoming P.E.T. scan  
 Linda Phillips' family—bereavement, uncle  
 Carol Kimberlin—rehab and recovery  
 Shirley McEver—back surgery—June 11  
*Ron Meek's Aunt Auleen—health & well-being*  
*Ron Meek's neighbor*  
 Tom Montgomery & wife (Bob's brother)  
 Katie Myers (Konnor's mom)—health

### Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom Anderson—health & well-being  
 Beverly & Mike Beardain—health/memory;  
 Chad Beardain, thanksgiving  
 Shelley & Allen Cloud—health  
 Bette Fehrle—health  
 Gary Goree—pray for surgery on his left eye  
 Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy  
 Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health  
 Toni Huntley—guidance  
 Danny Imhoff—health  
 Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—radiation  
 Littleton family—unspoken  
 David May—health/thanksgiving  
 Chris McEver  
 Pam & Ron Sherrod  
 David Smith—friend of Mark Handley, heart issues  
 Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—health  
 Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter  
 Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—declining health  
 Government officials

### PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

Heather Riggins; Floyd & Twila Howard's grandson

### Our Homebound

Sam Castleberry  
 Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burleson, TX)  
 Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace, Bethany)  
 Justine Hoel (Bellevue, Room 446A)

### Our College Students & Graduates

Hallie Benedict—Wichita State University  
 Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University  
 Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University  
 Miekha Pietzsch—University of Oklahoma  
 Makenna Vess—OCCC  
 Kaylie & Mikah Rocco, Harper Montgomery

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a  
 righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

## June Birthdays

11 Kimi Snipes  
 12 Linda Phillips  
 13 Chris Fitzpatrick  
 Michael Kimberlin  
 19 Sam Castleberry  
 22 Harper Montgomery  
 25 Verda Holland  
 26 Kelly Witten  
 30 Mike Beardain

Please mark your calendars  
 for Rachel & Daniel's Wedding Shower, July 6.  
 There is a sign-up list in Fellowship Hall. We need to  
 have a count for the number for lunch.  
 This will be Rachel's final Sunday with us.



**Falls Creek.  
Youth camp  
is July 7.**

**Cost: \$115 for  
church  
members;  
\$135 for  
nonmembers.**

## No Evening Services Next Week on Father's Day

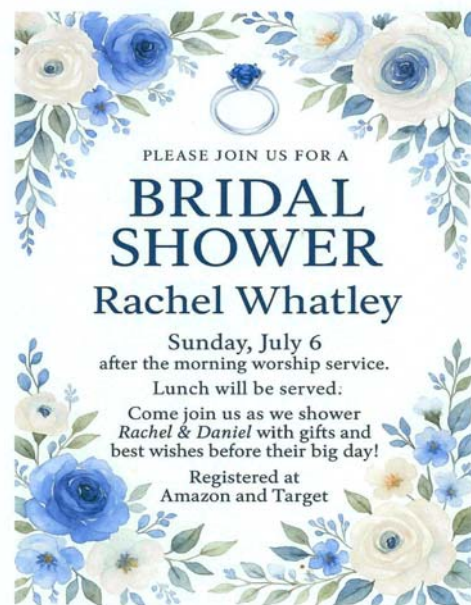


"The just man  
 walketh in his  
 integrity: his  
 children are  
 blessed after  
 him"  
 (Proverbs 20:7).

## Guess What!

Can you identify this photo on the right? It  
 comes from Young Musicians Camp years  
 ago. What is that mess? (Thanks, Billy Tuter,  
 for providing this photo.)

<b>Stewardship</b> for Morning	<b>6/8/2025</b>
Budget Receipts:	\$3,257.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,894.57
Over/Under:	<b>\$637.57</b>
Camp Food:	\$80.00
T.A.B.:	\$20.00
Operation Christmas Child:	\$20.00
Annie Armstrong:	\$25.00
Lottie Moon:	\$25.00



# Dads Matter

**I read a startling statistic this morning.** The Christian Business Men's Committee did a survey that revealed when the father is an active believer, the likelihood that the children in a family will become active Christians is 75%. When only the mother is a believer, the likelihood of the children becoming Christians plummets to 15%. In other words, if a family's father follows Christ, there is a five times greater likelihood that that family's children will trust Christ. Even more troubling are the statistics on fatherless homes. The Census Bureau reports that nearly one in four children live apart from their biological fathers (<https://www.niussp.org/family-and-households/americas-single-parent-households-and-missing-fathers/>). That's nineteen million children. "Single-parent households with a father absent is the second most common U.S. living arrangement," and that has doubled since 1970. The US level is "more than three times the worldwide level." Those statistics worsen with minority households, with 50% of black families, 29% of Hispanic families, and 20% of white families "in father-missing households."

**In 1965, Daniel Patrick Moynihan**, then Assistant Secretary of Labor under Lyndon Johnson and later Senator from New York, produced a study, "The Negro Family: A Case for National Action," in which he tied "the decline of the nuclear family in the black community to social pathology, increasing welfare dependency and chronic poverty" (<https://www.theroot.com/remember-the-moynihan-report-1790866834>). Criticism of the Moynihan Report centered on Moynihan's belief that "any family form that did not include a two-parent nuclear family as unstable and pathological." Civil Rights activist Floyd McKissick, one of Moynihan's fellow liberals, blasted the report, saying "It assumed that middle-class American values are the correct values for everyone in America ... Moynihan thinks that everyone should have a family structure like his own." John Fund noted that faced with that kind of pushback, Johnson ignored the report's call to support policies that promoted family values (*National Review*, June 15, 2015).

**The Washington Post's William Raspberry** recounted that Moynihan was looking for statistics that would enable Johnson to "make the case for full-employment legislation" (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/opinions/1995/02/10/moynihans-scissors/cfdce49c-4707-40f2-a8ee-f2c34767d263/>). What he discovered was that correlations between employment and some of the conditions of poverty showed family structure to be the most obvious. As joblessness fell, so did family separations. As unemployment increased, so did family separations. Moynihan said it was a correlation of .91 or .94, an almost "statistical perfection that doesn't happen in nature." Moynihan's study took place when out-of-wedlock births in the black community were about 25%; now they are 72%. A child without a dad is four times more likely to live in poverty (<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2020/demo/families/cps-2020.html>), "nine times more likely to drop out of school, and far more likely to battle identity confusion—including the suicidal disorientation surging among adoles-

cents," according to Tony Perkins (<https://washingtonstand.com/commentary/perkins-the-best-tool-for-a-fathers-toolbox->). Manhattan Institute scholar Heather Mac Donald testified in a US Commission on Civil Rights hearing ten years ago, "There are young black men who are being killed at ten times the rate of white and Hispanic young men combined. Any discussion of policing crime and race cannot ignore the black crime rate, and if you want to look at the causes, I think family breakdown is ... the most salient" (*National Review*, June 15, 2015).

**The Book of Proverbs contains counsel** King Solomon penned "to put godliness into working clothes," according to Derek Kidner (*The Proverbs, An Introduction and Commentary*, p. 35). It contains the words of a father to "my son" (1:8, 10, 15; 2:1; 3:1, 11, 21; 4:10, 20; 5:1, 20; 6:1, 3, 20; 7:1; 19:27; 23:15, 19, 26; 24:13, 21; 27:11; 31:2). Kidner explained, "This book is no anthology, but a course of education in the life of wisdom" (p. 22). Further, Kidner observed, Proverbs teaches "that you have to be wise to be really good... [and] you have to be godly to be wise" (p. 32). The book "seldom takes you to church. ... It calls across to you in the street about some everyday matter, or points thing out at home" (p. 35).

**Fathers are often known and remembered** for their sometimes-cryptic sayings. Some years ago, *USA Today* listed a few that might well find a place in your own Book of Proverbs. Some are amusing, some encouraging; all contain practical wisdom:

*"The man at the top of the mountain didn't fall there."*

*"Honesty is like a trail, once you get off it you realize you are lost."*

*"Remember who you are and where you came from."*

*"The second time you get kicked in the head by a mule it's not a learning experience."*

*"You need to do what you have to do before you can do what you want to do."*

*"You know what happens when you wrestle with pigs? You get all dirty and they love it."*

*"Successful people make a habit of doing things that failures don't like to do."*

*"You have to eat an elephant in small bites."*

*"A turtle on top of a fence post didn't get there by himself."*

**Pray for our nation's fathers this Father's Day.** We need them now more than ever to be the fathers God intended us to be. Fatherhood is a divine mandate, not a cultural trend that comes and goes. When God called Abraham, He said, "I know him, and he will command his children and his household after him" (Gen. 18:19). Paul told the Ephesian church, "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). It is our responsibility to teach and lead our children. Trying to outsource that to the government or to schools has led only to the current chaos we see in our nation. Pray for and encourage fathers.

**Brother Gary**

