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JUNE 2013: 'What a privilege!' "For as many as are lead by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we indeed suffer with Him, that we may be glorified together." (Romans 8:14-17)

When is the last time you gave a thought about the doctrine of adoption? If I had to give a guess, for the majority of us it would be, not recently. But, understand it is an important one. There is only One begotten Son of God, and that is Jesus. This means we are brought into the glorious family of God by different means.

Question 74 of the Larger Catechism gives a good definition of adoption. "What is adoption? Adoption is an act of the free grace of God in and for His Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of His children, have His name upon them, the Spirit of His Son given to them, are under His Fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of the promises, and fellow heirs with Christ in glory."

In the adoptive process, a baby or young person is chosen specifically by the adoptive parents. Many choose the prettiest, the most perfect looking baby. Ben's baby doctor and his wife adopted six babies whose birth mothers did not want them. These babies were of different races, with various types of physical disabilities. This Christian couple already had children of their own, but chose to give these unwanted babies a loving and caring place where they would one day call, home.

This is exactly how our Lord is. The Lord does not choose us because we are beautiful or perfect. He chooses us because we are not perfect, that we are in desperate need of His mercy and grace. We did not reach out to Him, but He to us. "You did not choose Me, but I chose you." (Jn. 15:16a) In 1 John 4:10 John tells us; "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for sins.(mercy seat) Also, "We love Him because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) I am glad it is this way. If it rested on my getting to the place where I was good enough, the adoption would never take place. However, God takes the imperfect and perfects it by His marvelous grace in Jesus.

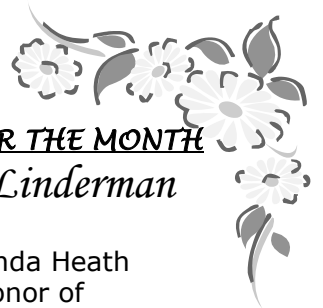
Because of His glorious grace extended, we are adopted into His eternal family. The Holy Spirit will be at work applying all of the precious promises of God in our lives. (see 2 Peter 1:5-9) When these are at work, we will realize the truth of Paul's words; "the Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (Romans 8:16a)

What a blessing it is to be in a family where strong bonds have been built, where the individual will experience a safe haven in midst of a harsh and unforgiving society. But godly men are needed. We know none of us are perfect, and at times make humongous mistakes. However, we must trust our Lord that He will indeed gives us the strength, and mold us into the men that our families, church family and that our society needs. Know that destructive forces are hard at work against what is holy and just. It will take more than just the normal effort to resist these forces. It will take the power of the living Lord God in our lives. We must allow God's word, which will endure forever, to be the first place we go to for guidance and direction. We may not be perfect fathers, but we do have a heavenly Father who loves and sustains. In Christ we are free to be all He wants us to be. Be strong in the Lord!
HAPPY FATHERS DAY DAD!

Love, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

June 2	Luke 15:11-20 "The Long Road Home"
June 9	Luke 15:25-30 "The Hardened Hypocrite's Heart"
June 16	Luke 15:20-24, 31-32 "The Love of Our Father"
June 23	Luke 9:18-21 "Who Is Jesus"
June 30	Acts 16:22-40 "Witnessing the Power of God"



FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH *Harriett Linderman*

June 2	Amanda Heath In Honor of Barbara Heath
June 9	BHS Class of 83 In Memory of DeIna Yarbro
June 16	Dr. and Mrs. Cavin In Honor/Memory of Our Fathers



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Lineberger, Rachael
Boswell, Mike	Locke, Ann
Boswell, Rick	Locke, Mike
Bridges, Lucille	Lupinsky, Logan
Cavin, Henry	McCain, Lisa
Culver, Anthony	Molder, Rose
Culver, Mary	Moncla, Luke
Culver, Michael	Moore, Martha Lou
Culver, Wayne	Moss, Charlie
Curtis, Cooper	Otis, Mike
Dungy, Louise	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Bobbie	Pugh, Kaleb
Goulder, Gordon	Rhodes, Geraldine
Goulder, Helen	Sanders, Laura
Goulder, Keith	Smith, Mary Frances
Griffin, Melanie	Stitt, Sam
Hill, Dana	Tyler, Jean
Hill, Joy	Welch, Jack
Hubbard, Kristi	Wells, Michael
Huffman, Linda	Wells, Whit
Krull, Lucy	Winford, Sherry
Legler, Don	Yarbro, Pam
Lewis, Adam	



Wedding Anniversaries

June 14	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell</i>
June 16	<i>Mr. and Mrs. John Scott</i>
June 17	<i>Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Cavin</i>
June 18	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Terry Goulder</i>
June 23	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Goulder</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

June

June 2	Helen Woods
June 9	Stephanie Moore
June 16	Margarette Alsbrook
June 23	Amanda Heath
June 30	Rhonda Goulder

CHILDRENS SERMON – June

June 2	John Moore
June 9	Nick Goulder
June 16	
June 23	
June 30	Leslie Alsbrook



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Dana Walker	8 Amanda Trotter	18 Louise Dungy
3 Rachel Lynn Goulder	Robert Rhodes	22 Alexi Starnes
6 Laura Sanders	Richard Cannon	23 Carolyn Sides
Zane Hill	11 Colton Boswell	24 Shane Maxwell
7 Barbara Heath	Jerry Molder	Aden Campbell
Mary Frances Bennett	12 Christi Miller	25 Faye Smith
Susan Cavin	13 Ruth Anne Goulder	30 Leslie Alsbrook
	17 Shelley Legler	Marlee Smith
	Stephanie Moore	Sara Griffin

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THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Alton Woods. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Alton at 901-837-8950.

JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

GRADUATION LUNCHEON: On Sunday June 2nd there will be a Graduation Luncheon for the graduates! Congratulations to all of you!

GO1 DINNER: On Wednesday June 5th @ 6:00 P.M. there will be a GO1 dinner for Youth leaders and Teachers.

BONCLARKEN GIFT BRUNCH is Saturday June 8th so get those crafts and gifts ready and make plans on attending this brunch!

MOVIE NIGHT: On Saturday June 8th the Men's Ministry is planning another Movie Night.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 16th – 20th!

THANK YOU! The MVP Campers would like to thank everyone who came out and supported their luncheon on Sunday May 19th. It was a huge success. Another Luncheon will be on **June 30th** serving up a Summer Salad Plate, bread, dessert and a drink.

Sponsorships are also encouraged. If you would like to sponsor a camper please see Nick or Joanna!

MVP Camp is held at Camp of the Rising Son in French Camp, MS. See Joanna for a packet. Date is July 15 to July 20 for Ages 8 – 18. Cost is \$250 for non church members and \$125 for members.

CAMPERS! Get your forms turned in ASAP!

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH will have a Kick-Off Party on July 31st. *ICE CREAM AND WATERMELON!!!!*