

The Origin of Father's Day

By David Bragg

In 1911 Anna Jarvis achieved her dream of a national day honoring mothers. But decades would pass before fathers would be so honored. The state of Washington was the first to have a Father's Day, thanks to Sonora Dodd whose own father, Civil War veteran and widower William Jackson Smart, reared six children as a single parent (history.com). While Dodd pushed for June 5, 1910, her father's birthday, she was content when Gov. M. E. Hay designated July 19, 1910 as the first Father's Day (history.com).

This spawned national efforts to establish a Father's Day with advocates like William Jennings Bryan and presidents Wilson, Coolidge and Lyndon Johnson. However, an all-male Congress was hesitant, fearing that if they passed such a resolution it would appear to be self-serving. So, Father's Day had no official, national observations until 1971 when President Richard Nixon appointed the third Sunday of each June as Father's Day. On that day, at the age of 90, Sonora Smart Dodd along with the entire nation observed the very first national day honoring dads.

While having annual days to honor mothers and fathers is nice, it is of far greater importance for children to honor their parents on a daily basis (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:2). And it was on the shoulders of parents that God would place the even greater obligation to live lives worthy of honor before their children. Godly parents will daily teach their children by word and example to love and obey God.

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

1 John 2:12-14



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Restoration*

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Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** June 19th, Arthur will be beginning to teach our study of Galatians. Be there at 6:30 if you want to learn.
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be June 30th at Endwell @ 4:30pm.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18. We are planning a Gospel tent meeting in River Front Park during this time (12-14). We have been soliciting some exciting Gospel music groups to edify the participants at the tent meeting.
- **Athens Street Fair-** July 19th & 20th. **Volunteers needed** to help with our church booth during this event. This will be our 3rd year to participate.
- **VBS –** August 10th here at the building with volunteers from Kittanning and Camp Hill churches. **We will need cookies, drinks and snacks! Volunteers to help the day go smoothly are always welcome.**
- **Next Potluck: next week? Anyone up for that?**



NEWS

- **Jackie** fell and cut her head at Darlene's house on Thursday. She was taken to the ER where they put 7 staples in the cut. Later, on Friday, she went to the ER a second time because of pain in her pelvic area and inability to walk. It was discovered that she had a fractured pelvis! **She is staying at the hospital in room 624.**
- **Sandy and Arthur enjoyed Gospel singing by several groups from the churches in the Rochester area yesterday evening. The range of style and the talent displayed was truly amazing and uplifting.**
- Remember the next regional singing on the 30th at Endwell.
- **The Sojourners will be here in a month. Let's all be ready for them!**
- **Ted and Jennifer**, along with Catherine and Ethan are vacationing at the beach in Wildwood, NJ, returning on Friday.

PRAYERS

- **Darlene** has been working with a lung specialist to deal with the coughing and other problems she has.
- Pray for **Jackie** to recover quickly from her fall and to be in minimum pain. Also pray for her family who are caring for her while she is incapacitated.
- Pray for **Sam** as he will be making the transition from Sayre to near Rochester later this summer.
- Pray for **Mark Elsbree**, who needs a kidney donor soon.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer. Also pray for her family.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer. Doctors have found additional spots on her lungs.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** –stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Stacy Jo's grandmother**, age 92, had a stroke a couple of weeks ago. Stacy lives in Waverly and attends the Horseheads church.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.
- Remember to pray for **Ronnie Jones** (stroke) and **Don Myers** (back pain). They both need our prayers.
- Please pray for a family who is feeling stressed following the loss of their father. **(prayer box)**
- Pray for our **Bible classes**, both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- Pray for success for the **Endless Mountains** church in Tunkhannock as they have their **VBS** June 25th.

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.