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Too many men today are not willing to assume their full and complete responsibility when they have taken part in the bringing of new life into this world. Many give excuses that they didn't have fathers

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around while growing up; they were abused as a child; they did not have positive role models; they came from poor families, their father was a drug addict, or an alcoholic, or imprisoned; or, and so on, and so on, and so on. But these are just that, "excuses" to justify their own refusal to accept and fulfill their responsibilities; and I believe that any man who is willing to take part in the bringing of life into this world, will not look for ways to excuse himself of this great responsibility. It is an honor and a privilege to be gifted by the Heavenly Father from above with children that come forth from one's seed. A "true father" will do everything in his power to see this new life that is part of him grow, develop, and have an opportunity for success. He will be there to correct him or her when correction is needed; discipline his child (or children) when discipline is needed; lend a listening ear always; sacrifice whatever is necessary in order that he or she has what is needed; and always be willing to express love, compassion, and forgiveness when the occasion calls for it. The "true father" will make sure that "his own" will not suffer from neglect caused by any of the very excuses he might have endured as a child.

In order for this to happen, "true fathers" must first be born again by the saving grace through faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord! Then, they need to look, study, and adhere to the absolute and inerrant Word of God. In Ephesians 5 and 6, there are biblical guidelines for daily living from our "Heavenly Father" for Christian fathers,

mothers, and children. These guidelines are not for the casual believer or those who merely profess to be Christians, but for those men, women, and children of God—the true born-again believers in Christ Jesus who are serious about living by "...every word which proceeds from the mouth of God!" These Christians are not swayed by society's trends, fashions, norms, or values; but they lean and depend on the absolute and eternal truths and principals taught in the Word of God—THE BIBLE.

These Christian fathers are not filled with wine or strong drink nor filled with lusts for the things of the world; but they are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Their talk is their walk! They practice what they preach! The Bible they carry and is read the most is their very lives they live! They are not being conformed to this world; but instead, are being transformed by the renewing of their minds through the

Word of God and by the filling of the Holy Spirit; consequently, changing their immediate family environment and the world! They know how to love their wives, respect their children, obey the authorities, and meet their spiritual, physical, environmental, and societal obligations. They do not look for excuses to get out of commitments; but rather, they look at the problems encountered in their home, on the job, in their church, or in the community as opportunities for Almighty God to fulfill the many promises He has given all those who believe in Him, have faith in Him, and trust Him to keep the promises given in His Holy Word. "True fathers" will look to their Heavenly Father for daily guidance and direction in being the father he was purposed and also equipped to live throughout his life on earth. May God bless all those men making that daily, sincere effort to be the father to their children God expects of them to be and to walk before their families. **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** In Jesus' Mighty name.



Michael D. and Sis. Mable L. Buford

Happy Father's Day, June 15, 2025, "What's Your Excuse For Neglecting Your Responsibility As A True Father?"

BY PASTOR MICHAEL D. AND
SIS. MABLE L. BUFORD

IN LOVING MEMORY of the Michael D. and Mable L. Buford Generations of Fathers

HAPPY HEAVENLY FATHER'S DAY!

"ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN A BLESSING TO OUR FAMILY
AND TO THE LIVES YOU TOUCHED IN EACH GENERATION"

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Edward Turner, Sr. - Father

Michael D. Buford Generations of Fathers



John 'Pa' Freeman - Great-Grandfather



Oscar Buford - Grandfather



Richard Bolden - Grandfather



Aubrey Lee Buford - Father

HAPPY HEAVENLY FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 15, 2025

(FATHER'S DAY QUOTES FOR ALL FATHERS
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY)

"Dad, your guiding hand on my shoulder will remain with me forever." - Unknown

"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." - Eskimo Proverb

"Say not in grief: 'He is no more,' but live in thankfulness that he was." - Hebrew Proverb

"Although our lives' journeys have bid us to be apart, I am with you, you are with me, always in our hearts." - Carolyn Ferrelra

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom." - Umberto Eco

"There is no expiration date on the love between a father and his child." - Jennifer Williamson

"You have been there for me, no matter what bad choices I might have made... you lovingly repaired my broken spirit, helped me plot a new course, and set me free to fly on my own once again. There is no greater love than that. You will always be special to me, and no matter where life takes me, I'll remember you with love." - Marilyn K. Deacon

"He didn't tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it." - Clarence Budington Kelland

"You will always be in my heart... because in there you're still alive." - Jamie Cirello

"When my father didn't have my hand, he had my back." - Linda Poindexter

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." - Unknown

"Deeply, I know this, that love triumphs over death. My father continues to be loved, and therefore he remains by my side." - Jennifer Williamson

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7)

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO

Rev. E.M. Phillips

FATHER, PASTOR, MENTOR, AND FRIEND

On Saturday, May 17, 2025, the beloved Pastor E.M. Phillips, Sr. exchanged time for eternity and peacefully returned to our Heavenly Father. His labor of family, ministry, service, and love will forever be cherished. We give God praise for a life well-lived and a journey completed. He was born February 6, 1935, in Bellville, Texas to Pink Phillips and Mary Ella Haywood.



THE TRAVELING ANGELS & REV. E.M. PHILLIPS,
PASTOR OF NEW PROSPECT BC, NEEDVILLE, TX

New Prospect Baptist Church for fifty-four years.

He was a giant of the gospel, who graciously stood for truth and pursued the anointed call on his life. As man of faith, he was filled with agape love. He was unwavering in his love and consistent in his concern for all people. He had a profound impact on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing

all and always had a heart of gold.

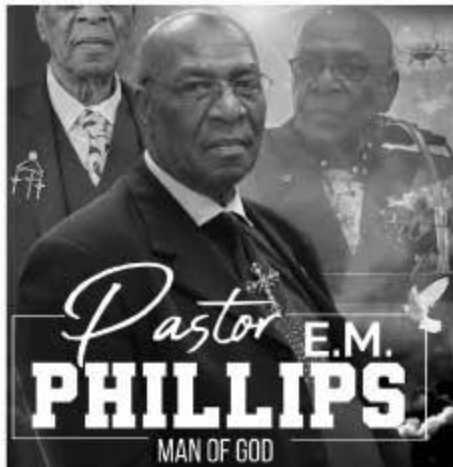
Pastor E.M. Phillips Sr. was not afraid of what God placed on his heart to do. He had a burning vision to see the lives of all people transformed by the revelation of God's Holy Word. He believed that all things were possible with God when you align yourself with God's Word, His will, and His plan for your life.



REV. & SIS. E.M. PHILLIPS, NEW PROSPECT BC,
NEEDVILLE ANNIVERSARY

He married the love of his life, Ozell Finex of Bleiberville, Texas on October 13, 1952. To this union, eleven children were born. He was extremely supportive of his family and strived daily as a man of love, faith, and integrity.

Pastor E.M. Phillips, Sr. was a beacon in the community and a man of many hats. He was called into the ministry, was mentored, and licensed to PREACH the Gospel on February 2, 1969 and was ordained to the WORK of "The Gospel Ministry" on December 30, 1969 by the Greater New Prospect Baptist Church under the ordaining Council Moderator, Reverend E.C. Crump and ordaining Council Clerk, N.A. Allen. Pastor Phillips was the founding pastor of the New Prospect Baptist Church and manager of the Quartet Gospel Group the Travel Angels Gospel Singers. Pastor Phillips had many professions throughout his life. He worked as a salesman at Mason Shoes, a truck driver for Mobil Oil Company, and a contractor at General Homes. He retired after serving twenty-five plus years as a bus driver and maintenance technician at the Needville Independent School District. Pastor Phillips was a respected figure. He faithfully served as Lead Pastor of the



him. He truly had incredible patience and always made time to help others with no exception of return. He was respectful to



REV. E.M. PHILLIPS OF NEW PROSPECT BC ON HIS
34TH PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



REV. E.M. PHILLIPS 48TH ANNIVERSARY

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Pastor Phillips was a dear friend and mentor. It is said if you have one or two "true friends" doing your lifetime, you are indeed blessed! I counted Pastor Phillips twice as a "true friend" because he was also a "true brother in the ministry of Jesus Christ" who oftentimes gave me counsel as a young Pastor which I highly valued and which helped me and the sheep I shepherded tremendously!

I came to know Pastor Phillips initially through our newspaper, THE GOOD NEWS MONTHLY, which he and New Prospect Baptist Church faithfully and consistently supported for over 32 years with their prayers, their encouragement, and their finances! Through the good times and the bad, Rev. Phillips and the New Prospect Baptist Church always showed up to support and "hope" us to continue our printed and digital Christian ministry to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I thank God for leading me to have been under the tutelage of Pastor Phillips wisdom, teaching, patience, humility, and love. His legacy extends much further than the many different and powerful ministries of his "sons in the ministry" who grew up in his church and were trained by him. His life has also had a definite impact on mine as a Pastor, Publisher, Teacher, and servant-leader of the Most High God; and consequently, on any person or persons God has and will direct me to provide ministry for His Glory, Honor, and Praise!

I am told that a survey was done, and they found out that many of the individuals who end up in prison, no matter the charge, had a common denominator that could not be overlooked. It was discovered that the common denominator was that those individuals as children were raised in a home where the father was absent or that he was not involved in those children's lives. In some cases, while the father might have been present in the home, he was certainly absent in his responsibilities in raising the children. It was not long after the survey that the media began airing shows that confirmed that indeed there were fathers of criminals who were negligent in their duties and who also displayed negative behaviors attributed to criminals. This correlation was the evidence that society wanted to reveal to confirm what they already believed but refused to acknowledge for some reason or the other. As investigations from the media grew into the family life of criminals charged and incarcerated, it got to the point that those individuals charged with crimes were expected not to have been in a home with a father present or having one who had little or no influence. I am a realist; so, I know that it may not be possible for some fathers to ever get back into the home with their children's mother, but is it possible for them to get back into their child's life before they turn to a life of crime? Could these fathers get back into the homes before we have yet another candidate qualified for the prison system?

IT IS WHAT A FATHER DOES

*For whom
the Lord loves He
corrects, just as
a father the son in
whom he delights.*

Proverbs 3:12 (NKJV)

BY APOSTLE E. BURTON



to realize that he was also a provider because he provided for a family of eight children and my mother was a stay-at-home mom. Being a stay-at-home mom was a plus back then, although it could be frowned upon in some circles of today. And when either I or one of my siblings did something that needed correction, that is when we saw the role of my father that neither of us wanted to see. We saw our father rightly

take on the role of the disciplinarian. Since he believed the Bible, he had no problem in not sparing the rod to spoil the child.

When I had my first-hand experience of seeing this role my father played on me, immediately afterwards is when the enemy got busy and tried to convince me that my father did not love me. I could have stayed in that mindset for many years had my father never convinced me otherwise many times later. Our text for today clearly states that correcting the child is the role every father must accept and conduct, especially in the child rearing years of an individual's life, and especially, if he really loves his child. When so many do not know the true role of the father in providing correction, any time he displays disciplinary actions toward his child, it could be viewed in a negative light and in some cases rightly so. I need to be clear here that we are not talking about abuse of a child when we refer to disciplining a child because there is a difference. And if you do not know the difference between providing "proper discipline" versus "engaging in physical or verbal abuse," then you should not be doing either. To make it even clearer, the Bible gives us this little caveat that God, who is our Heavenly Father, corrects those He loves in the same way that the father should correct his own son whom he should love. We need to know that when you genuinely love, you only want what is best for the one that you love, and it really does hurt you to see them hurt or hurt themselves. So, while the enemy had me thinking and almost believing that my father did not love me, this text lets me know that my father's discipline was administered to me because my father genuinely loved me! That is what a father does, he loves; and he shows it! Happy Father's Day.

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER FOR JUNE 2025

WITH SIS. JEANETTE WASHINGTON



Sis. Jeanette Washington

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, before you pray each day, let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart as you read the following scriptures during the month of May 2025. Then pray for yourself, your loved ones, your church and pastor, your community, nation, and world. And always end each prayer with this, "I offer this prayer in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord!"

PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE, 2025

MATTHEW 25:31-40 KING JAMES VERSION

- 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
- 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
- 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
- 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

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The greatest man I have ever known was my father, Tony Becerra. He has been more to me than a father: he has been my friend, confidant, encourager, mentor, advisor, role model, business trainer, teacher, and brother in Christ Jesus. Many accolades have been given to my father and deservedly so. He served his country going off to fight the Nazis in WWII; came back home to fight prejudice and discrimination in Fort Bend County; served as a trailblazer in politics serving on the Rosenberg City Council; and proudly served as a community leader helping the poor, the immigrants, black, white, and Hispanic, all who needed help or asked for assistance.

When I had a life changing event in my life which almost ended it, my father, Tony Becerra was there to see me through it and then assisted me to launch a calling I received to start of THE LORD'S KITCHEN. On every step of the way, my father was there to guide me, assist me, encourage me, and support me to make this calling of starting the ministry of THE LORD'S KITCHEN into a reality. And ever since its opening, my father has been



there through the years as we have continued what he started in helping the poor, the immigrants, black, white, Hispanic men who have had doors closed on them because of a sickness, loss of job, trouble with the law, or homelessness.

I thank Almighty God for blessing me with my father who loved his family, his community, his business, and his country. His legacy will surely continue everyday in the lives of not only his family, but the many he has helped on the Northside of Rosenberg and beyond. **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, TONY BECERRA. WE WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS. YOUR SON, ANTHONY AND FAMILY**

Tony Becerra is the son of Jose and Severa Becerra. His birth name was Antonio G. Becerra. He was born on September 3, 1925 and was raised in Rosenberg Texas. He attended Rosenberg High School and then was drafted into WWII at the age of 18. He served in the United States Army. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and attached to the 28th Infantry Division. He was captured by the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge and became a prisoner of war for five months. He and three other fellow POW's also decided to escape due to the increased advancement of the allied troops. They succeeded and found out later that the war was over. He is only one of two surviving POW's from WWII living in Fort Bend County.

Upon returning to the United States, Tony Becerra made an important decision. He chose to begin helping people with his talents as an individual. He later began

helping the people as businessman and a community leader. As a community leader, there were many people who sought after him for advice for any type of problem. He states the driving force for acting was due to the ongoing discrimination.

Tony Becerra was a barber, insurance salesman, notary public, bail bondsman and a dancehall owner. He was also heavily involved in voter registration and served as

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO My Father ON FATHER'S DAY

**JUNE 15, 2025,
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ANTONIO "TONY" G. BECERRA,
FROM PASTOR ANTHONY BECERRA**



voting precinct chairman for 12 years. Over the years, he ran for political office five times and lost but was never discouraged. He finally won in 1992 when he was elected to the City Council of Rosenberg. He served twelve years on the Rosenberg City Council.

Tony Becerra provided many events and activities to help and encourage the community following the war such as: sponsoring a sandlot baseball team for 17 years and holding Easter Egg Hunts for 10 years. He worked as an interpreter for many people, to include local attorneys who needed assistance in court. His dancehall, the Palladium Ballroom was used by many non-profits free of charge. He also helped many people with the use of his facility free of charge for family celebrations. As a barber, he would cut the hair of the priests of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church free of charge, as well as, many other individuals in the community. And as a life insurance agent, there were many times he would

pay the insurance premium for the client so that they would not lose their insurance. He was constantly helping the poor and the immigrant.

Tony has always lived on the Northside of Rosenberg. He continued to help and champion the rights of the poor. Tony Becerra has truly been a blessing to many people and a man who never forgot where he came from.



Highlights of his life:

Served in the U.S. Army as a private during WWII and was a POW in a German prison
One of the founding members of American GI Forum Northside of Rosenberg
Received AA degree from WCJC
Lifelong resident, businessman, and community leader of Rosenberg Texas
Owner of Tony Becerra Insurance from 1980 to present

Served on Rosenberg City Council from 1992 to 2005

Received award from City of Rosenberg in 2013 for his service as a war veteran and for his life-long commitment as a community leader

One of only two surviving WWII POW's in Fort Bend County

He had 13 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren



Tony Becerra Park - 2000 Avenue A, Located just one block from A. W. Jackson Elementary School, Tony Becerra Park is 5 acres of neighborhood park. Amenities include one lighted pavilion covering a full-size basketball court with six goals, two picnic tables, one barbecue grill, and playground equipment. Restrooms and water available.

City Council voted in favor of renaming Community Park in honor of local World War II veteran, Tony Becerra on September 15, 2015. A lifetime resident, Becerra is a community leader, local businessman, and former City Councilor.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Gilda Garret, FROM Lily's Boutique

"Our beautiful lady, long-time customer, and mother of our Boutique, Mrs. Gilda Garrett, just celebrated her 100th birthday! Mrs. Garrett has been a blessing to everyone here. Her giving heart and generosity have touched friends, family, church members, and even strangers. I feel truly blessed to have known Mrs. Garrett all these years not only



as a customer, but more importantly as a dear friend! Her powerful, inspirational prayers have been an encouragement for all over the years! May God continue to bless and keep you in his loving care, Mrs. Garrett, with good health, a great mind, and to be surrounded with love! Your "forever" friend, Lily



Up and Down The Brazos and Beyond

with Sis. Sharon Harris

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Pastor, Revelation MBC

REV. ERIC TRIMBLE

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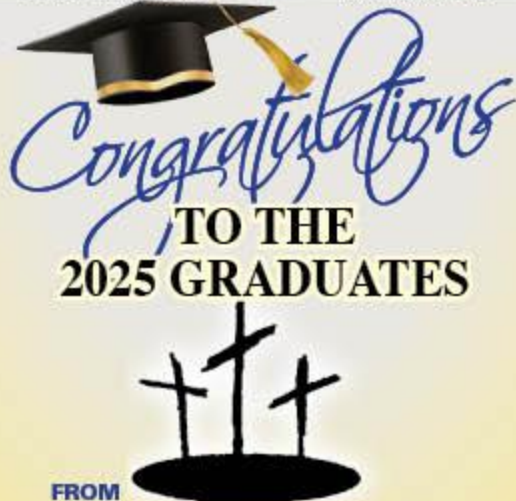
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FROM

the

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MONTHLY**FAMILY, REV. MICHAEL D. AND SIS.
MABLE L. BUFORD, PUBLISHERS*"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he
shall direct thy paths."*

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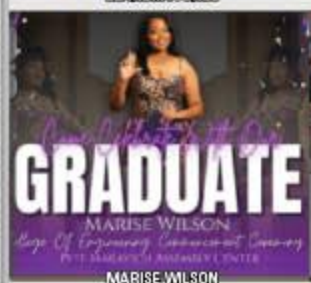
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THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

THE PROBLEM

In the beginning our relationship with God was good
GENESIS 1:27, 31

But it was broken by our sin
ISAIAH 59:2; ROMANS 3:23

And our sin leads to death and judgment
ROMANS 6:23; REVELATION 20:15

THE SOLUTION

Christ laid down His life for you
1 JOHN 3:16; 1 PETER 3:18

So that you could pass from death to life
JOHN 5:24

By God's grace, not your works
EPHESIANS 2:8-9

If you confess your sins
1 JOHN 1:9

And believe in Jesus
JOHN 3:16; 14:6

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sr. Choir Rehearsal (TUES)	7:00 p.m.
Prayer/Teacher Meeting (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal (THURS)	7:00 p.m.

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WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9 AM-10:15 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 AM-12:00 PM

theSermon



PASTOR A.J. WATKINS

According to the Merriam Webster Corporation, a garden is a planned space, usually outdoors, set aside for the display, cultivation, and enjoyment of plants and other forms of nature. The garden can incorporate both natural and man-made materials. The most common form is known as a residential garden. Western gardens are almost universally based around plants.

When I was growing up in the country, I would follow the instructions of my grandparents as they would teach me about gardening. They instructed me in the proper technique of spading the ground. They showed me how to make rows with the eye-hoe. They taught me how to read the almanac and then plant various vegetable seeds at certain times of the year to get the best possible yield out of the garden.

Now in planting the seeds that would eventually become food for us to eat during the winter months, we had to plant them deep enough to take root in the ground and shallow enough for the plant to push through the topsoil. As I watched my grandfather dig the holes in the rows, I would notice that each hole was spaced far enough from the preceding hole to allow room for growth without interference from the neighboring seeds that he would drop in the hole and then cover them with soft soil. The soil, as I later found out, is not only a covering for the seed, it is also an incubator for the seed. The soil had the proper ingredients within it so that the seed could grow and turn into the fruit or vegetable of its kind. We would then harvest the garden in September and

then turn around and can the vegetables for the winter when nothing grew well.

In biblical times, we find through research that

DON'T TOSS JUST ANY SEED INTO YOUR GARDEN

LUKE 13:18-19 (Brief excerpt)

by Pastor A.J. Watkins,
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the mustard plant was very important in what is now modern-day Palestine. The mustard plant was the largest that grew in Palestine. Its tremendous growth in one season from the smallest of the seeds to a shrub the size of a small tree is well known in that region. People of color in America like the mustard greens that come from such a small seed as well. Also, in that region of the world, the people are very adept to planting and harvesting various herbs today for the seasoning of their foods and for health-related issues.

Jesus, in our text coming out of the Gospel of St. Luke, utilizes the growth of a small grain of a mustard seed to prophetically describe the growth of the kingdom of God from the insignificant beginnings of His company of disciples into the spiritual realm which has become universally recognized.

Jesus is telling us to be careful as to what you toss into your garden because things may start small but can become either a very large problem or a bountiful blessing!

The Lord wants us to understand that just as the kingdom of God started small here on earth with Him coming to us and informing us about it, now the Kingdom has grown and is continuing to grow since His departure over 2000 years ago. The growth can be explained by the sharing of His faithful disciples of the good news of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to people first "...in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This sharing has resulted in a global movement of a countless number of baptized believers in Christ Jesus. Sometimes the movement has been slow; and at other times, it has been rather rapid. No matter how you look at God's Kingdom, Jesus knew that there would be messengers that would tend the garden so that the message would continue to grow and reach the unsaved and encourage the saved.

Since Jesus has planted that mustard seed of the Kingdom, you can look back over your personal life as a child of God and remember the things that you have been through. The Kingdom of God had grown by the time we got here, and the branches of the preached Word of God has sustained us and kept us through some of our toughest times. So, we must continue to press upward reaching for God, press downward so that we can remain rooted in God's Word, and press forward to carry the testimonies of the God's supernatural interference in our lives to guide us in the proper direction. However, you cannot do any of these things for the Lord if you are just tossing any old seed into your garden.



JUNE, 2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DEVOTIONAL READING: 1 John 3:11-18

GOLDEN TEXT: If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door; and unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. (Genesis 4:7)

GENESIS 4:1-16

- 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.
- 2 And she again bares his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
- 3 And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.
- 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
- 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.
- 6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?
- 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door; and unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.
- 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.
- 9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?
- 10 And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood

crieth unto me from the ground.

- 11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand.
- 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.
- 13 And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.
- 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.
- 15 And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the Land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON REVIEW

Goals of the Lesson:

- (1) To examine the kind of relationship God wants to have with man (vs. 3-7);
- (2) To investigate the first act of worship mentioned in the bible and the type of attitude God demands when He is worshipped (vs. 3-5);
- (3) To identify root causes of acts of sin (vs. 5-6);
- (4) To explore the notion of being accountable to God and man (vs. 9);
- (5) To reveal the personal and extended impact of sin on individuals and their families (vs. 11-14)



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HAPPY JUNETEENTH - FREEDOM DAY

COUNTRY APPLE PIE**INGREDIENTS**

¾ c. sugar	2 Tbsp. Cornstarch
1 Tbsp. Butter	Dash of salt
1 tsp. Cinnamon	¾ c. water
1 Graham Cracker pie crust	5 tart apples thinly sliced
¼ tsp. Nutmeg	1 Tbsp. lemon juice

Combine sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt in, stir in ½ c. water, lemon juice, and apples. Stir until mixture comes to a boil. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Add cornstarch mixed with ¼ c. water, until thickened. Stir in butter. Pour filling into crust; bake in 350° oven for 30 minutes.

**BANANA PUDDING****INGREDIENTS**

¾ c. sugar	2 c. milk
½ tsp. vanilla	dash of salt
3 Tbsp. flour	4 eggs
Vanilla wafers	5,6 sliced bananas

Combine ½ c. sugar, flour, and salt in double boiler. Mix in 1 egg and 3 yolks. Stir in milk, cook uncovered over boiling water, stirring constantly. Spread small amount on bottom of casserole. Cover with layer of wafers, top with layer of bananas. Pour about ½ custard over bananas. Repeat, ending with custard on top. Beat remaining 3 egg whites, gradually adding remaining ¼ c. sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold on top of pudding. Bake at 425° for 5 minutes.

**CARAMEL CAKE****INGREDIENTS**

2 c. brown sugar	2 ¾ c. flour	½ c. coconut
1 tsp. vanilla	2 eggs	½ c. coffee
½ c. shortening	3 tsp. baking powder	
	¼ c. milk	

Cream brown sugar, shortening, and eggs. Add milk, coffee, vanilla, blending after each addition. Add flour, baking powder, and coconut. Bake 45 minutes at 350°

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THE HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH

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Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. The name Juneteenth was derived from combining "June" and "nineteenth." It is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in the South. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, freeing the slaves in Texas and all the rebellious parts of the Confederacy. However, enslaved people in Texas did not receive their freedom until two

years later with an army to enforce the order. The United States did not defeat the Confederate military in Texas and therefore, could not enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. Enforcement of the Proclamation relied upon the advance of Union troops. Texas, as the most remote state of the former Confederacy had

seen an expansion of slavery and had a low presence of Union troops as the American Civil War ended. On June 19, 1865, Union forces commanded by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas. Historians continue to debate why it took so long for word of emancipation to reach Texas. It has widely been speculated that the delay was to ensure the last cotton harvest.

In 1979, Robert J. Evans filed Legislation for recognition of Juneteenth as a state holiday in Texas, but it did not pass. In 1980, Rep. Albert Ely Edwards helped pass Legislation for recognition of Juneteenth as a State holiday in Texas, which was the first State to do so.

Lula Briggs Galloway is known as the "Daughter of Juneteenth." Lula Briggs Galloway spent decades lobbying for National recognition of Juneteenth. Opal Lee is known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth." The Opal's Walk Campaign started as an initiative which aimed at gaining attention for Juneteenth to be made a National Holiday. Opal Lee has become the second African American to have a portrait hung in the Texas statehouse. Juneteenth was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law after the efforts of Lula Briggs Galloway, Opal Lee, and others. Juneteenth originated in Texas, but Juneteenth is now observed annually in various parts of the United States, often broadly celebrating by African Americans.

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TAYLOR HALL, JR.

A.K.A. - "BAILEY PRAIRIE KID"

The family of Taylor Hall Jr., affectionately known to the world as "The Bailey's Prairie Kid," is heartbroken to announce his passing on May 8, 2025, at the age of 93. Born on February 15, 1932, in Bailey's Prairie, Texas, to Taylor Hall Sr. and Ermer Jackson Hall. Taylor spent his entire life rooted in the land, legacy, and community of Brazoria County. From the time he could walk, he was horseback—working cattle and building a reputation as a true cowboy. Over the course of his life, he worked nearly every ranch in Brazoria County and became one of the most respected cowboys in Texas. Taylor Hall, Jr. was more than a cowboy, he was a rodeo legend. Over his 54-year career, he competed in arenas across the country and earned numerous accolades, including:

- 1966 - Champion Saddle Bronc Rider
- 1968 - Champion Bareback Bronc Rider
- 1972 & 1973 - Champion Steer Wrestler
- 1975 - Champion Bull Rider
- 1978 - All-Around Champion (saddle bronc,
- Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame (2001)
- National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum - Cowboys of Color Hall of Fame

- Bull Riders Hall of Fame
 - Oklahoma Rodeo Hall of Fame
- Recognized by the Stark Museum of Art for his cultural contributions

In 2023, Brazoria County honored him with the declaration of "Bailey's Prairie Kid Day" in recognition of his incredible impact and 91st birthday. Taylor was also featured in rodeo documentaries and museum exhibitions celebrating the legacy of Black cowboys in America.

He attended Marshall Elementary School under the guidance of Professor T.J. Wright and was baptized at Burrell Chapel Baptist Church as a child.



Later in life, he married Faye Marie Williams of Brazoria, Texas, and together they raised a family grounded in strength and tradition.

Taylor was preceded in death by his beloved children, Taylor Johnican, Opal Hall, and Edward Hall, his parents,

Taylor Hall Jr.'s legacy will forever ride on in the hearts of those he touched. He was a trailblazer, a symbol of strength, and a true Texas legend.