

## **BAPTISM:**

**Macie Rush** was baptized last Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Macie moved to Athens last month with her mom, Lori. Her sister, Mikalyn, attends UGA and is in the campus ministry. Macie will have dual enrollment at University of North Georgia as a senior at North Oconee High School.

*Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds. Psalm 73:25-28*

## **Events and Activities:**

<b>Sundays</b>	<b><i>10am Worship Service at ACOC</i></b>
<b>June 16</b>	<b><i>Happy Father's Day!</i></b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b><i>7pm Singles Meet at Morrow's home</i></b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b><i>7pm VBS Decorating Party</i></b>
<b>June 23</b>	<b><i>11am Outdoor Service at Fort Yargo</i></b>
<b>June 23</b>	<b><i>7pm VBS Volunteer Meeting</i></b>
<b>June 24-28</b>	<b><i>9am Vacation Bible School</i></b>
<b>July 19-20</b>	<b><i>Parenting Workshop: Grades 1-5</i></b>
<b>July 26-27</b>	<b><i>Parenting Workshop: Grades 6-12</i></b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b><i>Family Group Facilitator's Meeting</i></b>

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### **The Father Facts-Here is some good news:**

Children with fathers who are involved are more likely to get A's in school.  
Children with fathers who are involved are 40% less likely to repeat a grade.  
Children with fathers who are involved are 70% less likely to drop out of school.  
Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, and avoid high-risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy, and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers.

As those who profess Jesus as Lord and God as our Father, we have a sovereign obligation to exercise our faith at home and then to extend our arms to those in our fellowship and in the community at large. Being a good enough father is one of the most powerful testimonies of God working in your life. Today, we congratulate and honor the fathers of the Athens Church of Christ. We honor our elders and other mature men who distinguish themselves before God by their honorable example. We thank God for Sonny, Don and Jeff, who are fathers to so many. We honor our younger dads who are learning to raise young children. We honor our courageous single dads who are raising kids on their own like my dad did. We celebrate all our rich blessings, but we balance that with a sober appreciation for our capacity and commission to compassionately engage Athens and cities around us that need good enough fathers like never before. Happy Father's Day to our dads and most of all to God.

~Will Archer (Mekhi's & Journey's Dad)

## **SINGLES...DREAM BIG**

Whether you are single, divorced and single, or widowed and single the need is always there to be connected to others for love, support, and a feeling of being in a family. Our goal is to continue to help the church to be a place where you can start from where you are and achieve the dreams and goals God has for your life. What dreams and goals do you have?

Together we will help one another discover the plan God has for each of us. I know that our Father wants us to be yoked with someone and not alone. Whether that someone is a future spouse or a close friend like David had with Jonathan who was "closer than a brother" or that Ruth had with Naomi, together we can help one another fill that need to love and be loved. Are you fulfilled in these areas?

We are encouraging all the singles to please come and be a part of helping all the other singles fulfill their dreams. Come and share your thoughts, feelings, and ideas. We are meeting at our house this Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We can't wait to hang out with you all! You are loved! Dream BIG!

The Morrors, 165 Arrowhead Road, Bogart, GA 30622  
770-337-4455 Terry; 770-540-9521 Cricket [tncmorrow@aol.com](mailto:tncmorrow@aol.com)  
~Terry and Cricket

P.S. Bring your ideas and a light snack/drink to share. RSVP by email or text.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Monica Armstrong's aunt, Hermelinda Cayuela, passed away on Tuesday. Prayers are requested for the whole family. Monica's address: 525 Ashbrook Court, Athens, GA 30605**

**Danny Spohn's stepfather passed away following a battle with cancer. Here is the Spohn's address: 300 Stone Ridge Way, Covington, GA 30016.**

**Kanya Cornish asks for prayers for her father, Robert Wright, who is recovering from emergency surgery in a hospital in Augusta, GA.**

**Helen Hillman asks that we please pray that Andy Hillman gets good results from an upcoming biopsy of his prostate. Andy's address: 103 N. Rand Ct, Eatonton, GA 31024.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS:** Please plan on attending a meeting Sunday night, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm at the church building. If you have any questions, please see Tim Armstrong (770) 757-7118 or email at [timcarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:timcarmstrong@gmail.com)

**VBS DECORATING PARTY:** All are invited on Wednesday night, June 19th, 7pm at the church building to help us set up and transform the church into a KINGDOM for the kids!

### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Sarah Jameson Kennedy** was born June 10th to proud parents Scott & Nina Kennedy and big sister Emmy!



**THANK YOU:** Thank you for the prayers for my brother, Dan Sessions. He is doing much better. ~Sonny Sessions

**DO YOU KNIT?** If so, please see Lee Burroughs. Athens Regional Medical Center is looking for donations of small preemie size knitted baby blankets. Lee can give you the details at 404-263-7605.

**CAMBODIA MEETING:** If you are interested in learning more about how you can help or just want to know more about what's going on in Cambodia, Keith and Lisa Goodwin will be having an informational meeting 20 minutes after service TODAY in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom. Thanks!

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY!** Another class is starting July 7th! Class will run from July 7 until Sept 1 on Sunday afternoons. See Dominic Spinella for more information and to sign up. Cost for a kit is \$100. payable to the church.

**To place an ad or announcement, please email [acocservant@gmail.com](mailto:acocservant@gmail.com). Deadline is Thursday at 3pm.**

### **CHRISTIAN CLASSIFIEDS:**

**Garage Sale** on Saturday, June, 29<sup>th</sup> at 8am at Bulldog Rental & Storage at 1225 Commerce Road, Athens, GA 30607. Open to church members at 7am. Also, we need some help and some trucks. You can contact Ludlow Larson 706-255-5101 or Patsy Alford 706-540-8190. Please let us know if you can help by Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Items for sale: love seat, sofa, stove, kitchen appliances, and lots more! All has to go!!!!



## Sunday Bulletin

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### Reflections on Father's Day

By Will Archer

Today is Father's Day. A day we take to honor our fathers. In America, we have 64.3 million fathers. 26.5 million of us are fathers in two parent homes and 2.5 million are single dads up from 400,000 in 1970. We live in a world profoundly affected by the power of involved fathers and the pain of fatherlessness. It is my strong belief that Father's Day is of incredible significance and as a church we honor it. God consistently describes himself as our Father and those of us that bear this honor are blessed indeed. In our fallen world there are sadly too many of us that struggled with the experience of fatherlessness, absentee fathers, troubled or abusive fathers. This often colors our view of God and causes us to experience mixed and sometimes strong negative emotions when fathers and fatherhood is discussed. God knows all of our stories and deep feelings intimately, he cares for all of us. He does not withdraw his distinction as our Father because it may trigger us, but rather affirms and reaffirms to us that he is Our Father. He is Father of Compassion, the Father who disciplines and the Father who invites us to approach him with confidence. He is the Father who fathers all fathers.

Personally, it was my privilege to have a great relationship with my father for the first nine years of my life. I experienced four of those years in a two parent home and 5 of them with my dad as a single dad. Though he was sadly taken from us by prostate cancer on June 24th 1984, he impressed on me the importance of fatherhood. God has used a number of great men to serve as fathers in my life since. The honor of being a father is one of the greatest honors of my life. One of the greatest insights of parenting that I have gained is that God, the perfect example, expects us to simply be good enough as a father. He has realistic expectations and provides us with the guidance needed to be a good father. In a world desperately in need of good enough fathers, God sets the standard and empowers us to represent him to our families and others who are in need. Let us consider the reality of those needs by looking at the facts.

#### The Father Facts-Here is some bad news:

24 million children live absent their biological father.

90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.

85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes.

71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

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