
PASTOR'S CORNER

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Book of the Month

Dad Time: Savoring the God Given Moments of Fatherhood

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Scripture Readings:

Giving Honor to Thy Father (KJV)

**Week of June 4th
Genesis 18:19**

**Week of June 11th
Psalm 103:13**

**Week of June 18th
1 John 3:1**

**Week of June 25th
Proverb 3:11-12**

Selah: Pause and Reflect

(Many Members, One Body)

*In God we have boasted all the day long,
And we will praise and give thanks to Your name
forever. Selah.*

Psalms 44:8 (AMP)

Already it is June, and we are at the halfway mark of 2017. It always boggles my mind how swiftly time continues to pass on. One year turns over as quickly as the flip of a calendar page. And while the seasons bump and blend into each other - little infant babies skip past learning how to walk, and they take off running! *Well, from time to time it seems as if they do!* You must admit that our children, especially within the church body, seem to grow an inch every Sunday as we watch them come down the aisles to give their offering. School's in...and school's out! In morph transitions we watch them move through elementary, middle, and high schools to stand before us in their graduation caps and gowns while the presenter announces their next move to college, the military or the workforce. There is a song by the title of 'Turn Around' originally produced in 1958 wherein the lyrics perfectly depict the inevitable shift that takes place as we watch our young people grow into mature adults:

*Where are you going, my little one, little one,
Where are you going, my baby, my own?
Turn around and you're two,
Turn around and you're four,
Turn around and you're a young girl/boy going
out of my door.
Turn around, turn around,*

Turn around and you're a young boy/girl going out of my door.

My children are grown with children of their own now, and my inner sensors are alert to the gift of *pausing and reflecting*. You see – life in the fast lane is life in general nowadays. But in the process of living, we can still lasso time and experience it at the speed God wants us to. We do this when we form relationships and invest time into them so that they grow to be strong and lasting ones. We honor our God for the relationships as well as honor Him in the relationships. And time and again we *Selah - pause and reflect* on the treasures we have in the rich relationships we share with one another. We shift the movement of time and connect soul to soul with one another so that no matter how much and how quickly everything else about life continues to flow - we are unified in the binding power of agape love. And that love will see us through each generation of changes that will occur on this side of Heaven until the Lord calls us home. *Selah*.

**This Pastor's Niche is dedicated to the recent graduate members of Mount Zion Baptist Church and to their families, teachers and mentors who gave them support along the way. Congratulations! We are proud of you! Continue to live your life for Christ, and you will be blessed!*



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