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Weekly Newsletter

A Minister's Musings – *Shane Hall*

Many of you, like Jennifer and myself, have the great privilege of rearing young men. Isn't it fun? Well, it has its wonderful moments to be sure but it also has its challenges. Each boy has his own personality (even among my own brood). Each boy has his own likes and dislikes. My son may like baseball while yours excels at playing an instrument. Whatever the similarities and the differences, we all want the same things for our boys; for them to become men. We desire for them to possess strength and courage in their pursuit for truth and justice. In all that they do, we pray that they display loyalty and integrity. We long to see them moved by love to stand strong and fight for the things they believe in. All of this, as we know, starts at home. Young men will ultimately do as their fathers have done. That is a lot riding on the shoulders of Dads, but we wouldn't have it any other way. We will sacrifice it all to see them "act like men" (1 Cor. 16:13). Oh, and there's no end to what we will sacrifice for our daughters! (Not leaving them out.) Anyway, I hope you'll enjoy the following poem by Edgar Guest as much as I have over the years. It is definitely a poem that sings the praises of loyal fathers but for me it serves as a reminder of what "it's" all about.

Only a dad with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game;
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come and to hear his voice.

Only a dad with a brood of four,

One of ten million men or more
Plodding along in the daily strife
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad but he gives his all,
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing with courage, stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen:
Only a dad, but the best of men.



Prayer Requests

Dave and Susan Foster's daughter (Sara) – is scheduled for surgery on September 30, **Debbie Peerson's** niece – died tragically, **Jurhee Bench** – has recovered from pneumonia. She is quarantined to her room because of cases popping up at her facility. Please continue to pray for her during this difficult time, **Buddy and Sharon Self's** daughter (Lisa Self) – has a blood clot and fluid in her lungs. She is slowing regaining her strength, **Shirley Simmons** – had open heart surgery. **UPDATE:** surgery went well, **Kelly Seuferling** – has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will have surgery on October 6, **Bonnie Hamby** – had cataract surgery this week. **UPDATE:** Surgery went well, **Dave Nash** – seems to be getting a bit stronger, **Devastation of Hurricanes and Bill and Marlene** as they work with Disaster Relief, **Roger DeLoach's** sister in law (Colleen DeLoach) – had surgery for a paraoesophageal hernia and seems to be doing well. Please continue to pray, **Lillie Ramage** – has stage 4 pancreatic cancer, **Cathy Eldridge** – has some internal bleeding and some upcoming tests on her heart, **Linda Hyde's** mother (Willa Dean Haley) – is currently in hospice care, **Marina Belekoniyy** – from Ukraine has Hodgkin's lymphoma, **Jeannie Ewens's** daughter (Emily) – **UPDATE:** thyroid biopsy showed that the nodule was benign, **Flora Swartz's** friend (Joanie Green) – is still taking chemo pills, David Church – **Ben Church's** brother, **Andy Hester**, **Joel Morehead**, **Bruce Keeton**, **Will Kreisel**, **Lena Bramlett**

Birthdays: September 27th – October 3rd

Christin Olas – 27th

Beverly Henley – 29th

Ruth Nutter – 29th

Donna Kerns – 30th

Lavona Crouse – 1st

Sharon Self – 1st

Alden Miller – 2nd

Save the Date!!! And Please RSVP!!!!

Saturday, October 3 @ 12PM – Baby Shower for Seth and Morgan Walker

We will serve a light lunch as we celebrate the entrance of baby girl Walker. Please RSVP to the church office.

There will be a drive by/drop off option if you would like to shower Morgan with a gift. But don't feel comfortable attending. Drop off will be available from 11:30AM-noon. Seth and Morgan are registered online @ <https://www.babylist.com/marleah15> Or go to www.babylist.com and click on "find registry". Then enter "Seth and Morgan Walker" as the full name.



“We’re in this together.”

Father, son and grandfather fishing - Cathy Yeulet © 123rf.com

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children read a bible on the bed – [Volodimir Kalina](http://Volodimir.Kalina) © 123rf.com

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