



# SUMMER — IN THE — PSALMS

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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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## ***FIRST PRESS IS GOING DIGITAL!***

- *it will begin this summer...*
- *it will happen slowly over time...*
- *printed hard copies will always be an option...*
- *it will save us A LOT of money and time...*
- *it will allow us to communicate better & more often...*
- *we are committed that NO ONE will be left out!*

**School's out...**

**Summer is here...**

**Construction is about to begin...**

**God is most certainly at work...**

It was five years ago, around this time, that I started getting the inkling that I was actually being called to First Pres Bradenton. What an adventure it has been...and here we are, on the precipice of an historic moment for the church and the community we love and serve.

The next couple of years will serve as a new journey for us all. How we participate in the journey, as a church family, will shape our present and future for many years to come. So, here's a preview of what's ahead...

...there will be times that much is happening behind the scenes as we "break ground," but not all of it will be visible. Therefore, our sense of progress will require trust and positivity!

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...there will be times that we are displaced from our normal routines and comforts (the staff probably more than anyone!). We will gather for classes and have worship services in different spaces at times. This will require flexibility and camaraderie!

...there will be decisions made by our trusted Building Commission that may differ from our personal expectations, for the betterment of the whole. This will require trust in the leading of the Spirit upon this team!

It's a very exciting time as we embark on Summer 2019! While we undergo staff transitions (bye Grace, we love you!), a summer series in the Psalms, vacation schedules and everything else that summer holds for us, let us embody the perseverance and love that Christ has bestowed upon us all. Remember that Jesus never promised us comfort, but he did promise us goodness and peace:

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)"*

Let us press on in the hope and peace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as we strive to *cultivate hearts for Jesus in the heart of downtown.*

In Christ,

*Dino*

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Dino Rustin

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**Organist/Director of Music Ministry:** Ted Hayes

Michelle Noval, Admin. Assistant  
Christine Melchior, Custodian  
Diane Varnadore, Pianist

Doreen Hawkins, Financial Admin.  
Fernando Olaya, Maintenance Tech.  
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- Carol Frankland

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6 Michelle Noval

8 Jerry Perry

13 Vic Kane

19 Angela Hull

25 Craig Gruwell





## FPC Building Committee Update



The plans for the renovations of the church building and the new parking lot are moving along. We have submitted permits to the City of Bradenton and are awaiting approval. The wheels of government turn slowly, but we are making progress in complying with all the City's requests and requirements.

There are many moving parts of this entire process. Our building contractor, Halfacre, has completed the bidding process and is working to complete the guaranteed maximum price for our project. Our architect, Zoller-Autrey, is working with the City of Bradenton regarding our signage and front court yard area. We are planning to begin construction activities on or about the middle of June. Of course this depends on the permitting process and other factors that may delay this time frame.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the building committee if you have any questions or concerns.

Wayne Scroggins, Chairman

Members: Kaye Butler, Steve Porter, Kathy Schermer and Bill Schmoll

# SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

**This summer, let's cultivate our heart for Jesus by joining together in reading the Book of Psalms. By reading one or two a day, we can work through all of them in 11 weeks!**

**In addition, Pastor Dino's sermons will focus on one of the Psalms that was read during the previous week!**

**This is a fun way to GROW...together!**

PROPOSED PSALMS READING SCHEDULE	
week of May 27	READ Psalms 1 - 13
week of June 3	READ Psalms 14 - 26
week of June 10	READ Psalms 27 - 40
week of June 17	READ Psalms 41 - 54
week of June 24	READ Psalms 55 - 67
week of July 1	READ Psalms 68 - 80
week of July 8	READ Psalms 81 - 94
week of July 15	READ Psalms 95 - 107
week of July 22	READ Psalms 108 - 120
week of July 29	READ Psalms 121 - 136
week of August 5	READ Psalms 137 - 150

# NEW OFFICERS



**BRITTANY DICKERSON (ELDER)** Brittany has been a member of First Presbyterian since 2014. She married Joe at First Pres in 2016, and now they have an 8 month old son, Wyatt. Brittany worked with the Strategic Planning Team and is excited to now be a part of the Session. Brittany works with her family at Scroggins Insurance Agency, and in her free time enjoys running, making art, boating, and spending time with her family.



**ROB MORAN (ELDER)** Rob and wife Bea joined First Pres in the mid nineties, and served as an Elder for several years. He has been very active in the "food/kitchen" activities and also was a member of the choir for a couple of years. Rob retired from Saint Stephen's Episcopal School as a member of the faculty and Academic Dean. Rob and Bea have been married for 43 years, have two children, and four grandchildren.



**CAROLINE MACDONALD (ELDER)** Caroline grew up in the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia. She and her husband, Jerry were married at The Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Virginia where Caroline was active with the Mom's group after their two children, Catherine and Colin were born. They then moved to East Lansing, Michigan where Caroline, a stay at home mom, taught every children's Sunday School class, some twice. Caroline joined First Pres. Bradenton in 2015. She has been active in Joy Circle ever since and has served as Coordinating Team Moderator for the Presbyterian Women since 2016. She also coordinates the volunteers for the MOPS program.



**STEVE PORTER (ELDER)** Steve is a long time member of First Church. He was ordained as an Elder in the 80's and has served on several pastor nominating committees. Steve currently is serving on Session as the Elder in charge of facilities and is a member of the Building Commission. In addition, Steve serves on the Worship & Music Ministry Team and plays in the hand bell choir along with his wife Melody, whom he married in the chapel here at First Church 43 years ago. They have one daughter, Danielle, who lives in Titusville with her husband Byron Koury. Steve is retired from the Post Office and enjoys woodworking as a hobby.



**DWAYNE SMITH (ELDER)** Dwayne recently became a member of First Pres, joining with his wife Nancy on Christmas Eve 2018. He has been an Elder in the PC (USA) since early this century, and served as Clerk of Session for two churches in Virginia before relocating to Florida a few years ago. Dwayne has been involved with our Adult Sunday School program and plans to continue teaching as long as people are willing to listen to him! In addition to teaching at his prior churches, Dwayne was involved in both domestic and international missions supporting local food banks, Habitat for Humanity and traveling to both Guatemala and Kenya on short-term mission trips.



**ROY BASS (DEACON)** Roy is honored to be nominated again to serve as a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Bradenton. Roy moved to Ellenton, FL from Glendale Heights, IL in October of 1993. He attended Addison Presbyterian church in Addison, IL where Roy served as an Elder, Sunday school teacher, youth group sponsor, and a member of Presbytery of Chicago Committees. He started attending FPC immediately upon moving to Florida, first as an Associate Member and later transferred his membership to FPC. Roy has served at FPC as a Deacon, a Mission Committee member, and currently as an active Stephen Minister. He is looking forward to again serving our Lord as a Deacon.



**CATHY PHELPS (DEACON)** Cathy moved to Westminster Towers six years ago with her husband of 47 years, Barry. Previously they had lived in State College, PA for 37 years. After teaching for several years, she was a stay-at-home mom while raising their son Edward; then worked as a travel agent for most of her working career. Her interests include: walking the River Walk, swimming, reading, learning Spanish and volunteering at the Towers' Health Center and with the Chapel program.



**RAY LOPEZ (DEACON)** Ray was born and raised in Florida and moved to Bradenton in 1947. He started attending FPC shortly after arriving in Bradenton in the 40's and then joined in 1953. After graduating from Manatee High School, he joined the Air Force and served for four years. His wife of 34 years passed away in 2016. Ray has two grown children, René and Margaret, and his son Ray, who passed away in 2001. Ray is a proud grandfather of five. In his free time, Ray enjoys reading, gardening and traveling. Ray joined FPC again in April of 2017, and is looking forward to serving as a Deacon.



**SANDY SCROGGINS (DEACON)** Sandy moved her membership to FPC in March of 2015. She currently serves on the Worship & Music Ministry Team. She and her husband, Wayne, served as co-chairs on the Taking a Stand Capital Campaign. She and Wayne will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 25<sup>th</sup>. They have two children, Brittany & Stephen and one grandson, Wyatt.



**ALLEN BUTLER (TRUSTEE)** - Allen has been a long-term member of FPC of Bradenton. His family began attending in 1951, and he became a member in 1958. He has served FPC as Sunday School teacher, Elder and Trustee. After graduating from Georgia Tech in 1968 and active service in the US Army, he returned to Bradenton in 1971. He has been married to Kaye for 36 years. They have been blessed with two children, Will and Susan, both children of FPC. His business career includes 30 years as President of H. Butler Footwear, 10 years as a board member of First National Bank of Manatee, eight years as Chair of the Investment Committee for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Manatee County Foundation, and currently as a Principal of Butler Investment Management. He and Kaye also operate a small farm in Virginia during the summer months. Allen and Kaye have three wonderful grandchildren: James, Charlotte & Emma.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**CATHARINE "CATHIE" McHUGH** - Cathie has lived in the Bradenton area for the past 22 years. Cathie and her husband, Jim, moved to Westminster Point Pleasant two years ago. She is originally from upstate New York (Albany area). Cathie had been a member of First Presbyterian Church in Sarasota with her Mother (who lived in Sarasota); her mother has since passed on at age 101. She has been attending First Presbyterian Church in Bradenton for the past two years, and it made sense to formally transfer her membership. Cathie is a retired Occupational Therapist and worked with handicapped children for 35 years in an upstate N.Y. School system. She has three children and four step-children. Cathie's three are spread around the "world," so-to-speak....Barbados, California and New York. She has two grandchildren by her daughter, a boy and girl, ages 19 and 21. Cathie is enjoying the retired life, going to exercise, art classes, reading and taking walks.



**CAROLYN RITTER** - Carolyn was born in Ohio where she attended nursing school. She went on to become a nurse anesthetist. She moved to Florida "long ago". She and her husband, Tom, lived in the Florida Keys for twenty years and moved to Bradenton two years ago. Together they have four children and ten grandchildren! Whenever they can, they love being on the water fishing or just exploring by boat!



**CAROL RYDANT** - Carol is a native of Louisville, KY and raised her three children in Southern Indiana. She has lived in Florida for 13 years and moved to Bradenton in 2018. Before retirement she worked as an educator, probation officer, addictions counselor and administrator. She is widowed and has three grown children, Traci, Mary Carol and Todd, and is the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren. Carol was widowed from a pastor of a Presbyterian Church. At her next church, she was elected to serve as an Elder. She was raised an Episcopalian and has served that church but is happy to have found a home again in this Presbyterian Church. In her spare time Carol enjoys quilting and working on her computer.



**VAUGHN FAMILY (REBECCA, ALEXIS, SHEA & BO)** - Rebecca and her family have lived in Bradenton for almost eight years, with most of their family living in the greater Tampa Bay Area. Rebecca has worked for Manatee County for over five years; Alexis is graduating from Braden River HS in May and will be attending University of North Florida in June; Shea is a 6th grader at Haile MS and Bo is in 4th grade at Bashaw Elementary. They love to travel, visit with family and stay busy with Bo's soccer and Shea's softball games.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Is extended to Barbara Perry and family on the death of her brother, Gordon Peters, who died on May 2, 2019.



# Farewell Brunch for Grace Lane & Pat Zalo

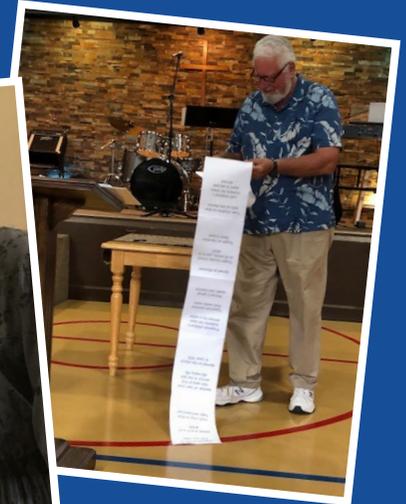
I want to express my sincere appreciation for the many cards, gifts, and well wishes I received for my retirement. Thank you to all those who planned and worked hard to make this time such a success. The brunch for Pat Zalo and I was delicious, so thank you to those who prepared the food and served it. The fellowship was great and I know I will miss seeing all of you very much. FPC has been a wonderful place for me to work and I am going to miss being here. I can truly say I have enjoyed my job for all of these years, and have many special memories from working at FPC.

In Christian Love,  
*Grace Lane*



Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU! I never expected the outpouring of gifts and cards. I also appreciated the many remembrances that were shared. A special thank you to all of those who worked behind the scenes to plan this event, may God bless you for your desire to do His work through the talents He has given you. I will see you again, I probably won't be leaving until mid or late June and I certainly expect to come back and visit my sisters.

In Christ's love,  
*Patricia Zalo*



Thank you for the prayers, phone calls and cards I received during my recuperation from my recent surgery. I am more aware now that we should never take each day for granted. My doctor said maybe this was a way to make me slow down?! I am blessed with my First Pres family. Thank you again.

In His Love, Nancy Varner

*Thank You*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BRADENTON **FOOD PANTRY**

*Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and gave you something to drink? Matthew 25:37*

*The King replied: Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me. Matthew 25:40*

The pantry at First Presbyterian is a part of our local missions and serves both the homeless and needy. It is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 12. Distributed to the needy is food for at least one day and includes non-perishable items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. When canned fruit is available, it is thankfully received. Water and snack bags are distributed to the homeless and include Vienna sausage, pudding, fruit and chips or similar. Although the Boy Scouts have a food drive twice a year, the shelves become bare in between. We are always in need of non-perishable foods for the food bags for the needy and individual portioned size snacks for the bags distributed to the homeless. We have many families and individuals in need of food. Your donation of food items would make a difference in someone's life.

Aside from providing food items we strive to show our Christian love for each other. A friendly smile, a kind word, an offer of prayer are an important part of our mission and thankfully received by all who come to our door. Working in the pantry is a very fulfilling experience and anyone who would like to visit on one of our scheduled days to witness this important mission would be welcome. Please arrange this with Linda Dobarganes, by phone (941-721-8895) or e-mail (mldobarganes6@gmail.com).

If anyone would like to become part of the pantry staff, please contact Linda Dobarganes. Currently there is a need for Tuesday volunteers.

## THANK YOU SCOUTS



Scout Pack 111 you are AWESOME!!!!!! Many thanks to Steve Palmeri and all the leaders and Scouts of Pack 111 for their dedication to helping others. At the end of March the Scouts held a weekend food drive at a local Publix and blessed the pantry with 39 large boxes of food. This food was very much needed. We are truly blessed to have the Scouts at FPC.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Budgeted Offering Through May	\$194,922
YTD Offering Received Through May	\$215,965

### ATTENDANCE through May

9 AM AVERAGE	48	11 AM AVERAGE	112
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# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## May 28th

FPC Session members met on Tuesday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>, for one of the favorite Stated Meetings. Incoming Elders and Deacons were welcomed as guests were treated to a traditional spaghetti dinner. Session was privileged to hear each incoming church leader's personal faith statement and discuss it with them. This is always a very joyful, special time for current Session members. Installation and ordination of the incoming church leaders will occur Sunday, June 2, 2019. Those Elders stepping down from active service were recognized and thanked for their faithfulness.

Guests were invited to remain as the evenings regular business was conducted. The reports from the Pastor, Clerk and Treasurer were received, as well as Ministry Team reports.

The Building Commission report indicated that final stages of planning and permitting were being entered into but the process was slow moving. A start date is now projected to be early to mid- summer.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Sonny Fenton*

C. Sonny Fenton, Clerk of Session



If you are a graduating senior in high school with a minimum 3.0 GPA and plan to attend college or a vo-tech school, you are encouraged to apply for a church-sponsored scholarship of \$1,000 to be paid half in August and half in January. You will need a copy of your high school transcript, a letter of recommendation, and a completed application form. The form is available in the church office.

Scholarship recipients who wish to renew their scholarship can pick up the one-page renewal form in the office or have it e-mailed to them. Your most recent transcript is also required.

**The deadline to return all the scholarship materials is June 15, 2019.**

**Upcoming Adult Education Series:**  
*From the Garden to the Garden City*



**Six Themes in The Bible**  
**Everyone Should Know**

Please join Dwayne Smith, Bible teacher *par excellence*, in the Small Dining Room at 10 o'clock (between services) from June 2 through July 7 as he presents a six-week series from Geneva Press called *Six Themes in the Bible Everyone Should Know*.

The class will examine the great arc of God's mission "From the Garden to the Garden City" by looking at themes that begin in the early chapters of Genesis, span the pages of Scripture, and end with the glorious vision of the book of Revelation – of the new Jerusalem, the city of the redeemed of God. That's the whole Bible in six lessons! Be prepared to gain a unique perspective on God's mission to us and to the world.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Vic Kane, Charlie O'Connor, Irene Henderson, Bob Marsh, Deb Johnson, Patty Li, Jerry Perry,  
 Jay Daspit, Donna Jones, Nancy Varner, Betty Gilmore, Melody Porter, Vada Johnson,  
 Barbara Russell, Keith Allen, Christine King, Donald Czaplinsky, Nancy Gonzalez,  
 Jane Stockhausen, Jack Barthel, Kirsten Trusko, Dave Stacho, Ellen Cavanaugh, Kathy Winchester,  
 Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau, James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr., Jeannie Oliver, Sally DenUyl,  
 Betty Harkins, Frances Moody, Debbie Parvin, Elma Westney, John Weichel, Karen Montgomery,  
 Bonnie Sylvester, Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Jo Zonders

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We would love to pray for you. You can either enter your prayer requests on our website or  
 e-mail the church office at: [office@firstpresbradenton.com](mailto:office@firstpresbradenton.com)

## CARING FOR OUR SHUT-INS // ASSISTED LIVING

<i>Health Care Facilities</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Name(s)</i>
<b>Bay Vue Nursing &amp; Rehab.</b>	105 15th St. W. Bradenton, 34208	941-747-8681	Betty Harkins (Room 132)
<b>Inn at Freedom Village</b>	6410 21st Ave W. Bradenton, 34209	941-798-8250	Margaret "Jo" Zonders (121A)
<b>Summerfield Assisted Living</b>	3409 26th St. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-751-7209	Christine King (Room 202) Vada Johnson (Room 126)
<b>Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-745-0167	Jeanne Oliver (RAL Room 408)
<b>Westminster Shores Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1610 3rd Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-748-1700	Rae Flanders (RAL Room 124) E. Jean Phillips (RAL Room 134) John Weichel (RAL Room 125)
<b>Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205	941-666-8837 941-567-6976	Vic Kane (#141) Debbie Parvin (#133)
<b>Westminster Towers Health Care (HC)</b>	320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-747-1881 941-757-5941	Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Elma Westney (HC 327A)

# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:00 Scout Lock-in
<b>2 Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>3 Newsletter Submission</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF	<b>4</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 Mission Mtg	<b>5</b> 5:30 Deacons 7:00 Choir	<b>6</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing	<b>7</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>8</b>
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<b>16 Father's Day</b> 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>17</b> 6:00 SG/MMNF	<b>18</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>20</b> 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing	<b>21</b> 7:00 Spanish Ministry	<b>22</b>
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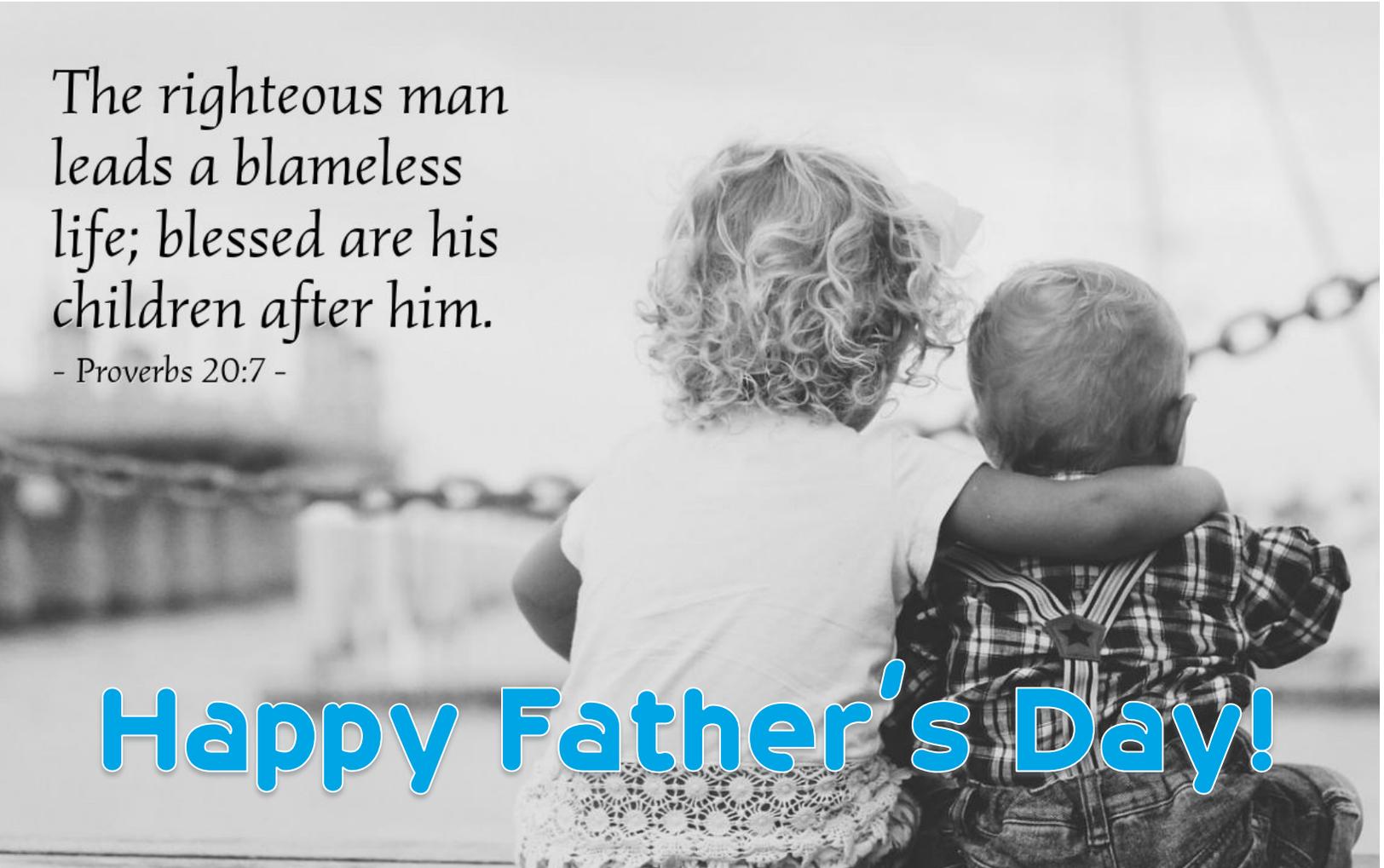
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Prepared Especially For...



*The righteous man  
leads a blameless  
life; blessed are his  
children after him.*

- Proverbs 20:7 -

**Happy Father's Day!**