# Grace Tidings

**A Newsletter of Avalon Grace Church**

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## FATHER ABRAHAM

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There is a reason that Abraham is called the father of all them that believe:

***"And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the right-eousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that right-eousness might be imputed unto them also." - Romans 4:11***

God gave more promises to Abraham than perhaps any single person in the Bible. A major portion of Genesis is used to record these many promises and covenants. The proper response when God gives you a promise is to believe. Abraham believed God:

***"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." – Romans 4: 20-21***

God promised Abraham a land, a mighty nation, a seed, a great name, to be a blessing to the world, and more. Even his name was changed according to a promise. But the great-est promise ever given to Abraham was when God counted his faith as right-eousness:

**"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." - Genesis 15:6**

This promise made the others certain for it required God to fulfill them not Abraham. This promise would go on to bless countless others who cannot perform, including you and me, who trust God's work for us by the cross.

If you are justified by faith without works, you are not the first. You are merely walking "in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham"

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**All Are Welcome!**

**Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**
**(Sunday Messages available on website: www.avalongracechurch.com)**
**Children's Sunday School 10:45 AM**

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**"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: . . ."**
**- Ephesians 3:9**

## FATHER ABRAHAM . . . (Continued from Page 1)

***"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." – Galatians 3:7***

***"And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised." – Romans 4:12***

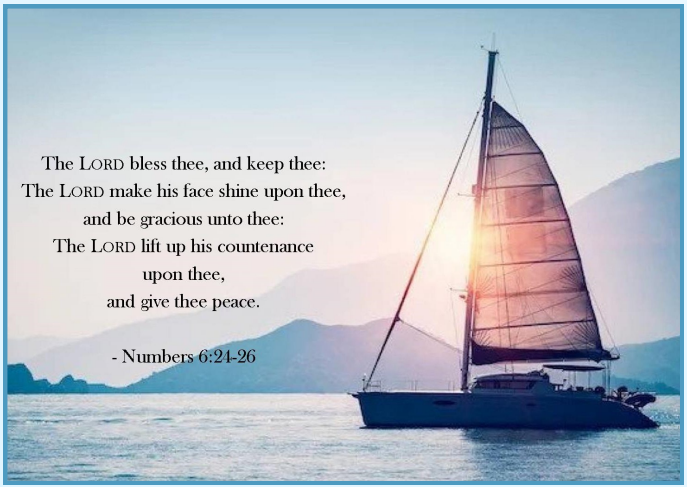
Of course, there is an important difference between what Abraham believed and what we believe. Abraham's faith was in the many promises of nations and sons that God gave him.

Your faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ and his finished work. We do not partake of all of Abraham's promises, but thank God the promise of righteousness by faith has been granted to us also.

Upon your belief in the gospel of Christ, righteousness is imputed to you just like it was imputed to Abraham. This makes you a child of this promise of righteousness by faith. And that makes Abraham the father of all them that believe.

May you have a blessed Father's Day in Him,

Pastor Phil




The father is to be the spiritual leader of the home. God would have fathers set the pace, take the lead, and be the point man, providing spiritual leadership for the family. God wants children to learn from their father's example of what it means to love the Lord. As a father, if we want our children to love God and know that God loves them, we ourselves need to love God. Fathers need to prioritize their personal relationship with the Lord and their own spiritual growth to set a proper example for their family.

Gospel musician Hilding Halverson tells the following story about overhearing a conversation between his son and two other little boys:

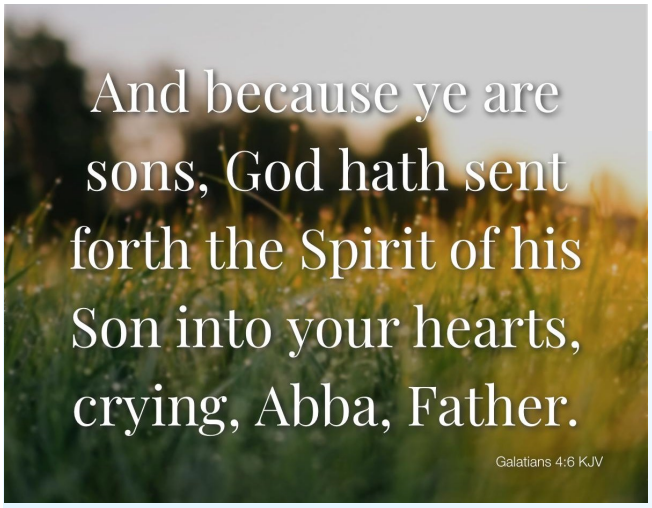
"When my small boy was playing with his buddies in the backyard I overheard them talking one day—and the conversation was, amusingly, on those 'my dad can whip your dad' routines. One boy said proudly, 'My dad knows the mayor of our town.' Another boy said, 'That's nothing—my dad knows the governor of our state!' Wondering what was coming next in the program of bragging, I heard my son say, 'That's nothing—my dad knows God!'

I slipped away from my place of eavesdropping with tears on my cheeks. On my knees in my room, I prayed earnestly and gratefully, 'O God, I pray that my boy will always be able to say, my dad knows God.'"

Our children observe us closely. God wants our to know that we know Him. To bring our children up in the nurture and *admonition of the Lord*, we need to know the Lord and His Word. David Mains said it well: "I have come to the conclusion that the best way I can improve my children's spiritual lives is to continually improve my own.'

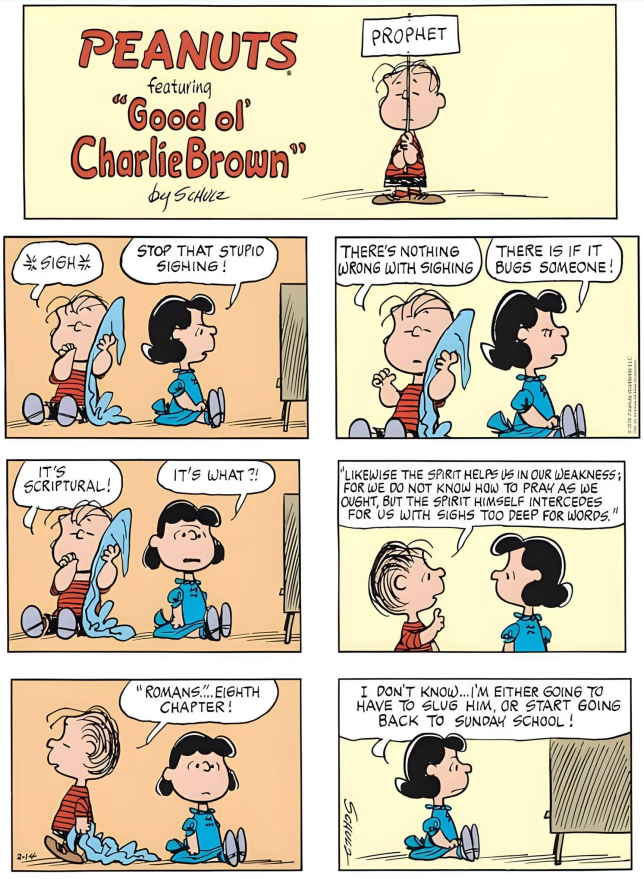
***"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." - Ephesians 6:4***

- Pastor Kevin Sadler




"And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." - 2 Corinthians 6:18

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*. - Proverbs 68:5-6




## HUSBAND to HUSBAND

In June of 1971, just days before his 26-year old son Michael got married, future U.S. President Ronald Reagan sent him the following advice:

Dear Mike,

You've heard all the jokes that have been rousted around by all the "unhappy marrieds" and cynics. Now, in case no one has suggested it, there is another viewpoint. You have entered into the most meaningful relationship there is in all human life. It can be whatever you decide to make it….

There are more men griping about marriage who kicked the whole thing away themselves than there can ever be wives deserving of blame. There is an old law of physics that you can only get out of a thing as much as you put in it. The man who puts into the marriage only half of what he owns will get that out….

It [takes] quite a man to remain attractive and to be loved by a woman who has heard him snore, seen him unshaven, tended him while he was sick, and washed his dirty underwear. Do that and keep her still feeling a warm glow and you will know some very beautiful music.

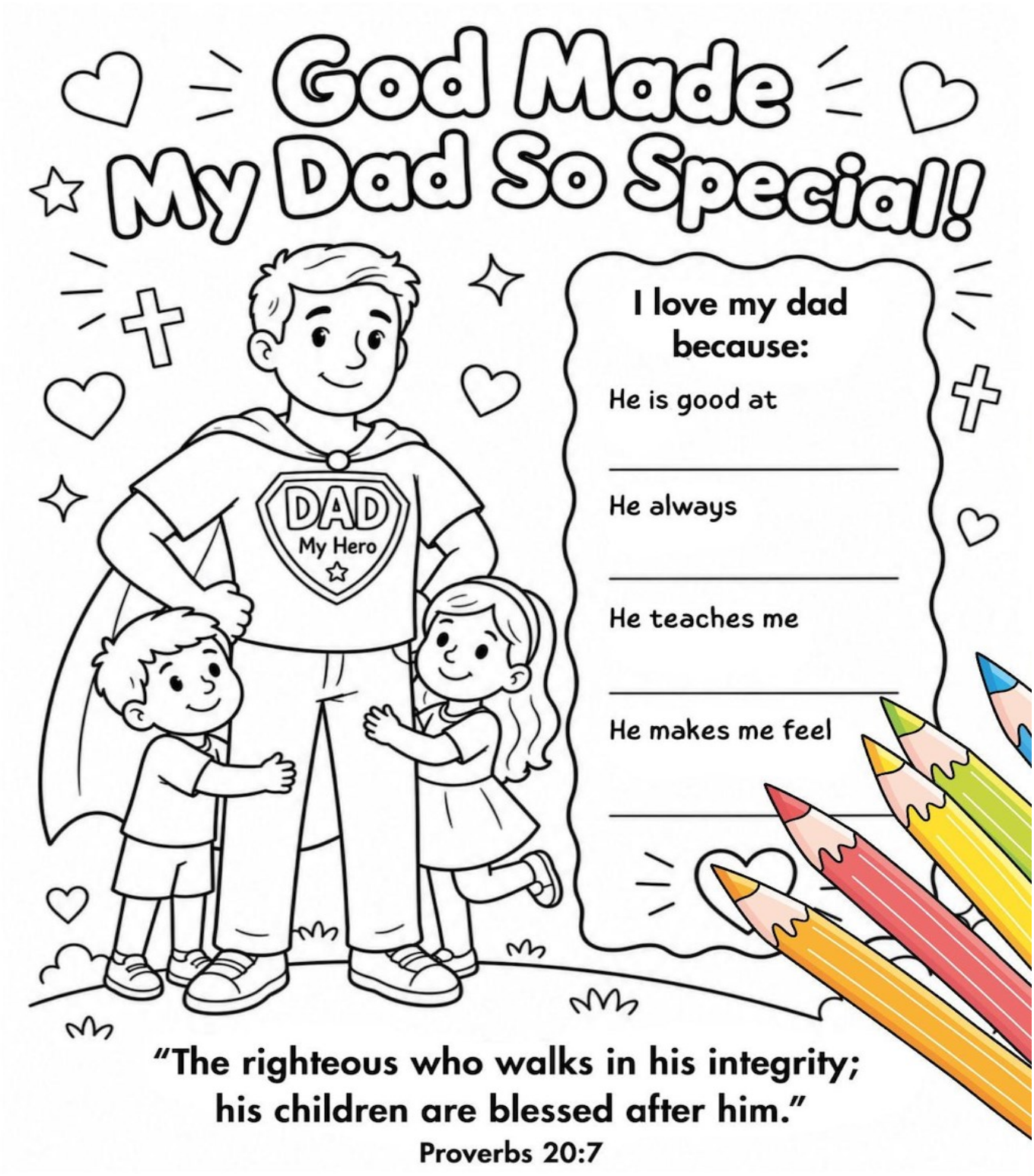
Mike, you know better than many what an unhappy home is and what it can do to others. Now you have a chance to make it come out the way it should. There is no greater happiness for a man than approaching a door at the end of a day knowing someone on the other side of that door is waiting for the sound of his footsteps.

Love,
Dad

P.S. You'll never get in trouble if you say "I love you" at least once a day!

***"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it." - Ephesians 5:25***

# Coloring for Jesus




Like as father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. - Psalm 103:13 KJV

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7<br>9:45 Sunday Breakfast<br>10:30 AM Sunday Worship<br>10:45 AM Children's Sunday School | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 **FLAG DAY**<br> <br>10:30 AM Sunday Worship<br>10:45 AM Children's Sunday School | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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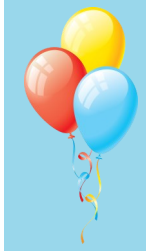

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

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| 6th | David Marshall |
| 8th | Sabrina McClellan |
| 8th | Samuel McClellan |
| 10th | John O'Neill |
| 16th | Michelle Sims |
| 30th | Janet McClellan |

**COMING IN JULY**

5th 9:45 AM Sunday Breakfast & Independence Day!