

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; *Psalm 103:13 NIV*



Service of
Worship &
Communion

Sunday, 5th June, 2016



Berean Bible Church

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. • Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30 p.m.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Order of Service

Choir

Invocation

859 Where Could I Go?

579 God Will Take Care of You

Lord I Would Own Thy Tender Care (on screen)

1st Scripture – **John 13:1-15**

441 The Lord's My Shepherd, I shall Not Want

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Choir

836 He Giveth More Grace

Message – Rev. Ronald Trotman

816 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Scripture – **Psalms 27**

Ministry of Music – Sis. Naomi Williams

Benediction

Please remember to pray for:

- **Our fathers**
- **The outreach ministries of the Church**
- **The persecuted Church**
- **The completion of our church building**
- **The work of the Gideons, The Bible Society, CEF and ISCF**
- **The sick and shut-ins**



Fatherhood's Call to Duty

A love that knows its responsibilities. (AN EXTRACT)

Ravi Zacharias

Many men over the years have opted for selfishness over duty, for professional accolades over nurture, for image rather than substance, for temporal gain over an eternally defined profit, for sitting in the board room rather than standing by a crib. There is the old saying that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Now, that the cradle is ruling the world as we rock ourselves into the arrogant belief that not only is an earthly father unnecessary, there is no need for a heavenly Father, either.

Duty is the handmaiden of love and honor. Duty recognizes a cause greater than one's self; it is choosing the right thing rather than the convenient thing. As men and as fathers we have a duty before God and others to do what is right, honorable, and sacrificial.

Contrast these two stories: Some years ago, a fire broke out during an Air Canada flight from Dallas to Toronto. The pilot began a dramatic and sudden descent, knowing he had but a few moments to land if any were to survive. As soon as they opened the door for rescue, the whole aircraft, sucking in the oxygen, turned into an inferno. There were some fatalities and some suffered burns, but because of his skill and the crew's commitment, many were rescued. The captain was the last one to leave the burning airplane. He was pulled through the window with his uniform afire. He deserved the tearful and heart-filled commendation he received as someone who had done his duty.

In April, a ferry in Seoul, South Korea, capsized, killing hundreds. Most of the passengers were high school students who ultimately drowned while waiting for instructions to abandon ship. The captain himself had fled the sinking ship and made sure he was safe on dry ground, prompting a chorus of condemnation from the loved ones of those lost. The teacher who had organized the trip took his own life, feeling that he had no right to be alive while most of his students perished. Even the prime minister of South Korea offered to resign because of the tragedy. No celebration here, no commendation of a brave man; just a series of wrong decisions that resulted in the ultimate wrong decision of a man who put himself first and failed to do his duty.

This Father's Day, I call upon every man to do his duty to those who are in his care and toward whatever task is in his trust, regardless of the personal cost. I pause, myself, to reflect upon ways in which I could have served my family better. I wish I had done that in more ways than I did. Watching our children live out their lives for God is a thrill that cannot be gainsaid.

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The hymn writer put it well: "Put on the Gospel armor / and watching unto prayer, / When duty calls, or danger, / be never wanting there" (Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus). My father-in-law was that kind of man, and that's why his last words at the end of his life were incredible. Looking toward the heavens he said, "Amazing, just amazing!" before telling his wife, "I love you." Love had at last wedded beauty to duty, the enrichment of the here and the enchantment of the hereafter. It was the finest and the most soul-affirming of farewells. Doing your duty before God and man is ultimately welcomed in the embrace of love and commendation from whom it really matters. What more could a wife and children have asked for?

God places before us a call to the most rewarding service: to love that knows its responsibility and will reap the fitting reward of children who honor their parents. Out of such homes society can build a better future. The path to that end is fraught with obstacles, perils, disappointments, and heartaches, but we cannot fail in our duty. It begins by knowing the God who sent his Son who, in turn, fulfilled his duty and laid down his life so that you and I might know the love of our heavenly Father. Duty and love came from heaven to earth so that earth might reflect that splendor.

Happy Father's Day, gentlemen. And to families that are missing their father today, my prayers are especially for you. May God our heavenly Father be your strength.

Ravi Zacharias is founder and president of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM), a global ministry focused on evangelism, apologetics, spiritual disciplines, training, and humanitarian support. An itinerant speaker for 42 years, Zacharias is presently Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University's Wycliffe Hall and his weekly radio program, "Let My People Think," airs on over 2,000 outlets worldwide. Dr. Zacharias and his wife, Margie, have three grown children and reside in Atlanta.

June 19th **HAPPY**
Father's Day



June Birthdays

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| 3rd – Wendene Wells | 23rd – Chikako Jackson | 30th – May Pilgrim |
| 6th – Owen Thompson | 24th – Velda Jones | |
| 15th – Erleen Whitehall | 25th – Lorna Ward | |
| 19th – Mildred Savoury | 27th – Richard James | July |
| 22nd – Danny Ward | 28th – Shurley Reece | 1st – Kenmore Maycock |

Anniversaries

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| 4th – Dolores & Harold Codrington | July 1st - Kenmore & Carol Maycock |
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