




<sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.  
<sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6 : 6-7 ESV




# Worship Service & Communion

Sunday, 7 June, 2026

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- **Worship Services: 10:40 am & 6:00 pm (In-person & Online)**  
 <https://www.youtube.com/user/bereanbarbados/live>
  - **Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15am (In-person)**
  - **Wednesday Noon Prayer (In-person)**
  - **Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study: 7:30 pm (In-person & Online)**  
 **YouTube**  **ZOOM** (links provided)
  - **Friday Youth Service: 7:00 pm (in-person)**



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# A Father's 5-to-9

## The Holy Ambition of Godly Dads

Some years ago, a professor told our class about a brief word from his wife that lodged itself like an arrow in his chest.

A new semester was approaching, and he had labored to develop syllabi that would serve his students. He chose the books, outlined the assignments, scheduled the essays and exams, and charted a careful academic course from August to December. Then his wife, noticing such thorough professorial planning, asked her honest question: “Why don’t you give the same kind of thought and planning to our family?”

Though a single man at the time, I could still understand the sting. Now a husband and father myself, however, I can feel it. I know many men can. All too easily, we can devote tremendous effort and creativity to career or ministry, perhaps not even thinking of doing the same for family. We can show far more ambition — more thought, more planning, more intentionality, more eagerness — toward work or church than toward fatherhood. We can be passionate employees or ministry leaders, but comparatively passive dads.

Surely kids need to see a dad whose eyes look upward and outward, ambitious about serving God in work, church, the neighborhood, and beyond. But with equal surety, kids need to see a dad ambitious about being dad.

### **A Father's 5-to-9**

God’s own descriptions of fatherhood in Scripture show us a man who yearns to do good in the world, yes, but who also gives vast energy to the world of his family. He has not only a 9-to-5 job but a 5-to-9 job, a calling just as demanding, and often more so, than his career (and one that includes mornings and weekends as well).

The Bible’s most extended portrayal of fatherhood comes to us in the book of Proverbs, which records a father’s words to his maturing son. Much in the book reminds us that God made men for outward dominion: the call to work hard, the instructions about business and farming, the picture of the father sitting “in the gates . . . among the elders of the land” (Proverbs 31:23). But the very structure of Proverbs — affectionate, earnest, persistent counsel from a father to his son — reminds us that a man’s dominion includes being dad.

Proverbs portrays fatherhood as an all-of-life affair. The book's dad is a Deuteronomy 6:7 kind of man, one who disciplines his son at home and abroad, from morning till night. He teaches a course called "Life" in a classroom as broad as the world. We can perhaps imagine him talking to his son as they walk past the forbidden woman's street ("Do not go near the door of her house," 5:8), as they nearly step on an anthill ("Go to the ant," 6:6), or as they sit down for a meal ("Eat honey, for it is good," 24:13).

His teaching covers topics both spiritual and practical, both eternal and everyday. Across the book's 22 instances of the phrase "my son . . ." he speaks to his son's head, heart, hands, feet, eyes, soul, mouth, and more. He knows his boy's particular strengths and follies. He spends enough unhurried time around him to say, "Let your eyes observe my ways" (Proverbs 23:26). And though this father has ambitions beyond his boy, he can hardly imagine himself glad apart from this young man's lasting good (Proverbs 10:1; 17:25; 23:15, 24). He is, in a word, ambitious to be dad.

### **Home for Ambition**

Such a broad, demanding vision of fatherhood suggests at least one reason why men can find outward ambition easier or more natural. In the end, being a godly father may prove harder than starting a company, building a career, or even becoming a pastor.

I for one feel that I have entered a more difficult job when I walk through the doorway after work. Children do not simply ask us to be good accountants or teachers or engineers or project managers: they ask us to be good men. And they do not simply require eight hours of our attention, but in some sense, all of it. If we want to be able to say, "My son, give me your heart" (Proverbs 23:26), then we will need to give them our very selves.

We need some good reasons, then, to put our passivity away and devote ourselves to being better dads. Alongside the simple fact that Scripture gives us our pattern for godly fatherhood (and all God's patterns are good), consider three other reasons our ambition needs not only an office or a pulpit but a home: for our own soul, for the world, and for our kids.

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# Order of Service

COMMUNION SUNDAY  
June 7, 2026 at 10:40am

**THEME: "Hope in God our heavenly Father"**

Welcome - Pastor Paul Garnes

Announcements - Sec. Mitchell Sinckler

Meditation

Scriptural Call To Worship

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

**Hymn: LH 90 Come Christians Join to Sing**

**Hymn: LH 342 Only a Sinner**

Prayer of Confession

**OT Reading Numbers 14: 1-19**

**NT Reading Acts 27: 30-44**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (offering)

**Offering: LH 340 In Tenderness He Sought Me**

**Choir: The Secret Place**

**Hymn: LH 809 Until Then**

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon - Pastor Paul Garnes

**Song: We Receive**

Communion - Distribution of elements

**Song: All Sufficient Merit**

Benediction

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER



- For our Fathers who are Godly examples.
- Especially for young men and the youth of our nation.
- For our upcoming Vacation Bible School.
- For IBYC and its organisation as we host.
- For successful medical operations.
- For comfort to those who are grieving.
- For the persecuted church.
- Pray for the ministry and wellbeing of our Pastor and family.
- For healing for our sick members.
- For grace for our shut-in members.
- As we share the Word and make disciples.
- For our unemployed members to find meaningful employment.
- For the peace of Jerusalem.

## June Birthdays

4 - Annette Dasent

6 - Owen Thompson

7 - Josiah Williams

8 - Deborah Gonsalves-King

14 - Connie Whittaker

15 - Erleen Whitehall

19 - Richard Pierce

21 - Ezra Gilbert

23 - Kingsley Reece

25 - Lorna Ward

27 - Richard James

28 - Shurley Reece

29 - Michael Jones

30 - Ivan Parris

## Anniversaries

4 - Harold & Dolores Codrington

25 - Steve & Cheryl Brewster