



*Family and Youth Corner:*  
by Breno Macedo

**“Parents Are a Great Gift!”**

*Hear, my son, your father's instruction  
And do not forsake your mother's teaching;  
Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head  
And ornaments about your neck. ~Proverbs 1:8-9*

One of the characteristics of some TV shows and movies in our day is to depict parents as an unwelcome part of our lives. It is common to see kids trying to do things behind their parents back, telling parents lies and challenging their authority. And in addition this is all done with tone of something normal, common, even expected. On the other hand, the Scriptures are filled with the idea of the authority and importance of our parents. Remember that there is a commandment exclusively dedicate to them and that our Lord Jesus Christ Himself demonstrated a particular interest and care for His earthly mother while at the cross.

My dear young reader, in these two verses of the book of Proverbs, Solomon gives you important principles to guide your relationship with your parents. **The first one is the principle of equality.** Observe that in verse 8, he used two words with the same meaning regarding what you are to do toward both your father and mother. Since these words are equal, no matter where the instruction or teaching is coming from (either from you father or mother), you are to consider them with the same authority and treat both of them with the same respect.

**The second principle is that of the parents' role.** They are to *instruct* you and you are to *hear* their instruction and not *forsake* them. In other words, expect your parents to correct you when they think you are wrong. That is their role in your life. In our days, parental instruction is taken as an inconvenience, even as a lack of respect or invasion of space. All these ideas are contrary to the teaching of your God. It is because of His own design for a family that your parents take the time and the make the great effort to instruct you in all areas. Your role, according to Solomon, is that of listening. Now, observe how he expands on that, you are to listen in such a way that you will neither forget nor neglect the instruction. That is the idea of the expression “do not forsake.”

**The third principle is that of the value of your parent's instruction.** Solomon continues his argument explaining why you should listen carefully to your parent's teachings and not forsake them. He affirms that they are extremely valuable! They are compared to the golden crowns that are put on the heads of kings and queen. In a modern perspective, they are like the crown given to the prom queen, or like a football helmet made of gold! That is how important and valuable there are. Don't you want to use them?

Therefore, my young brother and sister, “honor thy father and mother so that your days on earth may be long and prosperous.” Give them the place of honor they deserve in your life, consider carefully their teachings and directions and never be ashamed of them. For if you do not honor your earthly parents who you can see, how are going to honor your Heavenly Father who you do not see?

~Breno

  
**MISSIONARY MISSIVE:**  
*Clay & Darlene Quarterman*

by Carolyn Root

The Quartermans will be on a home ministry assignment (HMA) this summer (June – September). They have a full schedule, including our church in mid-July. Their itinerary includes churches in AL, CT, FL, GA, MA, MD, MS, NC, NM, NY, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WA. Wherever they go they will be sharing news of their ministry at the Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine, where Clay is president, as well as the family counseling center, publishing house, and new churches recently established. Other highlights of their trip are a niece's wedding in Tuscaloosa, AL; an open house for Ukraine in Birmingham, AL; a high school reunion in Jackson, MS; the PCA General Assembly in Nashville, TN; the MTW summer conference in Rosman, NC; and an official meeting with MTW in Atlanta, GA. On September 11 they plan to fly back to the Ukraine.

All of this traveling will be quite a challenge, so they would appreciate our prayers for safety and effectiveness in bringing an encouraging word of the Gospel, which is ever fresh. Their contact info is:

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**Picnic Supper with the Quartermans**  
**Sunday Evening, July 11<sup>th</sup>:**

*We look forward to having our missionaries, **Clay & Darlene Quarterman**, with us on **Sunday evening, July 11<sup>th</sup>**.  
**Dr. Quarterman** will fill the pulpit that evening (updating us on their ministry); **following worship**, we will have a **picnic supper/ cook-out** and **time of fellowship** with the Quartermans!*

**Menu: hotdogs, sides, lemonade & dessert.**  
*(hotdogs, buns & lemonade will be supplied)*

*Please sign up to bring a **side dish** (potato/ pasta salad, baked beans, fruit/ vegetable tray, etc.) or your **favorite dessert**.*

**Thank you!**

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## JUNE—JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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### “Repentance and Sanctification”

by Martin H. Martin

I recently heard someone asked, “If a Christian came to you, struggling with some area of ongoing sin in his life, what hope would you give him?” The person responded, “I would tell him that Christ died for that sin, and that he won’t struggle with it anymore one day in glory.” While that answer is not untrue, I remember thinking, “Is that it? Is that the best he has to hope for? That the struggle will be over when this life is over?”

Certainly, Christians are still sinners. Though saved, we still sin and will struggle with sin the rest of our lives; but is there any hope of making any headway in this struggle with sin? The answer is certainly “Yes!” In Christ, we have been made spiritually alive and delivered from the bondage of sin. The Spirit of Christ is at work in us. We still sin, but we don’t have to sin the way we used to and we can expect that we will die more and more to sin and live in righteousness because of Christ’s work in our lives.

Many of us would acknowledge that our parents’ generation tended to err in the direction of legalism. There was much emphasis on “duty” and the disciplines of the Christian life, even to the neglect of the doctrine of grace. To push it more bluntly, people could think they were good Christians because they were working hard at the Christian life, when in fact they weren’t Christians at all because they were trusting in their “working” rather than in Christ. However, today we have a much greater handle on the primacy and need of God’s grace (and much about that is good), but have focused on it in such a way that we have neglected the fruit of God’s grace in a believer’s life.

If I can take the liberty of making an observation, the sequence of our thinking seems to go something like this – conviction of sin, trust in Christ, justification, thankfulness for adoption, brokenness over remaining sin and longing for glory when that sin will stop. Are all of those things true for the Christian – conviction, trust, justification, brokenness and longing? Yes they are, but notice they neglect sanctification or growth in our walk with Christ!

Think about the sequence of the beatitudes – humility, mourning, meekness, longing, mercy, purity, peacemaking, persecution and ostra-

cism. In other words, the Christian begins with an understanding of his sin (humility) and sorrow over the degree to which it is still there (mourning); but he also longs to be like Christ (hunger and thirst), becomes more like Christ (is satisfied) in such a way that he loves and serves others and does so to such a degree that non-Christians can’t stand him for it!

So, Christian, this is what you can expect to see and can have confidence will occur in your life! Don’t fall into the defeatism that says you will never be any different and implies that the best thing would be for this life to end now! Christians never outgrow the necessity for humility, but the Christian consists of more than “brokenness” over how we are still no better than we have ever been.

Let me say it another way – the goal is not *brokenness* but *repentance* unto *Christ-likeness*! Is your life one of ongoing repentance and increasing faithfulness to Christ? We pull up way short if we reduce the whole of the Christian life to “brokenness”.

~Pastor Marty

**Sunday Evening, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Farewell Dinner honoring**  
**Paulo & Eudalia Sousa (and family)**  
**Menu: Grilled pork tenderloin, salads, rolls & dessert.**  
(Meat, rolls and beverage will be supplied by the church)  
**Please sign up to bring a cold salad / side\* (potato, pasta, or tossed salad; fruit or vegetable tray) or your favorite dessert.**  
**\*Please note: there will be no oven space available.**  
**Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.**

#### SERVING IN JUNE:

Elder of the Month: Jeff Wayne  
Deacon of the Month: Troy High  
Greeters of the Month: Troy & Martha High

Nursery Coordinator: Melissa DeJong

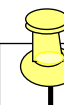
#### SERVING IN JULY:

Elder of the Month: Dave Lesley  
Deacon of the Month: Bill Wilder  
Greeters of the Month: The Richards

Ushers: Troy High, Ron Reimink & Bill Wilder

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

- ◆ Tabitha Way and Leanna Dyer were admitted to the Lord’s table.
- ◆ Margaret Wehle was removed from Fellowship’s membership roll per BCO 38-4.



## CHURCH NOTES:

The sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated during morning worship on **Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**; and in the evening on **Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** (a special **Mercy Offering** will be received during this service as well).

### **Wednesday Night Prayer This Summer:** **JUNE 16—AUGUST 18, 6:30—7:30 PM**

**Plan to join us Wednesday nights this summer,**  
**June 16—August 18, 6:30—7:30 PM,**  
**for a time of informal prayer.**

**Please note: There will be no supper or activities;**  
**eating a picnic supper early or staying late**  
**is up to individual families.**

**Childcare for nursery/ preschool children provided;**  
**older children will be in prayer service with their parents.**

**There are Session Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**and Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM.**

#### ◆ **Upcoming Youth Events** ◆

◆ **Friday, June 18, 6:00 PM: Pizza & Movie Night;**  
**please bring a 2 liter soft drink**

◆ **July 26—30: Jr. High Conference at Ridge Haven**

**Please contact Breno Macedo ([brenopm@gmail.com](mailto:brenopm@gmail.com) or 631-3896) for event details.**

### **AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 14<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Men’s Prayer Breakfast & Workday:** **Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM**

**Prayer Breakfast (7-9 AM) will be followed by a workday ending before noon.**



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**The church office will be closed Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.**

