

# Connections

The EBBC INFORMATION SOURCE † June 21, 2009  
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**TODAY, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> Father's Day. Pastor Kevin preaching.**

- 8:15 Morning Worship, Lakeside (weather permitting)
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 Coffee Fellowship, Coulter Hall
- 11:00 Meetinghouse Worship, Sanctuary
- 4:30 Membership Meeting with Elders, Room 10
- 6:30 Evening Worship, Sanctuary.

**MONDAY:**

- 6:30 Bible Study at the Fields' home, E. Brookfield
- 7:00 SOS meeting, Coulter Hall

**TUESDAY:**

- 10:00 Women's Bible Study, Cheney 10
- 1:00 Women's Bible Study, Cheney 10
- 7:00 Church Board & Elders, Coulter Hall

**WEDNESDAY:**

- 12:00 AA, Harrington Center
- 7:00 Honor Court, Harrington Center
- 7:00 By Laws Subcommittee, Library

**THURSDAY:**

- 9:00 Shepherd's Heart Story Telling, Coulter Hall
- 10:00 Prayer Group, Cheney 9
- 7:00 Threads Women's Bible Study, Cheney 9
- 7:00 Bible Study at the Bellerive home in Warren

**FRIDAY:**

- 7:00 TTL, grades 6—12, Coulter Hall
- 7:00 AA, Harrington Center front

**SATURDAY:**

- 4:00 AA, Harrington Center

**NEXT SUNDAY: June 28<sup>th</sup>. Jim & Ann-Elise Grosser (missionaries to Ireland) speaking.**



*"May He (God) give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. "*  
 Ps 20:4 (NIV)



*From  
 Bill  
 Gillmeister*

**A Father's Day**

**Encouragement**

Mothers get all the credit! Let's face it. Mother's Day gets a lot more attention than

Father's Day, and I think that's unfair! I demand equal rights! I'm going to start a movement IRC-Ced (pronounced irked!)—identical rights to cards and calls! The only reason mothers get all the glory from kids is because dads are the disciplinarians. It's just not fair.

Biblically speaking, dad has a tough assignment. Dads are the heads of households and are responsible for instilling biblical teachings in their kids. That means that dads first must know and understand the Bible themselves. And if that's not enough, dads are a direct representation of our Father in heaven. More adults can trace issues in their own lives right back to their own fathers. Often our views and feelings concerning our earthly fathers interfere with our relationship with our Father in Heaven. A heavy burden indeed!

One lesson we dads can learn from our Father in heaven, though, comes from the Father himself: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Here's the Father encouraging and supporting His awesome Son, Jesus Christ, and he does this not just once a couple of times.

Even as disciplinarians, we cannot forget that we must encourage our children. But the buck doesn't stop with dads or children. Husbands, wives, children, and more broadly in the church—we all must remember to encourage. So while you offer your dad a happy Father's Day, please remember to encourage others also.

Father's Day blessings,  
 Bill Gillmeister

**CALL2FALL:** On Sunday, July 5, all across America, we have been asked to "fall on our knees" in humility to pray. Our country needs prayer for repentance, so that God might forgive our sins and heal our land. For more information, check out the website [www.call2fall.com/](http://www.call2fall.com/).

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 11:00 Shelly Whigham

**Next Week:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 11:00 Kristin Smith

**JUNIOR CHURCH, Rm. 11**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 11:00 Kathie Tower

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 11:00 Sue Gillmeister

**Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, community Independence Celebration **Pancake Breakfast**, Coulter Hall.
- This year's **Vacation Bible School** will be held July 27<sup>th</sup>—July 31<sup>st</sup>, and the program is "Son Rock Kids' Camp." If you are interested in leading or helping out, please contact *Kathie Tower*.



**TO KEEP IN PRAYER**

*Claire Ferrero  
Sharon Joyce  
Jim Gustafson  
Jane Wells*



*Armed Forces and families around the world.  
Please pray for James Casey as he prepares to serve our country overseas.*

*Area Churches: 1st Congregational Church in Brookfield and Pastor Ellie Kraner.*

**A Note of Thanksgiving from Sunday School Superintendent Judy Blodgett:**

"Thank you seems like such an easy thing to say and yet is not said often enough I fear. Certainly an experience like we all had this past Sunday worshipping with our children at the second service would bring forth songs and shouts of praise.

"How blessed we are to have these children as part of our family. It takes God working through lots of people to 'grow up' children from the youngest three year olds in Wee Believers to the High School Seniors in Praise and Worship.

"Sometimes your input may seem small—you give hugs or pop popcorn. Or you may teach a Sunday School class, keep a classroom clean, collect money, or listen to memory verses. Whatever gifts God gives you, I give you thanks for using them to the best of your ability.

"We have some really wonderful people working with our children and not only on Sunday, but Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and occasionally even on Saturday! Lest we forget that we are also blessed to have many adults that lead various adult studies on Sunday and throughout the week. God is so good and His blessings are never ending. Thank you all again for your part in this family."

*And from Pastor Kevin...**THANK YOU**, Judy Blodgett, for sacrificing your time and treasures to our Sunday School Ministry. You have helped to impart the eternal word of God into the lives of people who become better equipped to "go into all the world."*

**Sponsored Child of the Week:** Enesiah Chivhinge from Zimbabwe, sponsored by Linda Ciejka.

We are continuing to collect funds for the **Coastal Haiti Mission** (a new organization founded by *Clint Goddard*, formerly of North Haiti Mission). As of the end of May, a total of \$354 has been received. Collection cans are available in the Narthex, and these cans replace the Love Loaves we formerly used. We thank you again for your continued support of our missions programs!



**Christian Camping Scholarships—**

\$50 camping scholarships toward the cost for Christian camps are available. If you are interested, please contact *Cathy Cronin-Loggie* for an application, and there is also information on the Coulter Hall bulletin board. Thank you.

**ALERT! Bathroom Bill hearing at State House!**

Mark your calendars for July 14, 2009. More information to follow. Contact *Janet Knowlton*, *Nancy Richardson*, or *Bill Gillmeister*.

**Soulfest 2009** tickets are available at a 25% discounted price. Soulfest is New England's premiere outside Christian concert in New England. From July 29-August 1, over 100 bands and speakers such as Casting Crowns, Third Day, Skillet, Pillar, Fireflight and Sara Groves will join thousands of worshippers in a time of renewal. Contact Beth Goven for details at 508-829-0313.

**CALL 2FALL** high points. . . Our nation needs prayer. From 9/11 to war to natural disasters to financial and moral collapse, we are witnessing what happens when a nation turns away from God. We are sensing the need to return to simple but powerful truths like:

- God is sovereign. He is holy and He is love
- We are sinners, saved only by the powerful love of God
- When we drift away, God disciplines us
- The pathway to return to God begins with ...a humility and brokenness before the Lord
- ...a desperation to find the face of God
- ...a heart cry for the mercy of God
- ...a desire to turn from our sinful ways
- ...a resolve to return to the ways of God. Let's pray...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

- June 21 Kelly Parker
- June 23 Collin Sasseville
- June 24 Corbin Berry, George Berry, & Caitlin Loftus
- June 25 Mae Ramsey & Lydia Small
- June 26 Gary Hardy
- June 28 Charles Wilson, Jr.

