



*In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety. ~ Abraham Maslow*

## *Fathers Make You Brave*

I doubt the last words of any woman in the history of humanity have ever been, *"Watch this!"*

Have you ever noticed how safety-oriented mothers are? Women must have this tendency etched on their brains. They think of everything. Just getting out the door to school or a road trip is a marathon and somewhere along the line a tissue will come out, be spit on, and some unwilling face, that wasn't hardly dirty by any male standard, will be washed. I believe this is a ritual that dates back to caveman days. Eve probably did something similar using whatever doubled for tissue in her circumstances. Bless them, mothers help us make it to adulthood.

Mothers make their children careful. Fathers make their children brave. Fathers are more concerned with stout hearts than clean faces. Not making judgements here. Just pointing out a different focus. Children need both characteristics. I know there have been single moms and dads who had to teach their precious children both.

In Psalm 37:23-24 the Lord tells us, "The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand."

Children gain confidence by observing and imitating their fathers and also by knowing that Dad is somewhere in the background even as they strike out on their own. Isn't this how our Father positions Himself in our lives? Watching, firming up our steps, giving us room to maneuver and all the while using His words to us to cushion us as we keep moving forward, He teaches us how to recover from a stumble and how to gain a more sure footing. Fathers are priceless in a culture that needs to

value surefooted giant killers. If you are tempted to dismiss the need for this skill because you think all the giants have been relegated to history, you might want to take a look at the news. We need fathers and the Fatherhood of God more than ever.

God as father is a foreign concept to so many who seek our services. If I am to be honest, I myself was in need of some fathering that did not bring hurt and shame. Our dear Father in Heaven is the perfect example, the right mix of tough and tender that we all need. He has promised to never let us go. We are assured that our names are carved on His own palms, that He carries us in His heart and that no price was too much to pay to assure that we were secure in His family. He has also shown us what spiritual combat and the triumph of obedience look like by the life of His dear Son.

We labor every day to share God's vision of fatherhood to those who come to us. They come for food and a bed but it is our hope they will receive a revived spirit and a vision of the parent who is always there to discipline with kindness, to delight and uphold.

Thank you for helping us share that grace with those in need of such a Father. *You* are priceless.

Blessings,  
**Pastor John LaMantia**

## June Memorials



Memorial for: Kent Lindsey  
by: Carol Lindsey

Memorial for: Marilyn Rabb  
by: Deanna McCollough

Memorial for: Irma Scevenious  
by: Kamala Satyal

Memorial for: Gene Moe  
by: Joyce Knight

Memorial for: John M. Pierce, Jr.  
by: Troy & Patricia Pierce

Memorial for: Betty Benson  
by: Dennis Hedman

Memorial for: Tom Pepin  
by: Dennis Hedman

Memorial for: Try Wieland  
by: Dennis Hedman

*I need no other argument, I need  
no other plea  
It is enough that Jesus died and  
that He died for me*

## Happy Graduation



All of our very best wishes to Jerry Sims on his recent graduation from the LifeSkills program. Jerry is one of the most helpful and engaging people I know. He supervises the Mission laundry and his care and conscientiousness have saved us so much in repairs while delivering a great service to our clients. Jerry loves Christ and we know he will continue to sow to the Kingdom.

Pastor John LaMantia, Staff,  
Board and Donors

## With Grateful Hearts

BIG thank you to 93.7 (KAFC) and their listeners for a spectacular clothing drive for the Mission! These dear people always outdo themselves on our behalf. We are deeply grateful to them for helping us meet the needs of those who rely on us for daily wear as well as work clothing. Thank you, Tom Stiegleman and your many fans.

We are sending blessings to Maria Roark a student who paired up with Shoes for the Homeless as a special school project. She directed her efforts to the Mission and blessed the feet of our clients. What a good and generous heart. Thank you, Maria!

Sincere thanks to Pastor Steve Carlisle and the folks at Faith Christian Community for having a drive and collecting food, toiletries and clothing for the Mission. We sure appreciate the effort and the kindness.

Thank you also to the many anonymous donors who filled our pantry, clothing room and art closet.

## Best Wishes!

Congratulations to Rev. Undra Parker from Shiloh Missionary Baptist who has received his Doctorate. Rev. Dr. Parker and Shiloh are a constant blessing to the Mission ministry. We have benefited from his prayers and involvement over the years. This is a wonderful accomplishment!



## Art Room Supplies Needed

- 8 x 8 and 12 x 12 one-inch wrapped canvas
- Acrylic Ready-Mixed Pouring Paint by Artist's Loft- all colors
- Prang Half-Pan Watercolor Set
- Watercolor and acrylic brushes
- FolkArt Pouring Medium

## *Program Openings*

Are you living on the street or know someone who is? Maybe with addiction issues and looking for a new start? Our shelter remains full but we have room in our LifeSkills program. One year of Christ centered support leading to a new life while making sober friends along the way. Applications available to download online and at our front desk. [anchoragerescue.org](http://anchoragerescue.org)



## *Men's Recovery Support Program Housing*

Our MRSP Low-Cost Housing units remain at maximum occupancy. It was our intention to provide a low-cost option that was truly low cost while supporting the sobriety of individuals at various stages of their sober journey. We have young and old alike. Our 32 units range in price from \$400-600 per month. This includes all furnishings, utilities, internet, trash pickup, parking and snow removal. The Mission meal service remains available if money is tight. It also includes case management services. What a blessing this program has proved to be in allowing us to help our motivated neighbors. We appreciate your faithful support for projects like this one.

## *Some Whatsoever Things*

It is almost impossible to juggle obsessive thoughts and art at the same time. You have to put down one or the other. Art class is a wonderful time to discover new things but also to learn that painting, drawing and pouring can be tools to get past a moment of craving or of doing a runner from the positive path.

Art class is a time to share a blessing from God's word and dive in. There is opportunity to give and receive encouragement, to experiment and to praise. I feel so privileged to spend time with this group.

Last month the Mission artists answered a call from Blaine's for acrylic work to display in their store. Several of our folks had their acrylic pours and paintings on display. We all went to check out the store, the materials on hand and to see all the works submitted by some of the artists in Anchorage. It was a great time and fueled ideas for other projects.

Over the past three months we have worked with watercolors, acrylics, gel pens, clay, alcohol inks and done pours, rock painting, card making and even made clothing using the art from the Mission. Guest artists shared their skills. I ruined many manicures but loved every minute of it.

We are working on a small show and sale for later in the summer. This is an ambitious and motivated group. I am so proud of them and treasure my time with them.

Many of you have donated to our art projects and I wish I could hug your necks. May the Lord reward you all!

Kathy LaMantia

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A sample of our field trip to Blaine's Art Supply to view the Mission paintings submitted to their show, our folks making plans for new art pieces and a tee-shirt we made from an acrylic pour.



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