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BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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A Father's Love

This true story illustrates a father's love for his child. But even greater is God's love for each of us. I hope you appreciate it and even more so appreciated your father on this

Father's Day. ~ Larry

On December 7, 1988, an earthquake devastated the northwestern section of Armenia, killing an estimated 25,000 people. In one small town, just after the earthquake, a father rushed to his son's school only to find that the school had been flattened. There was no sign of life. But he had no thought of turning back. He had often told his son, "No matter what, I'll always be there for you when you need me!"

Though his prospects appeared hopeless, the father began feverishly removing rubble from where he believed his son's classroom had been. Other forlorn parents only wailed hopelessly... "My son!" or "My daughter!" Some told the father to go home, that there was no chance that any of the children could be alive. Yet, he replied: "I made my son a promise that I'd be there for him anytime he needed me. I must continue to dig."

Courageously, he worked alone; no one volunteered to help him. He simply had to know for himself: "Is my boy alive or is he dead?" Finding strength and endurance beyond himself, the faithful, loving father continued to dig...for 8 hours...12...24...36 hours. Then in the 38th hour, as he heaved away a heavy piece of rubble, he heard voices. "Armand!" he screamed.

A child's voice responded: "Dad! It's me...Armand!" Then, "I told the other kids not to worry. I told them that if you were alive, you'd save me, and when you saved me, they'd be saved. You promised you would always be there for me! You did it, Dad!" Moments later, the dad was helping his son Armand and 13 more frightened, hungry, and thirsty boys and girls climb out of the debris. Free at last! When the building collapsed, these children had been spared in a tent-like pocket.

When the townspeople praised Armand's dad, his explanation was, "I promised

my son, 'No matter what, I'll be there for you!'"

Do you realize that God, the Heavenly Father, is in the rescue business? He has made the greatest effort possible to rescue us from a terrible plight. But unless we have a personal relationship with God through his Son, Jesus Christ, we have no hope of experiencing the benefit of his rescue— spending eternity with him in heaven! According to the Bible, our sin separates us from God: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). This means separation from God forever.

But the Bible tells us that God "so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). He offers you the free gift of "eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). You cannot be saved through your own effort: *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

God has already reached out in love to rescue you. Much like the father who rescued his son after the earthquake, God went to the limit to make a way out of the lost situation we all were in. *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)* This gift of salvation is to be given to the obedient. *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (Hebrews 5:9)* Where do you find yourself?

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

*Mary had a little lamb; His fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go.*

*He followed her to school each day, t'was even in the rule.
It made the children laugh and play, to have a lamb at school.*

*And then the rules all changed one day, Illegal it became;
To bring the Lamb of God to school, or even speak His Name.*

*Every day got worse and worse, and days turned into years.
Instead of hearing children laugh, we heard the shots and tears.*

*What must we do to stop the crime, that's in our schools today?
Let's let the Lamb come back to school, and teach our kids to pray.*

Family News

- **Sharon Fields** is hoping to receive an injection tomorrow to relive her back pain
- **Patti Lopez** continues to have some health problems.
- Larry Black's cousin, Jason Browing, has lesions on his prostate that they fear is cancer.
- Thanks to all that made the VBS successful. We have between forty and fifty in attendance each night.
- HRR pantry item is assorted disinfectant products.
- The men will meet tonight after the evening service to discuss the service time change.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Ole Bob

As we cross the dam on Lake Cypress Springs, most of the time we see was looks to be a hawk perched on top of one of several power poles. It became a ritual to see if we would see the bird. One of the children called him Bob; so Bob it was.

As I think about Bob, several things come to mind. For one, Bob was vigilant. He constantly scans his surrounds most liking hoping to spot a snack. I stopped one day wanting to take a picture, and ole Bob immediately sensed an approaching danger and left. Should this not reflect the character of a Christian? Peter tells us we should be vigilant toward the devil and flee the temptations that he hurls our way.

Bob was focused on his task. It seems he is laser focused on the lake or maybe what's in the lake. This too is the mark of a Christian. We are to steadfast (focused) always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Om few occasions we drive across the dam and are disappointed because Bob was not there. The first thought was we missed him and wondered if something happened to him. But then our minds were put to ease as the next trip across the dam there was Bob sitting on top of his power pole. When we have church member who are not in attendance for worship service, they are missed and we wonder if everything is alright. It is refreshing to see them again at the next service. Let us observe nature that surrounds us and learn some valuable spirituals truths by what we see. ~Larry