



Heart2Heart Ministries

A Wellspring for Women Who Minister

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A FATHER'S INFLUENCE

Godly fathers play a profound role in shaping our identity, faith, and mission in this world.

My father taught me many things. He taught me how to play cricket and card games. He taught me how to have fun and enjoy life. He modeled hospitality, showed me right from wrong, and instilled in me the importance of family. And, more than anything, the importance of living for Christ.

My father helped build my faith foundation. During my early childhood in Guyana, he pastored the local church in our village.

He was zealous about the work of God, loved the church, and cherished being in relationship with God's people. He helped everyone he could and was deeply respected in our community. He loved his family well. These qualities remain true of him today, and watching his example has taught me more about faithful living than I can fully measure.

I have also had the privilege of being surrounded by other godly fathers – pastors, spiritual fathers, and mentors – each of whom deposited something in me that still shapes who I am and how I seek to be a faithful disciple of Christ.

For nearly thirty years, I have had the additional privilege of serving alongside my husband in ministry, witnessing fatherhood up close through his life. He has been a leader of leaders – guiding, mentoring, and investing in others with wisdom and faithfulness. Yet beyond public ministry, I have watched him serve with equal devotion within our home as a loving husband and intentional father.



Through seasons of ministry demands, transitions, joys, and challenges, he has modeled steadfast faith, sacrificial love, and servant leadership. **His life is a consistent reminder that some of the most significant ministry does not happen from a platform, but in the quiet, daily work of leading and loving one's family well.**

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One of the gifts of Father's Day is the opportunity to reflect on earthly fatherhood through the lens of our Heavenly Father's character. Earthly fathers, at their best, offer love, protection, guidance, correction, and steady presence, qualities that find their perfect expression in God alone.

Human fathers are imperfect and limited, yet through their faithfulness we often catch glimpses of God's heart toward His children.

**His love is unconditional,
His grace unending,
and His presence constant.**

For some, Father's Day brings joy and deep gratitude. For others, it may carry pain, loss, or longing. Whatever our personal experience, we can find comfort in knowing that our Heavenly Father remains steadfast. He sees us, walks with us, and invites us to rest in His care. As women in ministry, may we continually point others, and ourselves, back to the Father whose love never fails and whose very nature defines what true fatherhood looks like.

Fatherhood is one of the most demanding callings a man can carry. Pray for the fathers in your church, your family, and your community by name. Ask God to renew their strength, grant them wisdom, and remind them that they are not alone. Consider organizing a time of intentional prayer for fathers within your ministry community this month.

Godly fathers and father figures leave more than memories; they leave a legacy. Through their words, prayers, presence, and example, they help shape generations. This month, let us honor fathers, spiritual fathers, mentors, and faithful men whose lives point us toward the heart of our Heavenly Father. And, may we be all the more grateful for a God who fathers us perfectly.

*With Love,
Aileen Reid*



6 Simple Ways to Encourage Fathers This Month

This month, let us be intentional not only about encouraging fathers in the faith, but about reaching toward those who have not yet encountered the love of our Heavenly Father. Both need us.

01 PRAY INTENTIONALLY FOR ALL FATHERS

Fatherhood carries spiritual, emotional, and leadership responsibilities that are often unseen.

Pray specifically for the fathers you know – for wisdom, strength, integrity, and a deepening relationship with God. And go further: pray by name for fathers in your life who do not yet know Christ. Ask God to soften hearts, open doors, and position someone to speak truth into their lives.

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” — James 5:16

02 SPEAK LIFE AND AFFIRMATION

Many fathers, church and unchurched alike, hear correction far more often than encouragement. A sincere word can have lasting impact. “I see your faithfulness,” “Your presence matters,” or simply “You’re doing a good job” costs nothing and can open a door that leads somewhere deeper.

For unchurched fathers especially, genuine affirmation from a person of faith can be the first step toward curiosity about the God behind that kindness.

03 CREATE SPACE FOR PRESENCE, NOT JUST PRODUCTIVITY

In ministry life, fathers can easily become consumed by responsibilities. Encourage rhythms that prioritize family presence and spiritual connection over constant activity.

This applies equally to fathers outside the church – many carry heavy burdens with no spiritual community to support them. Inviting an unchurched father into a casual gathering, a meal, or a conversation can plant seeds that lead to belonging, and eventually, to belief.

01 HONOR SPIRITUAL FATHERS

Fatherhood extends beyond biology. Many pastors, mentors, youth leaders, and faithful men invest deeply in others without formal recognition. Celebrate them. And then ask yourself: Is there a father in my community who has no one to speak into his life?

Women in ministry are uniquely positioned to connect unchurched men to godly mentors, discipleship communities, and the wider family of God. The greatest honor we can give a spiritual father is to go and do likewise.

“You have many instructors...but not many fathers.” — 1 Corinthians 4:15

02 HELP CARRY THE BURDEN THROUGH PRACTICAL CARE

Encouragement can be tangible: send a note, provide a meal, check in after a hard season, or simply ask, “How are you really doing?” These small acts of care build the kind of trust that opens hearts.

For an unchurched father, a moment of genuine, no-strings-attached kindness from a ministry community can be the thing that makes him wonder, and eventually ask, what makes these people different.

03 SEE FATHER'S DAY AS A DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

Father’s Day is one of the few times each year when unchurched men are genuinely open to conversations about family, legacy, and meaning. Use that openness. Invite a neighbor to church.

Share a reflection on what a heavenly Father means to you. Give a book, send a message, extend a simple invitation. The gospel travels through relationship, and this month gives us a beautiful on-ramp. Every father deserves to know he is loved — not only by the people around him, but by the Father who made him.



June Birthdays

*Happy
Birthday*

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Jennifer Hobbs**
- 2 Sharon Sauls**
- 9 Louise McFarlane**
- 14 Mary Nino**
- 24 Lillieth Douglas**
- 25 Luda Syrisko**

Birthday Prayer

Lord, thank You for this woman in ministry and the gift she is to Your Kingdom. Refresh her, strengthen her, and fill her with joy for the journey ahead. May this new year bring renewed purpose, grace for every assignment, and abundant blessings as she continues to serve and lead for Your glory.

Amen.

International Assembly

Help Us Welcome Our International Delegates with Love

As our delegates arrive for our International Assembly, we have a beautiful opportunity to show the heart of Christ through practical care and encouragement. One meaningful way we can do this is by providing **Welcome Bags** filled with essential items, thoughtful gifts, and messages of support to help them in their ministry assignments.

We are inviting each local church to partner with us by contributing **\$50-\$100** toward this special initiative. Your gift will help us prepare bags that communicate appreciation, hospitality, and prayerful support for our international presbytery.

Together, we can ensure that every delegate feels valued, supported, and warmly received from the very beginning.

To participate, please submit your church's contribution via check or through our online giving. Please indicate in memo field: Assembly Welcome Bag.



[Click here to give](#)

For more information or to give, contact Aileen Reid or Frankie Dotson in the State Office.

Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love in tangible ways.



Women's Ministry Leaders Directory

Help Us Build a Women's Ministry Leaders Directory

We are prayerfully working to develop a **Women's Ministry Leaders Directory** to strengthen connection, communication, and collaboration among women serving in leadership across our churches.

This directory will help us:

Encourage one another in ministry
Share resources and best practices
Strengthen discipleship efforts
Foster meaningful relationships among leaders
**Improve communication regarding trainings,
gatherings, and ministry opportunities**

We kindly ask you to take a few minutes to submit your local church information. Your participation will help us build a stronger network of support for women serving in ministry.

Please have your women's ministry leader (and/or each team member) complete this form: [Florida Women's Ministry Leader Directory](#).

Together, we can continue building strong and healthy ministries that impact lives for Christ.



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