

Choir Cryer Notes....

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As everyone knows, Father's Day is in June. I would like to have a slide show containing the men in your life that have been influential to you. As a youngster, there were several men in my life that helped me make it to adulthood. Men that I could call, no matter what the situation.

My Father pastored a small church in Northeast Arkansas that had three deacons. Every Sunday we left home around 8:30 am, or whenever my Mother could get the seven of us ready and in the car, we drove 30 miles, we went to Sunday School and Church, we spent the afternoon in a broken down parsonage with slanted floors, we ate lunch at the parsonage, a lunch my dear Mother had cooked the night before and packed in two ice chest, one for the hot food, and one for the cold food, now don't get me wrong, the meal was great, but the afternoon was horrid, and of course, we finished the Sunday off with Training Union and Church, getting home around 9 pm. And yes I know that that sentence only had one period.



Uncle Mit comes to mind. He was one of those three deacons. He farmed 300 acres, had a few bee hives, a pond, a horse, a TV that could only get one channel, and last, but not least, a tractor. He had no money, few possessions, but he had a good heart. Being a city boy, in a house w/o a TV, made Uncle Mit's house a haven for this teenager.



The staff helped David Savage celebrate his birthday on May 23, 2016. Here he is blowing out his candles each time we lit them...doesn't he know we have to sing Happy Birthday first?

Of course I did escape the torture of four brothers and sisters by spending the day at Uncle Mit's, but it was more than that. Uncle Mit understood boys. He would let me drive a tractor, even though the tractor was his lively hood, and turn me loose in an open field to do whatever. He didn't stay around to oversee things, he simply gave me a few basic boundaries, like the river, the bluff, the road, etc. I'm not sure how long it would take him to prepare the field for planting after I had done "whatever", because he never complained, not about me wasting diesel, not about the mess I had made, not about anything. Uncle Mit put up with me, answered my dumb questions, let me be me. Looking back, I realize that, as important as Mothers and Fathers are, everyone needs someone that puts up with them because they want to put up with them, not out of obligation. It might have been different, had he had to put up with me 24-7?? Until the day Uncle Mit died, when I was well into my 50s, I knew that I could go to Uncle Mit's house, any time of the day or night, and be me.

If you aren't an Uncle Mit to several 'someones', check it out, it can be very rewarding and you might just be doing God's work without knowing it. More importantly, you might be the only one that can be Uncle Mit to that person at that time in their life. I thank God every day for the Uncle Mits in my life and pray that I have been and will continue to be an Uncle Mit to those around me.

The choir is officially on their Summer Schedule. Even though small in number, they have had an outstanding year. A special thanks to the choir, both the Sanctuary Choir and the Bell Choir, for all of the beautiful music that we have heard throughout the year. We could use singers and ringers, so think about it and we'll talk at the end of the summer. I also want to thank our Worship Team for all of the hard work that they put in throughout the entire year. The music would not be the same without you. Thank you, Wayne, Blair, and Adam!

There are Sing-A-Longs on the horizon, so let me know what works with your schedule.



Congratulations to the 2015-2016 State Soccer Champs! Elton and Jack Torres work very hard in this ministry and thank you for your support of their efforts. It is rewarding to see the championship win. You are always welcome to come support this ministry by cheering at games, helping out at practices, meeting parents, showing hospitality to soccer families and much more!

Outdoor Sanctuary Celebration

Master Plan Reveal and Homecoming on Sunday, July 17th

For 37 Sundays we prayed and listened, discerning God's leadership for our church. Among several key initiatives, developing our outdoor space for worship, fellowship and ministry was our main priority. And last year we approved funds to hire a landscape architect and project facilitator to help us develop the plans for our "Outdoor Sanctuary." These plans are ready for your attention.

On Sunday, July 17th, we will gather for a Homecoming of previous church members, enjoy a cookout and a luncheon, followed by a presentation of our Outdoor Sanctuary plans. This will be a fun and exciting day in the life of our church as we joyfully discover our future together.

Plan now to be a part of this special day!

