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The Wells Celebrating Family on 4th of July

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REALLY ENJOY READING OUTDOOR/SPORTS MAGAZINES and watching hunting and fishing shows on television. I learn valuable techniques for my outdoor activities that hopefully will improve my skills. But lately I am realizing that it is not the final score of a football game or how large a fish or buck was that I remember most. What I value is the time that I spend with my family and friends. These relationships affect us eternally and, like my relationship with Christ, they take time, commitment and hard work.

As a small boy, my dad and granddad taught me to fish. Tink, my granddad, often took me out on Lake Lorraine in a small, wooden, flat-bottomed boat where we'd fish with a hook, worm and pole. He talked very little; we just fished. Often he'd empty out our can of freshly dug worms on the bottom of our boat, rinse the can in the lake and then scoop up a drink of water for us when we were thirsty—not a habit I retained. It was during those times spent with Tink and my dad that I sensed the love and passion they felt for me and our family.

Becoming a Passionate FAN

The truth is that most of us are passionate about “something,” evidenced by how we invest our time and money. Often our passions are things that do not last. Though my dad taught me to hunt and fish, what really changed my life was our relationship. He was my biggest fan! He believed in me and encouraged me, even when there wasn't much that I believed about myself. No one affects us more than family, for better or worse. When we choose to become a passionate fan of our family, we leave eternal fingerprints on the lives we are committed to. These can become the most essential “fanships” in our lives—our spouse, family and friends.

“One of the most comforting things about being in love is knowing that you always have someone in your cheering section rooting you on as you strive to accomplish your goals and dreams.” —author unknown

I have learned there are three characteristics of becoming a **F.A.N.** of my family: **FORGIVING, AFFIRMING** and **NEEDING:**

F is for Forgiving. In actively “giving and accepting” forgiveness and making that “choice,” I give up anger/bitterness toward someone who has hurt or wronged me. Forgiving is NOT accepting that the wrong was “okay”; nor is it conditional on restoring the relationship. Lewis Smedes says, “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and then discover that the prisoner was you.” I am commanded to forgive others as Christ has forgiven me. Knowing that I am a sinner living with other sinners, I must give and receive forgiveness and grace on a daily basis. Forgiving makes me a FAN of my spouse, family and friends.

Colossians 3:13: “... accepting and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so also you must forgive.”

A is for Affirming. Others need our support, encouragement and blessings. To affirm is to state a fact or to make a public declaration of the truth. Because I receive God's loving affirmations, I am to give blessings to others on a regular basis. Verbal affirmation supported by action makes me a FAN of my spouse, family and friends.

N is for Needing. Needing is a state of recognizing and desiring something necessary or useful. God recognized the inadequacy of Adam in the Garden. God, seeing Adam alone and needing completion, made a companion to help him. Oswald Chambers said, “The greatest blessing spiritually is the knowledge that we are destitute; until we get there ... our Lord is powerless. Our needing first started with God.” The creation of marriage and family was God's answer for our human need for companionship.

John 3:27: “A man can receive nothing except that it be given to him from heaven.”

From my background as an athlete and a coach, I learned that to build winners you have to be a fan of your athletes. The final score at the end of the game is not what matters ultimately. What matters is the memory of those lives we encouraged and supported. When our brief time here on earth is over, the defining question for us will be: “Whose fans were we?” The challenge is investing in the lives of those we love and care about and seeing those results impact our family's lives.

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Centrepoinc Activities: Review of 2013

Dec–May	Interim Pastor, Westwood Baptist Church, Tyler, TX	Oct 20	Leadership/Family Training, FBC Alba, Alba, TX
Jan 17	Cowboy Church Youth Ministers Gathering, Tyler, TX	Oct 25–27	Speaker, Men’s Retreat, FBC Midland, Junction, TX
Feb 8–10	Speaker, Marriage Retreat, Sidney James Mountain Lodge, Gatlinburg, TN	Nov 13	Speaker, Oilmen’s Christian Fellowship, Hollytree Country Club, Tyler, TX
Mar 9	Speaker, Carmel Baptist Church, Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Lindale, TX	Nov 9	Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Hideaway Lake Community Church, Hideaway, TX
Apr 12–14	Speaker, Woodland Heights BC Marriage Conference, Jacksonville, TX	Dec 3	Christmas Celebration Dinner 6-8 pm, Rose Garden, Tyler, TX
Jun 6–14	Pastors Conference, Adventure Experiences in Colorado	2014	
Jun 11–21	Family/Marriage lectures in East Asia	Jan 8–12	Pastor/Family Conference, Jamaica
Jul 10–21	Speaker, Salmon Frenzy, Anchorage Alaska	Jan 30–Feb 2	Speaker, Men’s Retreat, Heber Springs, AR
Aug 2–4	Speaker, Family Weekend, Fortified Hills, Dallas, Georgia	May 4–7	Speaker, “Hope for the Home” Conference, Corbin, KY
Aug 18	Leadership Training, Arp Emmanuel Baptist Church, Arp, TX	2014 Tentative Dates	
Aug 29	Speaker, Brook Hill Dinner for football players, Bullard, TX	March	Family Conference, Costa Rica
Sept 8	Ordination speaker, Ordination at Gateway BC, Whitehouse, TX	June	Family/Marriage Lectures, East Asia
		July	Speaker, Salmon Frenzy Anchorage, AK
		October	“Hope for the Home” Conference, Uganda, Africa

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