Sermon: The Love of the Father

Scriptures: Psalm 128:1-3; 103:13-14; Luke 15:20, 22; Psalm 145:8; 1Peter 4:8; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Joshua 24:15

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Randy Sowder
Scripture Reading: Rodney Dowell (Psalm 128:1-3)
Worship Leader: Randy Sowder
Communion: Eric Wiwczaroski
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (The Love of the Father)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Megan Johnson)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade:

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Recent Prayer Requests

GayLee Sutton received an injection in her hip and will be doing therapy.
Della Turnbill is undergoing therapy for her back issues.
Norma Nelson (Della's friend) has heart & lung issues and is not doing very well at all.
Heather Schmidt (Amy's cousin) is recovering from a double mastectomy.
Tiffany Wann (Tana's friend) is seriously ill following a recent surgery.

Long Term Concerns

Rhonda Aliff (Pat Stinson's daughter, lupus, recovering from neck & spine surgery); **Suzanne Bielski** (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, chemo treatments for cancer), **Gavin Brooks** (son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, infusion therapy for bone cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, treatment for Hodgkin's), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (Hagan's friend, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **Rex & Susan Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues; sister-in-law, severe abdomen issues), **Jay Jackson** (Lonnie & Sonya's son-in-law, severe knee infection), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Lillian Kelley** (mother of George's friend, Chelsea, hospice), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Lynn** (Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law's aunt, breast & spine cancer), **Amanda Magner** (former member, bone cancer, upcoming surgery), **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Don Meyer** (Ronnie Sutton's stepson, recovering from massive stroke), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, heart & lungs), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Bruce Roberts** (Lyndsay Trostle's uncle, colon cancer - hospice), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, chemo), **Barb Surber** (Dementia; Compass Park, Rm 1304), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (lupus & kidney disease), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's), **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's), **Ayden** (Wanda Weaver's 14yr old neighbor, chemo treatments for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)

Sympathy: Our heart-felt condolences to Dan Strope's family in the passing of his family member, Ellen Robinson.

Cleaning Crew – 21st- 27th
(Team 3)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $1,720.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (27); Worship (74); PM Bible Study (12)
Wednesday Bible Study (6)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, June 21	Psalm 40-45
Monday, June 22	Psalm 46-50
Tuesday, June 23	Psalm 51-57
Wednesday, June 24	Psalm 58-65
Thursday, June 25	Psalm 66-69
Friday, June 26	Psalm 70-73
Saturday, June 27	Psalm 74-77

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
None to Report

Anniversary
23rd Dan & Cindy Strope (36yrs)

Announcements

Vacation Bible School - We are looking for the following items for decorative purposes: Pottery, Baskets, Fruit, Bread, Plants, Wooden Crates, Material (decorative/lush), Furs. Also, need cardboard boxes of any size, PVC (2-3" diameter) and more paper towel tubes. If you can help with any of these items, please let George know.

Neighborhood Canvassing: We will be going door-to-door to place door-hangers for our upcoming VBS on Saturday, June 27th, at 10:30am. For more information, please see Eric or Amy.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Attention men of all ages. The next prayer fellowship will be Saturday, June 27th, 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Inspiration Day: The Metro Church of Christ extend an invitation for our women to join them for their Ladies Day, planned for Saturday, August 8th. The speaker will be Laura Hubbard, from the Kingsley Terrace Church of Christ. She will be speaking on the theme: "Bloom Where God Plants You!" There is an advertisement posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Congratulations:
- We celebrate with Deegan Littleton as he gave his life to Christ in baptism this past week while at Bible camp.
- Logan & Taylor Chamberlain have announced they are expecting baby #2 in November.

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"The Incredible Cost of Compromise"

Compromise rarely begins with a loud announcement. It often begins quietly, softly, and slightly. A small concession here, a harmless exception there, a moment of silence when we should have spoken, or a moment of agreement when we should have stood firm. No Christian wakes up one morning and suddenly abandons their convictions. Instead, compromise creeps in like a slow leak, weakening the foundation of faith until the damage becomes undeniable.

Scripture repeatedly warns us that compromise always carries a far higher price than we ever intend to pay. The Bible does not portray compromise as a minor misstep but as a spiritual danger that can erode holiness, distort truth, and distance us from God. In considering this, I want to focus your attention on a few people.

First, let's consider Lot, a man who shows us that compromise starts small but never remains small (Gen. 13-19). The progression is subtle: He looked toward Sodom (Gen. 13:10). He pitched his tent toward Sodom (Gen. 13:12). He eventually lived in Sodom (Gen. 14:12). He became a leader at the gate of Sodom (Gen. 19:1). What began as a practical decision, choosing fertile land, became a spiritual disaster. He lost his influence, his credibility, his married daughters, his wife, and his peace. His story teaches us that compromise always takes us further than we intended to go and costs more than we intended to pay. His actions teach us a very important principle: The direction you face determines the life you live.

Second, consider Samson, a Nazarite who forgot his calling (Judges 13-16). Samson was set apart from birth, yet he repeatedly compromised his vow: He touched what was unclean. He pursued ungodly relationships. He treated his strength as personal rather than divine. Each compromise chipped away at his identity until "*he did not know that the Lord had departed from him*" (Judg. 16:20). Samson's downfall was not Delilah, but a lifetime of small compromises that prepared him to fall. When we forget who we are, we forget how to live.

Third, King Saul shows us that compromise silences conviction and opens the door to sin. His partial obedience was total disobedience (1Sam 15). Saul spared what God commanded him to destroy. He justified his compromise with religious language: "*to sacrifice to the Lord*." But God rejected his excuse and his kingship. Samuel's words to Saul still echo with force: "*TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE*."

Compromise often disguises itself as wisdom, strategy, or good intentions. But God desires obedience, not our rationalization. In considering these examples, an important question is: Are we being obedient or are we compromising?

...Ronnie Hewitt