

# Heart Beat Newsletter

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## FATHER'S DAY by Carol Gordon

**"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."**<sup>1</sup>

Picture this, a wandering son finding his way home to a father who is watching for him to return, with a heart full of love and forgiveness. Since we have all wandered at some point, isn't this a reassuring picture of our heavenly Father? It is also a pattern of fathering we rarely see.

So many families are broken today because the model of men we see in our culture is so far from the Father's design for manhood and fatherhood. Self-centered, sexually driven, and immature describes many men in our world today. Even men who have met the Lord, have not yielded to Him sufficiently to become godly representatives of manhood as He designed.

Very few in our society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century are willing to sacrifice on a deep level for their families. Oh, they may miss a golf game occasionally for a child's special event, but on a real heart level, they put themselves and their own desires first. Jesus is our example: **"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends [family]."**<sup>2</sup>

A father has vast authority in the Spirit to protect and guide his family. It takes a commitment to spend time with the Lord to get His wisdom for them. A dad who is tuned in to Heaven's frequency will hear clear direction on what to pray and when it is urgent to do so. Louis several times was led to do warfare when his children were at risk. Great harm was avoided in

situations where accidents occurred. Other fathers have experienced the same. I recently interviewed a pastor who, by following the Lord's leading, prevented the kidnapping of his daughter.

You may recall that I shared a few months back that our Heavenly Father is able to re-parent us when we are lacking in certain areas of maturity. The lack of God-patterned parenting is truly an area where our culture has completely fallen flat on its face. The cure is to truly "get on our face" before the Lord and cry out for His training for the job of parenting. Mom's need this as well. Since the Lord designed the parent to child relationship, He does have all the answers we need!

One of the primary issues is to respect our children, because they are precious gifts from our Heavenly Father. We can sow very good seed in them by choosing how we speak to them and with them. We will also reap great benefit by listening to them and coming to know and honor their hearts. **"speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."**<sup>3</sup> This applies to family life as well as the Church. And the father is the designated leader for a healthy family.

**Happy Father's Day to all!**

1 - Luke 15:20 NIV    2 - John 15:13    3 - Eph 4:15-16

*(All Scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted)*

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#### **THE NEW HEART BEAT NEWSLETTER**

We are excited about rolling out the new Heart Beat newsletter format for 2008. But it's not just a new format, it is a totally new approach. We are now seeking to provide our partners with a much more high quality newsletter, to be a true resource for personal transformation. We will be sending out the Heart Beat every month to everyone on the mailing list. One of the ways we are funding this is by our new Radio Sponsorship Program. We are on KTOK every week, the "original" and largest talk radio station in Oklahoma. Plus our current newsletter circulation is 1,000, so if you want to help sponsor Heart Menders and promote your business at the same time, be sure to call me at (405) 495-HOPE. Thanks & God bless! – Steve Gordon

#### **"HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS" UPDATE**

Our new outreach ministry, "Hope for the Hopeless" (H4H), has been growing and expanding. Here is a list of our current projects:

- The OKC Faith-Based Social Services Directory
- The "No Promises" Project for Prisoner Re-entry in OKC
- The OKC Storehouse Project
- Plans to open a "used furniture thrift store" in urban OKC

There is so much LIFE in this ministry. Please visit our website at [www.H4Hweb.org](http://www.H4Hweb.org) to read more. And you can see current updates at our blog, [www.H4Hweb.blogspot.com](http://www.H4Hweb.blogspot.com).

#### **"HEART MENTORS" UPDATE**

Our Monday night men's ministry is now in its sixth year – praise the Lord for His faithfulness. We meet at Steve's house at 6:15 for dinner (please call ahead at 405-615-6648 to RSVP) and then have prayer and sharing at 7:00. All men are welcome, but especially those that are hurting.

#### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

We're kicking into high gear our efforts to have Heart Menders be well-funded and a ministry of excellence. We need four businesses to sponsor our Radio Program. Call (405) 495-HOPE to help.

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

Dearest Friends and Partners:

Summer is almost here and in Central Oklahoma it is more like May with lots of storms. We are praying for the weather all over, as there seem to be turbulence everywhere. Pray for the atmosphere to be filled with the peace of the Lord.

We are pressing in for strategies for our community. We are taking notice of the Lakeland Outpouring and other things the Lord is doing. Faith Fellowship is hosting a Healing Room.

We have planted stakes at each corner of our "assigned territory" and walked and prayed around the perimeter, identifying the gates. We are calling in property there. A dear pastor friend recently bought a church within that square mile.

I have some interesting guests lined up for the Radio Outreach. Pastor Caszie Bennett is on for Father's Day, and Dave and Linda Crites will be on leading up to our MARRIAGE SEMINAR, July 12. This is not just for couples, but all interested in better marriages.

Thanks so much to our financial partners! Your faithful gifts of \$5 to \$15, \$25 to \$30, or \$50 or larger, make it possible for us reach out to a broken world. The Lord wants to include you in the blessing! Thanks again for your support!

Our purpose is to address our culture with the message of wholeness in the Lord. Please keep praying for HEART MENDERS, Heart MENTors (the men's ministry), and HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS.. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE." Your sister in Him,

*Carol Gordon*

#### **JOIN A HM PRAYER TEAM:**

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- Prayer for me and Heart Menders
- Prayer for the Radio Ministry

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