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Dear Joseph,

Sunday mornings are special at Buford Grove Baptist Church. After Pastor Carringer preached the am service The Holy Spirit moved and one person asked Jesus to save them. Assistant Pastor Mike Pruitte baptized two precious believers. The p.m. service went well too. What a great way to start the week.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were big visitation days. Pastor Mike Pruitte and I went out and visited a lot of our elderly.

Wednesday night, Pastor Mike Pruitte preached a very challenging message.

Thursday I spent most of my day in the office.

Friday Pastor, Mike and I made an early morning trip to the hospital to pray with Brother Joe Porter before his procedure. When we get back, I spent the rest of the day in my office.

My appreciation goes out to Ross Grant for coming and replacing our sewage pump in the RV area.

Also, I received a picture from my great granddaughter Lila Marie Koontz It's hard to believe I have an 18-year-old GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER.

YIKES 🤪 somebody's getting old 🙏 .

This bright and shiny ☀ Saturday morning, Pastor Mike and I made one more visit for the week. I came back to my office to finish up my Barna Post.

Praying for all of you fathers out there 🙏

HAPPY FATHERS DAY ... Have a wonderful week ☀

Let us continue to pray 🙏 one for another.



Pastor Mike Pruitte Stirring The Baptismal Waters



Pastor Mike Pruitte Baptizing His Granddaughter



Brother Ross Grant Upgrading Our Sewage System



My Great Granddaughter Lila Marie Koontz (InThe Center) High School Graduation



Hospital Visit With Bro Joe Porter

# Saturday Eve Barna-Post

## **“Thoughts To Ponder”** **“Fatherhood”**

Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

in the diary of Brooke Adams is a note about a special day when he was eight years old. He wrote, “went fishing with my father ... the most glorious day of my life”, and throughout the next 40 years there was a constant reference to that day and the influence it had on his life.

Brooks father was Charles Francis Adams, Abraham Lincoln's ambassador to Great Britain. He also had a note in his diary about the same day. It simply said, “went fishing with my son ... a day wasted.”

I know that I have not been the best father in the world. I've always loved my children, and I love them increasingly each day, I've been a much better father since I accepted Jesus Christ in my life. However, there was a time in my life before I was saved, when my love to my children did not show as much as it should have. I was worried about my agenda and what I wanted to do.

I do truly believe over the last 38 years. I've been a much better father, and I would

hope that my children would testify to that.

While I was in Bible college I worked at a motel. One night a gentleman came into the motel ... his last name was Norris. Of course that struck up quite a conversation. Then he said ... I see your sign says, "no dogs allowed." He went on to say ..., I have a dog in the back of my truck, and I will guarantee you that It won't bother anybody ... if it causes any problems or bothers anyone at all ... you can call me and I'll move out.

His dog was a border collie. He asked me if I had ever seen a border collie work. I told him I had not ... then he said ... you should come to the trials out in the country and watch the dogs in competition tomorrow .... I told him tomorrow is Sunday. It's the Lord's Day and I will be in church. Then he asked me ... Would you like a demonstration now ... I said ... I certainly would.


He got his dog out of the back of the truck ... he brought it around where I could watch it while I was working. I will admit ... I never saw anything like it. Those dogs... sometimes even without a verbal command ... knew what they were supposed to do.

When he was finished, I told him, those dogs mind better than most children. He looked at me very seriously and spoke. If parents would spend as much time with their children, as I spend with my dogs, I think their children would obey them a lot more ...I NEVER FORGOT THAT

How much time are you spending with your children?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT 

Your Barnabas,  
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Sinner Saved By Grace 

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