

# Fathering Adventures

*Fathering Adventures is designed to have one man, primarily a father, grandfather, or father figure, pour into a young child's life. As I look back on my experience with Fathering Adventures Camp, I remember being in a very unique position. Both of my sons are grown men, so I decided to take my grandson, Jeremiah.*

*I was able to watch Jeremiah, an African American youth, interact comfortably with people who did not look like him. He had experiences being with diverse people, in school, for example, but he hadn't experienced them in a Christian environment. He had an amazing time that weekend participating in activities like the giant swing, water balloon throwing at adults (the fathers were the targets; that was a blast!), zip lining, and an unscheduled small magic show that I had a chance to perform. I believe that made Jeremiah proud, seeing his grandfather in the spotlight for a few moments.*



*The grand finale for me was there was a ceremony where the fathers were able to give their sons affirmation. As a grandfather I was able to look Jeremiah in the eye and tell him that God loves him and has a plan for his life, if he would just trust in Him and follow His will for his life. The experience was something I know he will never forget, and neither will I. Our young African-American boys have opportunities to go to all sorts of camps, but not a father son camp where God is to focus. My prayer is that there will be more African American fathers that may get involved with the RPM Father and Son Camp, so they can grow closer to their sons and create memories that will last a lifetime.*

*Many homes in our communities have broken down and a large reason for that is because so many fathers are absent from their families. This is happening in homes of all ethnicities. Many churches are not doing a very good job of discipling, leading and growing men to be the leaders with integrity that God wants them to be, both in their homes and communities. One weekend at a camp like this can cause a man to realize the awesome responsibility we have as men to influence and help our young children to grow a mature spiritually, so they can grow-up to be people of character and integrity.*

*Psalms 119:105*

*May the word of God be a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

*In His grip BK Eason*

*St. Louis Regional Director, RPM*

## Manhood Tips

- Take the time to invest godly practices in those around you each day even if it is in a small way.
- The next generation depends on you, lead them well!

### August Resource Winners

Keith Long  
Trenton, IL

Bill Arvin  
Francisco, IN

CONGRATULATIONS MEN!!!



# RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN

## FATHERING ADVENTURES

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### Group Photos

The Father/Daughter relationship is something very special. It has been our deepest desire to offer this camp for years and making it happen under our present circumstances made it even more difficult. With that being said, it was the relationship that I have with my sweet Ruby Sue that made executing this camp this year very important. Thankfully, other dads echoed the same sentiment and were thankful that we pressed through the adversity and had a wonderful day filled with memories and special moments. In my message to the dads at camp I impressed Psalm 127 on them "...Behold children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of the warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!" We need to war against the narrative from our culture and instead believe the truths found only in God's Word!

*Tom Gensler - Director of Development, RPM*



The primary reason RPM has hosted the Father/Son camp for seven years is because it fit the ministry's vision of being a resource to local church and her men, specifically in the area of discipleship. We hosted the Father/Daughter camp this year for the very same reason. The primary responsibility of the church is to, "go and make disciples". The Great Commission from Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20 tell us this. From

Scripture we believe that it clearly shows men, fathers, are to be the leaders of their families in raising up their sons and daughters "into training (discipleship) and instruction of the Lord", Ephesians 6:4. Our desire for the camp is not to replace the churches mandate, but to undergird it by helping fathers and son and fathers and daughters spend quality time together for a day. The day is specifically laid out to allow the fathers and their children enjoy some adventure together, to have a specified time to get one on one and ask them 3 questions, and then to publicly affirm their sons and daughters. The camps create a lifelong memory that will even last after we are gone.

*Tom Cheshire - Executive Director, RPM*

