

*“Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.”*

*Proverbs 16:31*



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Senior Adult Ministry of Family Church Port Charlotte

## Senior Highlight – Ken and Ann Ester



With more than 55 years of marriage under their belts, Ken and Ann Ester boast of having met on the proverbial “blind date.” Ken was raised in Pennsylvania and Ann in Ohio, yet their hometowns were not far apart as they both lived close to the border of their adjoining states. Ann believes they may have frequented the same roller-skating rink when they were teens and growing up.

There are no known statistics on marriage success rates resulting from a blind date but for Ken and Ann that first date was the beginning of a remarkable future together. Throughout their marriage, Ken and Ann have moved to and lived in 19 different housing units in seven different states (*No, they are not fugitives or nomads*). The Ester’s extensive moving about

the U.S. mainly stems from the various educational and career opportunities that Ken pursued over the years.

Having served in the U.S. Air Force for almost eight years that included a year-long tour in Viet Nam and Thailand, Ken was awarded an opportunity to complete his academic degree and went on to attend and graduate from Kent State University with a degree in Aeronautics Engineering. He went on to work as an Engineer with General Electric and eventually landed various Management positions within the company culminating as President of the Contractor Division of Wagner Spray Tech Corporation. Ken’s upward mobility in the corporate world was instrumental in leading he and Ann to different locations throughout the country.

Meanwhile, Ann having completed Business School, spent the first several years of married life establishing her own career in the insurance sector, where she worked as a Claims Transcriber/Secretary. With the birth of her two sons, Ann was blessed to be able to take on more conventional, stay-at-home roles: Chief Cook and Bottle Washer; Housekeeper; Courier; Peacekeeper; Snack Monitor; and General Caregiver for her three boys (including Ken).

Busily raising their family and moving about the country, the Ester’s attended various denominations of churches in search of a clear understanding of God’s Word. Ken and Ann were both raised in Christian homes, attending different denominational churches, yet both seemed to struggle with realizing the magnitude of spiritual faith, until one evening Ken was led to an altar call. A few steps into his journey to the altar, Ken felt Ann’s hand in his and together they accepted Jesus into their lives.

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*Laughingly, Ken states, “I knew I was destined to be a Baptist.”*

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Together in Christ, the Esters raised their two sons in faith. They are now the proud grand-/great-grand parents to five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They stay in contact with past Pastors from some of their previous churches and themselves stay active in various Family Church activities. For almost three years Ken has served as a Deacon at FCPC and with Ann by his side, they support the “Forget-Me-Not” Widows ministry.

Outside of FCPC, Ken and Ann are often in their Winnebago motorhome heading to a tranquil camping ground that absolutely must have a concrete pad to park on so that Ann does not have to get her shoes muddy. “It wasn’t always that way,” states Ken. The two have a variety of travel stories they have collected over the years and surprisingly most of them are centered around Ken’s expertise in backing their large motorhome with car in tow, out of a variety of sticky situations.

## The Praises Corner

*"SO YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SPIRIT THAT MAKES YOU FEARFUL SLAVES. INSTEAD, YOU RECEIVED GOD'S SPIRIT WHEN HE ADOPTED YOU AS HIS OWN CHILDREN. NOW WE CALL HIM, 'ABBA, FATHER.'"*

ROMANS 8:15, NLT

*Father, Abba, Protector, Comforter, As followers of Christ, we praise and thank You today for the amazing gift of being adopted into God's family. You have become our Father, and we can run to You for the guidance, understanding, and care we need to face our many trials in this life. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.*

## Spread the News: Summer Events @ Family Church

**August 8** – Family Groups Resume

**August 29** - Family Sunday  
(Food Trucks & Family Picnic)

## Independence Day Facts You May or May Not Know

1. It was actually on July 2, 1776 that the Declaration of Independence was started with a letter to Britain's King George to explain why the Continental Congress voted to declare America's independence.
2. It was on July 4, that the final wording of the declaration was agreed.
3. Every 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not rung) 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.



## History of Father's Day

It was July 5, 1908, when the first recorded "Father's Day" commemoration service was held in Fairmont, West Virginia. The service came to fruition through the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton, who in an effort to memorialize the 361 men (250 of them fathers) who had died in a coal mining disaster the previous year in the local town of Monangah, West Virginia, is credited for encouraging a local Pastor to conduct the service. Unfortunately, the service failed to become an annual event and through a lack of promotion receive no state- or nation-wide attention.

Meanwhile in Spokane, Washington, while attending a Mother's Day church service, a 27-year-old woman, Sonora Smart Dodd, was motivated to create a holiday to honor fathers. Inspired by her own father, a farmer and Civil-War veteran, who had raised Sonora and her five younger siblings alone after his wife died in childbirth, she set out to convince the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to designate the third Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. And so it was that on June 19, 1910, Sonora delivered gifts to handicapped fathers; boys from the YMCA wore fresh-cut roses in their lapels (red for living fathers, and white for the deceased); and the city's ministers devoted their services to fatherhood.

The widely publicized events in Spokane reached Washington, DC and the day of celebration for fathers began its 62-year journey to becoming a national holiday.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family observed the day. Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."

But it does not end there... no, no, no! It took the involvement of two more U.S. Presidents to make Father's Day an official *national* holiday.

President Lyndon Johnson signed an Executive Order in 1966, that declared the holiday be celebrated the third Sunday in June.

Finally in 1972, under President Richard Nixon, Congress passed an act that made Father's Day a national holiday.

Sonora Smart Dodd lived long enough to see her efforts fulfilled. She died just six years later, at the age of 96.

*[Historical facts derived from Britannica.com]*

## Never Forget 'Old-Time Remedies' for Real-Time Aches and Pains



Just watch any television program these days and it's a bet that at least two commercials will air some new-fangled pill to provide you relief from whatever ailment you may have along with a list of potential side-effects that usually include the possibility of death.

Now, did you ever wonder how in the world previous generations survived so long without all of these pharmaceutical's flowing through their bloodstream? No? Well, I'll tell you... home remedies, that's how.

Let's go back in time... I'll bet you remember rolling your eyes or pitching a fit when you were marched in to the bathroom after some minor outdoor play accident and your whoever was caring for you at the time would say: "sit still and look the other way"; or, "hold your nose, open your mouth and swallow"; or my favorite, "hold your head back and squeeze your nose tightly," as you gagged on the blood flowing down your throat from a nosebleed. Yucky? Yes, but it worked! And other than a nightmare or two, there did not seem to be any reported side effects from home treatments.

Of the many common conditions that have warranted home remedies over the decades this edition focuses on one ailment that is pretty common to those who live and/or visit Florida – Sunburn.

The following are some sunburn home remedies that you may have heard of or experienced over the years:

- Bathe the sunburned face in buttermilk (circa 1898).
- Restore energy with salt tablets or hot tea that peeps you up and cools you off as well as a cold drink (circa 1945)
- Grate potatoes and apply to affected area (the starch will serve to cool and soothe the burn)
- Ease sunburn itch with oatmeal (cook it first?)
- Apply plain or diluted apple cider vinegar to sunburn.

And last but not least, from *The Mary Frances First Aid Book*, by Jane Eayre Fryer, ©1916:

- 1) Prevent sunburn by applying cold cream, Vaseline, or toilet powder to exposed skin.
- 2) Do not wash your sunburn.
- 3) Do not open sunburn blisters.
- 4) Shake together 1 part lime water and 3 parts olive oil in a bottle and apply to sunburn.

Final question... anyone know where to get toilet powder?

-- Sandi Cornwell

## Funny Or Not (You Decide)



*I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon.  
I'll let you know.*



*The only purpose for your little toe is to  
geolocate furniture in low-light conditions.*



*Beauty comes in all shapes and sizes – Small,  
large, circle, square, thin crust, thick crust,  
stuffed crust, extra toppings.*



*God didn't create anything without a purpose.  
But mosquitoes come close.*



*It turns out that being an adult is mostly just  
Googling how to do stuff.*



*As I watch this generation try to rewrite our  
history, one thing I'm sure of... it will be  
misspelled and have no punctuation.*



## Wise Words Spoken

There are four things that you cannot recover in life:

- *The Stone*, after it's thrown.
- *The Word*, after it's spoken.
- *The Occasion*, after it's missed.
- *The Time*, after it's gone.

-- Anonymous

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# WORD SEARCH

## Joshua (1-14)



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### Find These Words

<b>STRONG</b>	✓	COURAGEOUS	
JORDON RIVER		SPIES	
JERICO		RAHAB	
SCARLET ROPE		ARK OF THE LORD	
CIRCUMCISE		PASSOVER	
RAMS HORN		SHOUT	
ACHAN		MOUNT EBAL	
GIBEON		HAILSTORM	
VICTORY		CALEB	

Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, left-to-right, right-to left, or bottom-to-top.



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