

# Father’s Day - Part 2

By Tom Mansbarger

Continuing our thoughts, have you ever thought about all of the titles you have? It is amazing how many different hats we can wear. As I am writing this article today, I am sure I probably won’t do justice to all the names we go by. Let’s think for a moment and list a few titles. It is obvious the first title that all of us have is our given name, but how many of us don’t even use our real name? We might compile a list of a few titles like, son, brother, cousin, nephew, grandson, granddaughter, sister, aunt, uncle, stepmom, stepbrother, stepsister, grandmother, grandfather, and these are just titles associated with immediate family. We also can be boss, CEO, manager, co-worker, janitor, and skilled-trade. This list could go on endlessly, but I think you get the idea.

I have had the privilege



## JUST A THOUGHT

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of having lots of different titles over the course of my life, but there is one that always rings a chord with me – Dad. It has been an honor and privilege to be a dad. I have two boys, Jeff and Tim. When the phone rings and I say hello, I hear that special

honor, Dad. Now, I have to confess to you I probably wasn’t a very good dad. As I look back, I wish I could have done some things differently. I don’t suppose that there isn’t a dad reading this that doesn’t feel the same way. It would have been a whole lot easier being a dad if I would have had a “manual” to go by.

Have you ever thought about what a real dad is? I thought I might get some help from the American Heritage Dictionary, but it led me to Father, “A man who begets or raises a child.” That is a pretty sorry definition if you ask me. I believe that there are times when it is easier to explain what something isn’t, rather than what it really is. Does that make sense to you? A real father is not a guy that dishes out money for everything the child wants. We have already raised a generation or two that believes that the whole world owes

them whatever they want without any means of repayment.

I sometimes wish I could turn the clock back and have one more go around at life, but I might mess it up worse the next time! What would you do differently if you could do it all over? I think that you have to ask the question, “What do children need?” Has the need changed over the years? There are lots of questions that could be asked about children that would help them, and us as well. The bottom line is, “They need you dad.” They don’t need your

money or all of the gifts that you bestow on them, they need you. I am thankful I got to play basketball, baseball, badminton, and lots of other games. One of the greatest gifts Diane and I gave our boys was the importance of working. Nobody owes you anything. If you want something, get a job and work for it. We also taught our boys to respect others. I can still hear my dad say, “You are no better than anyone else, but there is no one better than you.” That has always helped me as a dad to convey that to my boys.

Yes, the title of dad has always been a title that I am very proud of. I couldn’t have asked for better sons than the Lord gave me. They have brought me lots of joy and they still do. Dad, I hope you had a great “Father’s Day” and thank the Lord for the privilege. Children are a heritage from the Lord.

P. S. Who would have ever thought there could be a name more important than Dad? Now, after writing this article, there might be a name that could mean more – Grandpa! What a beautiful name!

## “Mrs. Kate’s music and puppets to perform in park

Bring the kids out to Matter Park any Tuesday in July to enjoy a music & puppets show by children’s entertainer “Mrs. Kate” Carpenter.

The shows will take place at the Butterfly Garden on July 6, 13, 20 and 27, with two shows beginning at 10:30 and 11:30 each day. Art in the Park is generously sponsored by WonderSpace, and other music and art activities will be in the Meadows every Tuesday in July between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

With puppetry, unusual instruments and riveting storytelling, “Mrs. Kate” motivates, educates and entertains her audience in an interactive musical extravaganza. Additionally, the audience is a part of the show! “Mrs. Kate” is a nationally



“Mrs. Kate” Carpenter

known touring children’s performer, who now makes her home in Marion. She is a Parents’ Choice award winning songwriter and has recorded 12 original CD’s and several music videos. She has been featured on Radio Disney and several

television programs.

After the concert, Mrs. Kate’s CD’s, videos, puppets, thunder tubes and rainsticks and other fun items will be available for sale. To learn more, visit [www.MrsKate.com](http://www.MrsKate.com).

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

### Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Answers to puzzle on Page 12

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10			
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. College group  
5. Small morsels of food  
11. Actress Dunham  
12. Puts a limit on  
16. Used for baking or drying  
17. Commercial  
18. Zookeeper Bindi  
19. Walk in one’s sleep  
24. The Great Lakes State  
25. Winter sport  
26. A thin layer on something  
27. Peacock network  
28. Give birth to a lamb or kid  
29. “Too Scared to Cry” author  
30. Nose  
31. Friend  
33. Country music legend Haggard  
34. Curved
38. More deformed  
39. Bleated  
40. Set on its end  
43. An aspect of Ra  
44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)  
45. Harsh, grating noise  
49. \_\_ Francisco  
50. Common Japanese surname  
51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty  
53. Football position (abbr.)  
54. Not in the know  
56. African antelope  
58. Popular tech (abbr.)  
59. Baseball teams get three of them  
60. Make up one’s mind  
63. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)  
64. Martens  
65. Susan and Tom are two

### CLUES DOWN

1. Excessively showy  
2. Put an end to  
3. Blood disorder  
4. Ingredient in wine  
5. Shellfish  
6. Made smaller  
7. We  
8. The Treasure State  
9. \_\_ Ekland, actress  
10. Male parent  
13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)  
14. Dish of minced meat  
15. Smothered laugh  
20. Article  
21. Atomic #12  
22. Small parrot  
23. Fictional “Star Wars” planet  
27. French wine grape  
29. Football stat (abbr.)  
30. Sound unit  
31. Where you sleep  
32. University of Dayton
33. Miller beer offering  
34. Feel embarrassed  
35. Able to be estimated  
36. Commune in NW France  
37. Adult female chicken  
38. Intergovernmental organization  
40. Archaic term for until  
41. That which is not sacred  
42. Sound made in speech  
44. Handgun (slang)  
45. Fill up again  
46. Evoke or awaken  
47. Beam Me Up, \_\_!  
48. Spider wasp genus  
50. Headdress  
51. Exclamation of surprise  
52. Of I  
54. Figures  
55. Men’s fashion accessories  
57. Indicates position  
61. Megabyte  
62. The Prairie State