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## Happy Father's Day!



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HARD WORKING  
thank you DEVOTED

From Pastor Eric Villanueva.....

### "GOD IS DAD"

Friedrich Nietzsche: "God is Dead"

Jesus Christ: "God is Dad"

Jewish people in 27 AD were feeling crushed by foreign powers, oppressed by their priests and religious leaders, and forgotten by their God. Matthew Chapter 4 tells how a Galilean named Jesus of Nazareth showed up. He told people that the heavenly kingdom they waited for was really close, He picked up some followers, *"And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. (verse 23)"* Their comatose hope awakened in the coming of this preacher, leader, teacher and healer. They saw and heard the works and words of this master. His sharp and confident delivery of heart piercing preaching, the logic of fascinating teaching, and the raw power of signs and wonders told them that the God who was a memory of great deeds done for famously worthy forefathers such as Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, is speaking to them and working wonders for them once again, here and now. John the Baptizer had told them so. Jesus' fame spread to the surrounding countries where relatives and friends of those in

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Galilee quickly heard the astounding news. *"So his fame spread ...And great crowds followed him...(verses 24-25)."*

**The sermon on the mountain:** Thousands gathered to a mountain to hear Jesus of Nazareth preach what would be His most famous sermon, later known as, "The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7)." In the sermon, He introduced His God to them and us and taught us to talk to Him, and told us *"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven (6:9)'"* Jews saw God as the one with the scary name that no one would dare pronounce, lest they take it in vain and be struck dead. Jesus dared to defy their despair and go deeper than just the hope that God would be with His people. Now the preacher, teacher, miracle worker says to call Him a name reserved for intimate family, Father.

**About our Father:** 14 times in the sermon He said to them and us, His audience, about God, *"Your Father."* In 8 of those 17 He says that Father God is either heavenly or in heaven. What He says about Him is that, your good works glorify Him (5:16), by loving enemies and praying for persecutors we prove to be His children (5:44), He sees us in secret and rewards us (6:4, 18), you can talk to Him, (6:6), He knows your needs (6:8, 32), He's our Father together (6:9), He forgives forgivers (6:14), won't forgive who won't forgive, He feeds birds and us (6:26), He gives good things to who asks Him (7:7).

**Carrying out the Father role for us:** From these verses we can see that in His Fatherly role He lets us suffer at times, He watches over us and gives rewards, He listens, He is head of a big family, He's concerned about what we need, forgives, and gives good.

**What is required of His children?** Our role as His children is that we do good works, love enemies like He does, pray to Him, call Him "Father" be forgiven and forgive, and ask him for good things.

**How can one become His child?** Our earthly Fathers' biology gave us physical birth. Because our God is heavenly, we have to have a spiritual birth. Jesus said, *"You must be born again" (John 3:7).* To be born again we have to receive Him and believe in Jesus' name. according to John 1:12-13, *"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."*

**How does our relationship with our earthly fathers affect our relationship with the heavenly Father?** Some have no father memories or feelings because he simply wasn't there, but they have gaping holes in their hearts. God will fill in for those who turn to him as he is, *"Father of the fatherless"*(Psalm 68:5). For others, their father feelings and memories are of a distant, harsh, or even cruel man who failed to protect, show love and affection, provide, spend time, guide, and too often, even abused, making it difficult to trust heavenly Father because biological dad broke trust. God will fill up whatever lacks

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from our fathers' failures but we must dare to trust Him. Some, though their fathers' weren't perfect, have positive feelings about the man. There is a danger in this too. When one has deep affection for and unhindered trust of a man, it is easy to overlook areas of sin. That person's view of God may overlook His holiness and tolerate sinful ways. One reporter told me that she won't convert to Christ because she loves and trusts her non-Christian dad so much that she'd never serve a God who wouldn't let him in heaven the way he is!

Jesus wants us to learn how to live with God as our father. It's no secret that Friedrich Nietzsche, the philosopher famous for his statement that, "God is dead" was a soul tormented man who died in utter insanity. But Jesus, offers us stability and peace for saying, "God is dad."

Blessings,  
*Pastor Eric*

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### **Prayers and Praises**

**All our Missionaries** - Pray for their protection and strength while they so faithfully serve God each day.

**Please pray for our congregation and extended families:**

**Alice Carlson** (Betty Haley's cousin)- Being treated for uterine cancer, kidney failure, dialysis, loss of vision and other diabetic failings.

**Kayla (Smith) and Justin Peacock** - Violet Virginia Peacock surgery was a great success. Hopefully can go home soon. Kayla and Justin are so appreciate for all the prayers.

**Margie and her family**- Please pray for continued blessings and togetherness and that Margie's health will improve.

*(Please call 440-9904 or email [BettylouHaley@comcast.net](mailto:BettylouHaley@comcast.net) to be added to prayer list)*

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#### **Women's Ministry -**

**Ladies and Gentlemen too - Special Note - Please use the special sheets that we will be using for the recipe collection process for our newest fund raiser, the 2013 Desert Light Cookbook.**

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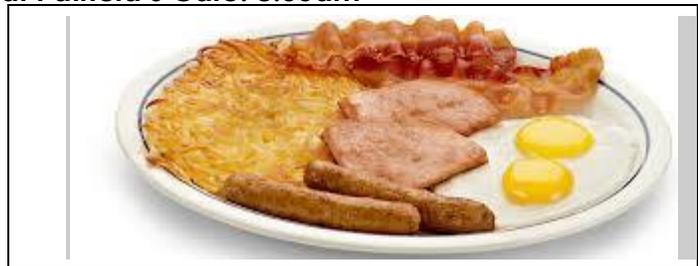
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**How many recipes can you add? We need some for every section, so please submit as many as you would like to. We will be giving out the format sheets for the recipes soon. Other Questions? Call Betty Haley**

### **DLCC Men's Ministry**

**Our monthly meeting will be June 29th at Patricia's Cafe. 8:00am**



### **Support Group - The group is currently on a hiatus until this fall.**

**Desert Light Church has an OVERCOMERS OUTREACH group that meets Monday nights at the home of Jim Morris. The OVERCOMERS is a group similar to Alcohol Anonymous, except every step is anchored in a scripture verse. This group is for anyone wishing to overcome a habit they wish to break (overeating, drugs, alcohol, gambling, pornography, sexual addiction, smoking, sleeping, depression, etc.) The meeting starts at approximately 6:00 pm and lasts an hour and a half to two hours. A light meal is provided at the beginning, then the support group follows. What is shared in the group is confidential. Marion Heisey is in charge of the group with Beverly in charge of the meal. If you would like to help out with the meals, please see Beverly.**

**All are welcome, any questions? Please see Marion.**



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**We are proud to introduce our two newest Congregation additions:**



**Mya Lanae Stewart**  
**5/26 2013 11:57pm**  
**7lb 14oz**



**Violet Virginia Peacock**  
**5/15 2013 1:36am**  
**6lb 1oz**



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### **Children Ministries –**

Can you give one Sunday a month to help our Children's Ministries?

If God puts it into your own heart to help in the Children's Ministries, please speak to Pastor Eric or Pat Davis or Betty Haley. We will provide you with materials and assistance, but we need helpers and teachers for nursery on up. We also need substitute teachers in case someone cannot be there on a particular Sunday.



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### **Kitchen and Pantry Needs –**

From time to time we have some that might need a helping hand and that's where our Pantry comes in handy. We keep non-perishable food stuffs and diapers and other items when someone is need. It looks as though we need to do a bit or restocking in our pantry. Do you have a few extra items that you can help us restock? Thank you so very much.

Likewise, we have breakfast for our Sunday School kids and others that might need breakfast on Sundays. Could you please help us out with a couple of items? Things in need – bread, margarine, cereal, milk, juice, fruit, pancake mix, peanut butter, jam and jelly, pancake syrup, cereal, fruit, salsa, tortillas, muffins, baked goods, etc. Again many thanks, we use all the donated items.

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Mark your calendars for July 21<sup>st</sup> – right after the Church Service

CeCe and Titus will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary right here! Yep and even renewing their vows. More details to follow but we wanted to make sure that You save the date.



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### Father's Day Menu Item Suggestions



#### Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches Recipe

##### Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups *Louisiana-style hot sauce*
- 2/3 cup *packed brown sugar*
- 6 tablespoons *butter*
- 3 tablespoons *cider vinegar*
- 1-1/2 teaspoons *taco seasoning*
- 4 *boneless skinless chicken breast halves (5 ounces each)*
- 1/4 cup *crumbled blue cheese*
- 1/4 cup *buttermilk*
- 1/4 cup **Hellmann's® Real Mayonnaise**
- 1 tablespoon *shredded Parmesan cheese*
- 1 tablespoon *minced chives*
- 1-1/2 teaspoons *lemon juice*
- 1/2 teaspoon *balsamic vinegar*
- 1/4 teaspoon *minced garlic*
- 1/4 teaspoon *pepper*
- 4 *onion rolls, split and toasted*
- 4 **cooked Bacon strips**
- 4 *slices Colby cheese (3/4 ounce each)*
- 4 *lettuce leaves*
- 4 *slices tomato*

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- 4 slices red onion

### Directions

- In a small saucepan over medium heat, bring the first five ingredients to a boil; boil, uncovered, for 1 minute. Cool for 10 minutes; set aside 1/2 cup for basting.
- Flatten chicken to 1/2-in. thickness. Pour remaining marinade into a large resealable plastic bag; add chicken. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
- Drain and discard marinade from chicken. Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat for 5-6 minutes on each side or until a thermometer reads 170°, basting occasionally with reserved marinade.
- In a small bowl, combine the blue cheese, buttermilk, mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, chives, lemon juice, vinegar, garlic and pepper. Spread over roll bottoms; top with the chicken, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion. Replace roll tops. **Yield:** 4 servings.
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**Bronco Burger**

"The manly man burger"

### INGREDIENTS:

5 fresh jalapeno peppers  
 4 pounds ground beef  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 1 egg  
 1/4 cup steak sauce, (e.g. Heinz 57)  
 1/4 cup minced white onion  
 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (e.g.

Tabasco™)  
 1 pinch dried oregano  
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
 1 teaspoon garlic salt  
 1/4 cup crushed Fritos® corn chips  
 8 large potato hamburger buns  
 8 slices pepperjack cheese

1. Preheat a grill for high heat. When the grill is hot, roast the jalapeno peppers until blackened on all sides. Place in a plastic bag to sweat and loosen the blackened skin. Rub the skin off, then seed if desired, and chop.

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2. In a large bowl, use your hands to mix together the chopped jalapenos, ground beef, salt, pepper, egg, steak sauce, onion, hot pepper sauce, oregano, Worcestershire sauce, garlic salt and Fritos®. Divide into 8 balls, and flatten into patties.
3. Grill patties for 10 to 15 minutes, turning once, or until well done. I always drink one beer, then flip, drink another beer, then remove from the grill and place on buns. Top each one with a slice of pepperjack cheese

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### Peach Cobbler Recipe



#### Directions

- **1/2 cup butter, melted**
  - 1 can (15-1/4 ounces) sliced peaches, drained
  - 1-1/4 cups sugar, divided
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - **1 cup milk**
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
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- Pour butter into a shallow 2-qt. baking dish; set aside. Drain peaches, reserving 1/4 cup juice. In a saucepan, bring the peaches and juice just to a boil. Meanwhile, in a bowl, combine 1 cup sugar, flour, milk, baking powder and salt; mix well. Pour over butter in baking dish. Spoon hot peaches over batter. Sprinkle with remaining sugar. Bake at 400° for 25 minutes or until cake tests done. Serve warm. **Yield:** 6-8 servings

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Contributions needed !

Hello all. We welcome contributions for our monthly newsletter. Please let Betty Haley know if you have some items to be added. Thank you.

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