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This month featuring Associate Pastor *Dustin Paraspolo*

What Makes a Man a Father

It's a bit early to say but as we are in June, I'd like to start off by saying happy Father's Day! First and foremost we honor our



heavenly Father who loves us more than anyone really understands, and then all fathers, stepfather's, grandfather's, spiritual father's, uncles, mentors, and all those who play a role in modeling what a Godly man is supposed to be.

Father's Day did not become official until 1966, when President Lyndon Johnson declared that the third Sunday in June would be Father's Day. President Richard Nixon made this permanent in 1972. But the celebration of this holiday dates back to 1910, thanks to Ms. Sonora Louise

Smart Dodd from Spokane, Washington. The idea came when she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. At the age 27, Sonora thought if there was a day honoring mothers then why not for fathers? Sonora was the daughter of Mr. William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran and widower. Sonora's mom died while giving birth to her 6th child when Sonora was just 16. Her dad raised the newborn and the five other children with love and care, obviously leaving quite the impression on his daughter, Sonora.

Sonora began a movement to celebrate Father's Day in the US. The Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) supported Sonora's campaign and as a result the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910 in Spokane. This annual celebration gained more popularity as it reached its way clear across the country to our nation's capital. Several presidents made an annual decree until it was final in 1972. This true and inspirational story is a great example of a father's love and sacrifice.

Jesus' ultimate example of love and sacrifice wasn't just displayed on the cross, but also throughout His life. Jesus demonstrated the most incredible characteristics under the most troubling circumstances while He walked this earth.

We see that He did not skip steps, Jesus was about "His Father's business" from a young age. John the Baptist probably had it right when he said "It's You that should baptize me" but not our Jesus, He lived in the order His Father put in place. We get to read and discuss Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, but I can't imagine what it's actually like to be alone that long with no one to physically see. That wasn't just fasting...it was also isolation. We see the way He built people up through His ministry in the 12 disciples. How He made time for His Father first no matter how long the day of ministry was or how rough the travel. We got to see His righteous anger, the passion for His Father's house. We read about a Man who stood up to the scoffers and bullies and also a man who

humbled Himself to wash His own follower's feet. Or when He walked Peter across the water showing us that as long as we keep our eyes and faith on Him anything is possible! Our Jesus, who healed the lame and made the blind to see. The One who healed the broken hearted and cast out demons. The Man who was moved with compassion at His follower's unbelief; Jesus who told us how important it is to guide children in the right way and to never lead them astray. His grace and mercy displayed in all that He did. And of course His courageous obedience in the garden of Gethsemane. And then He showed us that there was no limit to His love for us at the cross of Calvary, the epitome of love and sacrifice.

Throughout His short life on earth He showed us discipline, self-control, work ethic, obedience, kindness, compassion, perseverance, passion, grace, mercy, wisdom, sacrifice and perfect Love.

Jesus charged husbands to love their wives as He loved the church. That's quite the responsibility but understand this, fathers, you are the example of the Father in your house. How would you ever expect your child to do what is right if you don't? How will they stand for Christ if you're sitting down? How will they know the truth if they aren't taught? *"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord."* (Eph 6:4 NLT).

Jesus said *"If you knew me, you would also know my Father."* In John 14:6 He says *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

You see what makes a man a father is a Godly man who shows his children the way to Jesus. Just as Jesus is "the glory of His father" so are our children to you. *"The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise."* (Proverbs 23:24 NLT)

Fathers, it's your job to call the Godly man out of your sons and show your daughters how the Father loves. Fatherhood is not just providing and disciplining, it's showing your kids who the Father is.

Have a blessed and joyful Father's Day. Always honor and remember our everlasting Father first.

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Last month Yvette Isaac give CCC an update on her ministry to the refugees in Iraq. CCC was blessed to be a part of that important outreach.



## NEWS FLASHES!

by CCC's Roving Reporter, *Debbie Shaw*  
**Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers.**

✂ Recognition of the third Sunday in June as Father's Day first occurred at the request of Mrs. John B Dodd of Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910. It was proclaimed for that day by the mayor of Spokane and recognized by the governor of Washington. The idea was supported by President Calvin Coolidge in 1924, but not presidentially proclaimed until 1966.

Did you know?

✂ A helicopter pilot named Didier Delsalle of France landed his helicopter on the summit of Mount Everest in 2005, proclaiming to do so. His flying machine made contact with the peak for about two minutes.

✂ The faster an airplane flies through turbulence, the more stress it can put on aircraft, so airlines have "rough air" speed rules that instructs the pilots to slow down in turbulent conditions.

✂ If that you pay attention to that what you become. Pay attention to word and spoken word, we will be more like what Jesus wants for our lives. - Pastor Eric

✂ It takes time to be faithful - sometimes many years. - Pastor Al Olguin

God uses everyday people to spread gospel. - Youth Pastor Ben, Faith Baptist, Arlington, Tenn.

✂ Fastest growing business is urgent care and restaurants. Urgent care is cheaper than the ER - CBS evening news.

Bit of Humor

✂ Sign in window of rope company: If you can't afford a *clothes dryer* ask about our credit *line*.

✂ A little girl's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of Daddy and mommy and my sister and my brother and me. And please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

✂ A pastor said to a precious six year old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

Misc.:

✂ Let's think about what God has blessed us with and what we are doing each day to promote our lives mentally, physically, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Life is too short to let it pass you by. We only have one shot at this and then it's gone. - Erma Bombeck. John 9:4-5 Jesus said: *As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.*

✂ Make singing a habit. Col 3:16-17 *...and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

✂ The apostle Paul in the 14th chapter of Acts was stoned in the city of Lystra and left for dead. His disciples gathered around him and prayed. He rose up and went on to the city of Derbe. He returned in a few days to Lystra where he again preached the gospel. Paul had no fear of man. Man that fears God fears nothing else. - Pastor Al Olguin

✂ We, eventually, become what we pay the most attention to. So let us pay the most attention to the Word of God and we will be more like what Jesus wants us to be. - Pastor Eric.

✂ God knew Job's faith would stand whatever was sent his way. He lost all of his children, and suffered financial failure: all of his livestock, land and everything else. He lost his health, and painful boils covered his entire body, but he stood strong and trusted God. He came out a winner. Everything was restored to him - even more so. He knew his God would raise him up.

✂ Your roving reporter's great granddaughter, Teagan Elizabeth Shaw, born April 27th, weighing 9 lbs 6 oz.

So long for now. Your Roving Reporter, AKA, Jr. Scoop. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.* Romans 16:20



Sr. Scoop's Note: What a precious little sweetie Teagan is! We pray that God richly blesses her life.

## Self-Examination

by *Sharon Johnson*

Always be aware of how close you are to God. Have you let cares of the world, lies of the enemy, resentments, disappointments, sin creep in? They will turn into hopelessness and despair – and eventually a turning away from God and then the enemy wants to come in like a flood. I have discovered that each day I must check myself for these things. I want to maintain my zeal for the Lord.

Some Questions to ask yourself:

Am I spending time with the Lord daily?

Am I reading and studying the Word?

Am I making excuses for my wrong actions?

Am I letting worldly things and habits take up more and more of my life?

Is there secret sin?

Am I complaining, grumbling, and/or disappointed in my life?

Do I hold resentments and even unforgiveness in my heart?

Have I lost zeal and joy in the Lord?

Do I feel hopeless or worthless?

Have I become complacent?

Have I lost trust in the Lord?

There are many more questions you could ask yourself. Confront yourself daily, and quickly take care of those destructive things that creep in - through prayer, reading the Bible, and possibly wise counsel, so things won't build up and spiral out of control leading you away from God.

These are the last days – and probably the very last of the last days – and the devil is roaring about seeing whom he can destroy, especially by deception. Sin is abounding but grace is all the more abounding. We must be very aware that the Lord hates lukewarmness and fence straddling. I don't believe it will be allowed in the bride of Christ. Rev 3:15-16 *"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!"*

We have to stand fast in our belief that the only true and lasting joy there is- is in serving the Lord and having a good relationship with Him.

A prayer of repentance: Lord Jesus, today I realize that I have let things creep in that have spiraled me down and away from You. I repent right now. I ask for your restoration. I give up the things that have crept in and I am so very repentant. Lord I willingly and hopefully turn back to You fully. I ask for Your help. I know that you are forgiving because that is why You died on the cross – so that my sins can be forgiven forever. The song says, "I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry for the things that I made it, because it's all about You Jesus." I trust You Lord because great is Your faithfulness, goodness, mercy, long-suffering toward me. I am so sorry. Be with me my Lord. I rededicate my life and myself to You right now. Thank You, Merciful Father. Your truly repentant child.

# Worthless

by Sharon Johnson

When you say to yourself, "I am worthless," you are telling yourself a lie. You are not the One who determines this. It is God, your **Creator**, who is the only one that can know who you truly are. What He says about you is much truer than what anyone else says about you. He uses His Word to tell us the truth about everything.

His Word says that *I am greatly loved by God* (Romans 1:7; Eph 2:4; Col 3:12;

*I am the head and not the tail; I am above only and not beneath* (Deut. 28:13).

*I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people* (1 Peter 2:9).

*I am more than a conqueror through Him Who loves me* (Romans 8:37).

*I am God's workmanship, created in Christ unto good works* (Ephesians 2:10).

*I can do all things through Christ Jesus* (Phil 4:13).

*I show forth the praises of God Who has called me out of darkness into His marvelous light* (1 Peter 2:9).

*I am holy and without blame before Him in love* (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:16).

*I am complete in Him Who is the Head of all principality and power* (Col 2:10).

He loves you so much that He sings over you – Can you imagine that?

Zeph 3:17 *17 The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.* NIV

You say, "Ah but you don't know what I have done." No, I don't, but I do know what I have done and know that God has totally forgiven me because He loves me and Jesus took away my sins and yours on the cross. There is no sin that is unpardonable except that which is total rejection of Jesus as your Savior forever.

Then you say, "Well, I can't maintain it. I know I will mess up. I always mess up." Remember only the Word of God is 100% truth and it says about God's servants: Rom 14:4 *Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he (or she) will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.* NIV

Pastor Ken has said many times that our God is not just the God of a second chance, He is the God of another chance.

Don't you see it? His love for you is that which defines you and it is His power that will make you stand. Keep on in the Lord, my most valuable one, He is able and, oh how He loves you.

# Healing

by Jim Christopher

Healing is not just a ministry for the specialist. The average Christian lacks the confidence to function in the ministries that Jesus has called us to. (Mark 16:16-18). The apostles were called to go into all the world and make believers, and these signs will follow those who believe. (Note: signs will follow those who believe, not just the apostles.) Are you a believer?

Then according to John 14:12, the believer will do the same works that Jesus did.

What works did He Do? He preached the gospel, He taught the word, and healed all manner of sickness and disease. John 20:21, As the Father has sent Me, so I send you. Where does this leave us? It leaves us with the responsibility to get involved in ministry, especially the healing ministry.

Healing is not just a ministry for the specialist and not just the doctors. Thank God for evangelists and doctors, we need them. But, how many would be alive or well today if we, as believers, went into all the world (including Covina) and did the same works as Jesus? 1 Cor 12:9, tells us the gifts of healing are available to us, the Body of Christ.

Many believe in healing, but they need to learn and understand how to activate it in their own lives as well as others.

## CCC CANDID SHOTS



# Baptisms

Dee and Rosa Algorri (Dee is Ray Algorri's brother) were baptized by Pastor



Eric on May 18th. Rosa wanted to be baptized before she had surgery on the 19th, so they decided to use Ray's beautiful jacuzzi. It was a blessed time with the Lord.

Rosa had the surgery the next day and all went very well. Praise the Lord.

Dee helped with the building of CCC many years ago. We are delighted to have these wonderful people attending CCC and praise God for how He works in our families.



## MOTHER'S DAY



# Kitchen Korner

from the kitchen of *Dee Paraspolo*

A TESTIMONY: A few months ago my daughter, Dawn, had asked us to pray for her husband, Troy, as he had a patch of discolored skin on his forearm. Having served as a medic in the service, he had kept an eye on it but was not concerned. When it began to grow and another growth appeared on the other arm, he made an appointment with his doctor. The doctor referred him to a dermatologist. While waiting for the dermatology appointment, Troy took the matter to the men's prayer group of their church. After prayer discoloration on both arms began to shrink and were smaller by the day. By the time he went to the dermatologist, a dime-sized scab had fallen off his arm and the skin was "baby pink." Troy bagged the scab and took it to the dermatologist, so the dermatologist wouldn't think he (Troy) was crazy. They are both praising God for His healing power.

A STORY: This was posted by my niece and is a perfectly beautiful illustration of our Loving God and how both believers and non-believers view God.

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?"

The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

Nonsense, said the first. "There can't be life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but I think there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs, eat with our mouths or use our hands for something besides sucking our thumb. Maybe we will have other senses that we don't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. And the umbilical cord is so short walking on our legs would be impossible. Life after delivery is to be logically ruled out."

The second insisted. "Well I think there is something and I think it will be different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this umbilical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense! And moreover if there is life after delivery, why has no one ever come back from there. Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere. We are to enjoy our life 'now' because there is nothing more."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "Surely we will meet Mother and She will take care of us."

The first replied, "Mother. You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists, then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world of ours would not and could not exist."

Said the first, "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical to conclude that She does not exist."

When I realized that there is nothing I can do to earn God's love, I realized there is nothing I can do to stop it. - Tonier Cane

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, CCC DADS



# Girl's Day Out

Article and Photos by *Sara Paraspolo*

Us ladies got together one Saturday, visited some of God's beautiful creation in the Rose Garden of Exposition Park, Los Angeles. Their Assignment was to pick a pedal of a beautiful rose they liked & bring it back. We all examined our petals, looking at the fine details, colors & shapes they each had...only to compare it to our own selves...beautiful in detail, shape & personality. If God can spend all this time painting each Rose petal...how much more time do we think He spent putting us together? We are beautiful creations with our own detail & purpose for His glory!



We really had a blessed time together.



Bettie Clark ministers to CCC in the area of helps. She was a big part of sorting and putting together the bags of goods that CCC donated to go the refugees in Iraq through Yvette Isaac's ministry. It is a blessing to be a part of helping our Christian brothers and sisters who have been so persecuted. God bless all Christians in Iraq and Syria.

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