

IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER, THE
SON, AND THE
HOLY GHOST

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Father's Day

— Is A Day Of Celebration In Honor of All Fathers —

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

History:

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So, Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

Father's Day is June 15, 2008.

If you have been blessed to have a Dad that loved you as I had and still have, take the time to call him, send a card or letter, or go visit him so that he can know that you love him. Thank God for him and all the men in your life that cared about you.

Matthew 15:4. Says:

For God said, Honor thy father and thy mother: and, He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him die the death.

Any man can be a Father, but it takes a special person to be called Dad.

What about you? Are you a man of God?
Are you being the person God wants you to be?

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author is unknown

- My Dad -

Sunday June 15, 2008 is your day, as I honor you as my father.

My dad left home in Tennessee, as a teenager, during the great depression to live and work in the Chicago area. He found a job washing dishes, cleaning tables, and doing anything else that needed to be done for two meals a day plus a room with a cot. When War War II broke out he volunteered for the air force. After the war he met Mom, got married, and bought a restaurant in west Tennessee.

Shortly after I was born the Lord touched my Dad's heart. He quit the restaurant business and started working at Western Auto as fishing and gun manager. He helped build a Church that was started under a tree on a lot that was purchased by people that loved the Lord. The Church grew to be about two hundred and fifty people. It was in that Church that I gave my life to our Lord when I was twelve. I thank God for Dad's desire to make sure that his family got involved in a Bible believing Church.

Dad took the time every year to show us the country we live in. We took trips to all the states of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. I can still remember the sights and knowledge we learned while having fun on those trips. I have such a yearning for those good old days.

Dad taught me about life, how to hunt and fish, and even when I sounded like a bull elephant going around the lake or through the woods, he was there with love instead of anger. Where others would have gotten mad, he never got tired of guiding me to the right way of doing things. Almost every summer I got to go up and be with my grandparents that lived on a hundred acre farm. I learned so much about life and death from my grandfather. When he passed away it broke my heart.

I thank God for the patience my grandmother and grandfather had with me. Even though I miss them, I know that they are in heaven waiting on me. Grandmamma will have a big banana pudding ready for me or maybe some of the great big biscuits that I loved so. Thank you Lord for allowing me to get close to my grandparents and feel that special love from them.

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Dad always made sure we had everything we needed, most of what we wanted, and always, all of his love. I pray that I will someday become what he was, has been, and will always be.

My Dad is eight-eight years old now. He is living out his life in Tennessee and even though life has been hard he has never lost the faith. A few years ago a tornado destroyed everything they had. Throughout the whole ordeal, Dad kept saying "I think everything is going to be all right."

If there is any one thing that I can say I've learned from my father is that no matter what satan throws at you, we must keep the right attitude. Tell yourself and all that will listen, "I think everything is going to be all right" for in Romans 8:15 it says: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Thank you Lord for being our heavenly Dad, giving yourself, being there day and night for us, and showing that "father's love" we so desperately need. Thanks for loving us all!

To all you dads... Happy Father's Day

Little Boy's Prayer

An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December, some years ago: A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'

'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him.. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her, 'Are you God's wife?'

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Stand In The Gap

What is it? It's not a new organization to join and there aren't any dues. It is a chance to care deeply! It is also a chance to carry your Christianity into the community. It's a wonderful opportunity to reach a life for Christ.

"Stand in the Gap" is a program for small groups within churches to get involved in caring and sharing with a needy person within the community. In SITG (our acronym for Stand in the Gap), we form a small group of six to twelve within your church. Then that group, with the help of Love and Compassion Ministries assists you in selecting a "neighbor" to be included in the group. Who is a neighbor? It can be anyone in need. It could be a widow, an orphan, a single mom, an ex-prisoner, or a homeless person.

We believe that it is time for the Church to step up to the plate and reach out to our neighbors. The Bible is full of scriptures about how we are to treat our neighbors...

In *Matthew 22:39* we are told to: "*Love thy neighbor as thyself.*" It stands right along side the greatest commandment to *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength.*

So how does SITG work? Well, first we need six to twelve people within your church to form an active Christian care and share group. Perhaps you already have them. This group must make a year long commitment to meet with each other and their assigned neighbor at least once and preferably twice a month. Your meetings can be in a home, your church or a local restaurant.

There are no preconceptions as to how the group should operate, outside of a few general guidelines which we will supply in a short training course. The idea is that the group will pray for guidance and support. They will form an atmosphere of loving, listening and support, for each other and their neighbor, and then we will watch and wait to see what God has in store.

We know from past experience that when God heals one member of the group, He heals them all. The group as a whole, will learn that only God can do the fixing, and they will learn to let Him work. This will be an exercise in forming a new spiritual family where all can put their concerns on the table.

The neighbor has to take equal responsibility for their lives, acknowledge their poverty along with other problems, and ask for and expect help, not emergency relief.

Once you have become part of a family you will become emotionally invested in what God is doing. Dramatic changes come about with the people who participate when they let the love of God channel through each of them. I pray that God's love will work in each one of you, and that you will choose to join us in this exciting activity.

To become a part of SITG, contact Vann Wells at 574-5683 or e-mail him at VannWells@LoveCompassion.com

Without love what are we? Read 1 Corinthians 13



**LCM Staff Director
Standing In The Gap**

**Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down,
and shaken together, and running over. Luke 6:38**

- Be Truthful -

Have you ever loved someone more than yourself?

Have you cared about others even though they hurt you to the point of death?

Do you confess your sins or do you try to cover them up? Are you good at forgiving others? What faults are you willing to overlook to let people get close to you?

Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness? Do you submit to authority?

Do you desire to be close to God or are you running from Him? Have you ever felt the presence of God? Have you ever smelt the sweet aroma of God? Do you deeply and completely love God and your neighbors? How much? Are you in God's Will?

Have you ever really wished for something that you knew was going to cost you all of who you are and yet you knew that it was what made you what you are? Was it of God?

What spirits are you allowing to get close to you, even when you know they are not of God?

Have you ever cried your heart out because of someone else's pain?

When have you allowed emotions to rule over your devotions?

What do you sacrifice every day?

How many people do you know that have become weary?

When do you give of yourself?

Will you allow God to use you today?

When people look upon you, do they see Jesus?

How many times have you spoken to God today? Have you allowed Him to speak or are you doing all the talking?

Now would be a good time to thank God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ to this earth to die for our sins and give us the Holy Spirit to direct and guide us everyday. I am sure He has a few things He would like to talk to you about if you'll only listen!

In Matthew 28:19-20 Our Lord said:

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Power of Love is Awesome
Any Questions?**



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends:

Thank you one and all!

Thank Paula Phillips and Janet Sparks for allowing God to start this ministry through them! I have never known any two people that have the faith that they have. I thank God for Pastor Steve, Van Wells, Miriam Magart, and Rae Smith for they have taken so much of the load off my shoulders. I thank all our Godly men and women that have been our past directors, and of course, our present directors for keeping the vision of this ministry alive. I thank God for all our local and state wide ministries and programs that we have such a pleasure working with. I thank God for the attorneys, judges, doctors, hospitals, pastors, and law-enforcement agencies that we work with.

I thank you, our supporters, prayer partners, and all you that have shown me the love of God. I love each and every one of you and pray blessings on each of you. I pray that our LORD will open your heart to see things of GOD, to feel the things of GOD, and to receive the things of GOD. May HE give you insight into HIS direction and plans for your life. Without you this ministry cannot do the things it does! We need you as much as anyone that is on our staff. I pray that we will never lose heart. I pray that we will not be about emotions but be devoted to our LORD and SAVIOR, the work HE has set before us, and will always be ready to take the anointing of CHRIST to the lost of this world.

More than anything else, I thank GOD for putting such a desire and calling on my life to reach the homeless, the sick, the imprisoned, and all who are being tormented by satan. GOD is using us in a mighty way to draw people to CHRIST. It is my hope that this ministry will be used by GOD to draw people from all walks of life to HIM. May HE receive the glory as we proclaim the truth that is found only in JESUS CHRIST.

For more than ten years now we have, through CHRIST, been able to make a positive impact upon the world one life at a time by continuing to serve as a Christian outreach center. Many people today experience the "perfect peace" that comes from faith in JESUS CHRIST and obedience to the HOLY SPIRIT, because we were there in their time of need and were able to introduce them to our LORD and SAVIOR.

Please ask GOD what HE would have you do to help us stay on the front lines of this great battle, fighting suicide, pornography, child molestation, profanity, devil worshipping, divorce, anger, hate, drugs, alcohol, prison overcrowding, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, being homeless. The list goes on and on. Please help us!

In the presence of GOD,

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It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.