

# The Loco Newsletter

“OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN”



*One God, One Savior, One Family*

2 Corinthians 6:18

NLT

*“And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”*

Psalm 89:26

NKJV

*“He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’”*

1 John 3:1

ESV

*“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”*



## FATHER'S DAY

Our earthly fathers are an important source of our genetic makeup. But God is the ultimate source of our lives. He knew us before we were conceived and formed us in the womb.

Many people think that if God exists, He is simply a distant entity in the sky, unreachable, unknowable, and disinterested in our lives. This couldn't be further from the truth. God wants to be known and to have a relationship with the people He created. He sent us an in-depth letter—the Bible—reaching out to us, telling us about Himself and how He made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might be able to have a personal relationship with Him.

The Bible attributes many characteristics to God—Savior, Healer, Friend—but perhaps the most personal is our heavenly Father. When we accept God's gift of salvation, He adopts us into His family and makes us coheirs with His Divine Son, Jesus Christ. God treats us as His own, giving us full access to His riches and bestowing upon us a great inheritance, including eternal life with Him.

When we think of God, we should remember these fatherly qualities. Consider how He is our:

1. **Life Guide.** Our heavenly Father helps us find our way in life and discover who we're meant to be. We can always come to him for advice and wisdom (James 1:5) and share our deepest desires. Following His guidance will never lead us astray.
2. **Encourager.** When we feel alone, or are faced with hardships and discouraging circumstances, God reminds us to stand strong. He has given us every skill we need and teaches us every applicable truth to get us through the tough times. His Word strengthens us, and His grace sustains us in our struggles (2 Cor. 12:9).
3. **Provider.** Our heavenly Father takes care of our every need—physical, emotional, and spiritual. Of course, there are times we have to wait or don't receive something we feel we need, but God always supplies our needs at just the right time, in just the right way (Phil. 4:19). Not only that, He wants us to live an abundant life (John 10:10). He longs to bless us and has bestowed upon us a great spiritual inheritance as His children.
4. **Protector.** No one can take us from the Father's hand. When we join His family, He seals us with His Holy Spirit, guarantees our eternal life, and neither we nor anyone else can take it away. As Paul reminds us, "nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God" (Rom. 8:39).

We all have an innate desire to know our fathers and be loved by them. While earthly dads will fall short at times, we have a perfect heavenly Father who wants us to know Him and loves us immensely. He has gone to great lengths to be with us, and longs to spend quality time with His children.

What lengths do you go to in order to spend time with your heavenly Father? How well do you honor Him and listen to His wisdom? If it's been a while, or if you've rebelled against His divine parenting, there is good news. He is always willing to welcome you back with open arms and restore you to your position as His beloved child.

"God our Father"- Dr. Charles Stanley (In Touch Ministries)

## Upcoming Events

**June 3rd:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Meal following morning services. **(Cancelled so that VBS decorating can be done)**

**June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>:** Vacation Bible School (6p-9p) for ages 3years- 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**June 17<sup>th</sup>:** Father's Day (no evening services)

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mattie Roberson- June 4<sup>th</sup>    Romie Beckum- June 5<sup>th</sup>    Tristan Johnson- June 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Marty Pinion- June 8<sup>th</sup>    Jamie Morgan- June 9<sup>th</sup>    Allison Moore- June 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Ron/Tara Johnson- June 13<sup>th</sup>    Steven/Kimber Hardy- June 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Perry/Marcia Kirkland- June 16<sup>th</sup>    Chuck/Stephanie LeClerc- June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Romie/Edith Beckum- June 29<sup>th</sup>

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*Please join us for services on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and  
 Wednesday nights.*



**COMING  
 JUNE 11-15, 2018**