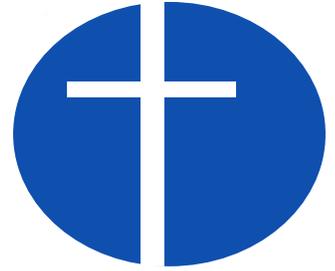


# Loco Baptist Church Pastor: Marty Pinion



## Welcome to the Loco Baptist Church newsletter.

### Happy Father's Day

On July 19, 1910, the governor of the U.S. state of Washington proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." There were small celebrations locally. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. But many men chose to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. The feeling was "that both parents should be loved and respected together." However, the Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards. When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

It was not until 1972 and in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, that Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday. At last, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, Father's Day became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

*(from HistoryChannel.com)*

Answer to May's trivia: **The serpent—Genesis 3:40**

### Up Coming Events

June 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Meal

June 12: Conference

June 19: Father' Day (No evening services)

June 13-17: VBS "Submerged"- See Melissa for details

### God the Father

God the Father is the perfect example for all earthly fathers. He is holy, just and fair, but his most outstanding quality is love: *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.* (1 John 4:8, NIV)

God's love motivates everything He does. Through his covenant with Abraham, he chose the Jews as his people, then nurtured and protected them, despite their frequent disobedience. In his greatest act of love, God the Father sent his only Son to be the perfect sacrifice for the sin of all humanity, Jews and Gentiles alike.

The Bible is clear that Fathers are to be spiritual leaders in the home. The Bible has much to say about both our earthly fathers and God our heavenly Father.

**Proverbs 23:24** *The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.*

**Psalms 103:13** *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*(from www.biblegateway.com)*

Trivia question: **When was the first translation of the Bible made into English?**

*(answer in next month's newsletter)*