

## Go ahead — make dad's day

Throughout the year, many days of celebration are tucked capriciously into the calendar. So much so, it is hard to find any day of the year where something or someone is not being observed, which has benefited the greeting card company, you can be sure. I am not positive, but I think they have had a great deal to do with designating these days.

Some days are celebrated a little more enthusiastically than others. The Fourth of July has firecrackers; Halloween has funny and scary costumes, not to mention bags of candy; and Christmas boasts the Christmas tree and jolly old St. Nick with all his presents, and it is hard to compete with Christmas parties.

And we come to Mother's Day. According to experts, more telephone calls are placed on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. Also, try to walk into a restaurant and get a seat.

There is a theory, stating the reason Father's Day is so lame is because so much has been spent on Mother's Day, there is nothing left.

I think there should be a rule that says, whatever Mother's Day costs fathers, mothers should spend on Father's Day. This would do one of two things; decrease Mother's Day or puff Father's Day spending. Personally, I am

in favor of puffing. Perhaps with some effort, Father's Day could be a little more exciting. I am not saying this just because I am a father. Well, maybe I am, but if I don't who will?



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Fathers in general are rather humble and hesitant to speak about themselves. Every father knows talk is not cheap, and because he has spent so much on Mother's Day, he simply is practicing good manners and

shuts up. However, every father needs to know he is truly appreciated by his family. Although you cannot buy a father, it is possible to rent him on occasion.

I am in favor of celebrating Father's Day "any which way you can." It really does not matter to the father involved. Any father would consider his child a "million dollar baby" if he or she would just give a Father's Day card to him, along with a nice hot cup of coffee while sitting in his favorite chair reading the newspaper. Nothing the children did throughout the year would remain "unforgiven" if something this simple were done on Father's Day.

As it stands, Father's Day is celebrated "every which way but loose," and I believe it is time this has stopped. Too many loose ends concerning Father's Day. It is a "true crime" the

way certain things are left hanging concerning fathers. Some fathers have felt like "the dead pool" around Father's Day, not knowing exactly what to expect.

Mother's Day is rather simple. Every mother knows she will get certain things; flowers, a Mother's Day card and dinner at her favorite restaurant.

By the time Father's Day comes around everybody is so exhausted from Mother's Day, not to mention most fathers are broke, nobody knows exactly how to make dad's day special.

Too many people are uptight about Father's Day and feel like they are running "the gauntlet."

When I say people, I am referring primarily to Yours Truly. Nobody seems to know what to do about good ole dad on his special day.

Fortunately, I have some ideas along this line.

With some of the presents I have received, I am beginning to think my children imagine me as a "space cowboy," or maybe a "high plains drifter" driving around in a "pink Cadillac" heading for "the bridges of Madison County."

When it comes to being a father, I assure you I am not "the rookie" walking on a "tightrope," directly "in the line of fire" running toward "heartbreak ridge." I have quite a bit of experience being a father, going back more than 40 years.

As a father, I have three children notched on my belt. At times, I have felt like "the

enforcer" and the only way to deal with those children was to use "magnum force" and "hang 'em high."

I must confess at times I felt like a "pale rider" sweating it out in the "city heat," realizing no matter how hard I try it is not "a perfect world" we live in. What would make my day, and other fathers' day, would be a present I could really use, or at least understand without spending an entire day reading the directions.

In spite of all this, I have discovered one thing; being a father is its own reward. The Bible puts fatherhood high on the list of important positions in life.

David, the Psalmist, put his feelings about being a father into familiar words to all who have read the Bible. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." (Psalm 127:3-5 KJV).

This year, my advice is, go ahead and make dad's day. He deserves it.

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## Faith BRIEFS

### Cornerstone to perform

**PONCE de LEON** — Cornerstone, a bluegrass gospel group, will be singing at Otter Creek Methodist Church at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 15. The church is located four miles north of Ponce de Leon off Highway 81.

### Evangelistic Center plans revival

**CARYVILLE** — Caryville Evangelistic Center will be having a revival June 16 -19. Brother Marvin Grier will be preaching and special singing.

### Get on Board

**BETHLEHEM** — Bethlehem Baptist Church will be having VBS from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., on June 17-21. There will be a sign up party from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 8. Lunch will be served at the sign up party.

Classes will be for ages three thru high school. For more information call Anita at 547-3997.

### Unity Baptist Church plans VBS

**VERNON** — Unity Baptist Church of Vernon will have Vacation Bible School from 5 to 7 p.m. nightly beginning June 17 and concluding on June 21.

For more information, call Carole or Lindsey

Martin at 956-1272.

### The Bowling Family to perform

**ESTO** — Mount Zion Independent Baptist Church in Esto will present the Bowling Family in concert at 7 p.m. on June 21.

The church is located at 3205 Highway 2 in Esto. The concert is free and open to the public. There will be a love offering only.

This is sure to be a wonderful evening full of praise with one of the top groups in southern gospel music. Everyone is invited to come enjoy some great singing.

For more information, call 547-5302 or email [mtzionindp@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionindp@gmail.com).

### Bethlehem Camp meeting

**BONIFAY** — The Bethlehem Family Camp Meeting will be on June 21-28 at 3073 Highway 160 in Bonifay.

For more information visit [bethlehemcamp.org](http://bethlehemcamp.org) or call 547-2598.

### Northside Baptist to have VBS

**PONCE de LEON** — Northside Baptist Church in Ponce de Leon will be having VBS from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 23-28 for ages three thru sixth grade.

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*"I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you invited Me in; naked and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; in prison, and you came to Me."* *Matthew 25:35-36*

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