

Desert Skies United Methodist Church



June/July 2011
THE SKYLINE

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**JOIN US AT
CHRIST CAFÉ
BETWEEN SERVICES
9:30 am
OUTSIDE SANCTUARY
COFFEE
LEMONADE
GREAT
FELLOWSHIP!!!**



We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org
(See the newsletter on
the web)

A VERY SPECIAL CROSS



On Easter Sunday a woman commented that the sanctuary cross was just beautiful. I asked her if she knew where the cross came from. She replied, "from a religious supply company". I then thought that two thirds of our members had no idea where the cross really came from.

During the final stages of the sanctuary construction Dan Elder, a church member, asked our minister what kind of cross was planned for the altar area. He was told the cross in the multi-purpose building would be moved to the sanctuary. Dan asked if he could handcraft a wooden cross. After several meetings he was given the go a head. He traveled to Arivaca, selected the mesquite logs, hauled them to his workshop, and began the tedious task of creating a cross.

With over 60 hours of cutting, carving & shaping, he created a beautiful cross with a copper flame inlay. The cross was so big and heavy we had to reinforce the front sanctuary wall. It took 6 of us to hang the cross. Because it was so impressive, extra ceiling lights were added to highlight it. Something very few people notice is the rock formation on the wall below the cross. This represents the hill on which the original cross stood when Jesus was crucified.

Desert Skies has a very special, one of a kind, cross THANKS to the efforts of Dan Elder.

Emmitt Warner



Stephen Ministers

Desert Skies has 8 active Stephen Ministers, 2 of which are involved in other ministries of the church. Jeann Fishback has started a Loss & Recovery group which meets on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm in Room 2, and Karen Gardner is chair of our health ministries.

We are looking to build this ministry and are looking for a few people who might be interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. There will be a city-wide training starting up in the Fall. If you are interested or if you know someone who you think would like to become a Stephen Minister and go for training, **please contact Karen Anderson at # 296-5116 or talk to anyone with a blue badge.**



A WORD FROM DAN



JUNE

- 03 Ralph & Karen Anderson
- 05 Scott & Carrie Radomsky
- 08 J.D. & Mary Lou Metzger
- 09 Michael & Charlene Cline
Del & Ralph Holmer
- 11 Randi & Elizabeth DiPrima
- 12 Jerry & Jeanne Myers
Jason & Stephanie Miller
- 13 Tom & Sue Patrick
- 14 Max & Pat Crowell
Daniel & Annette Estelle
David & Sandee Landsburg
- 21 Sherman & Patti Lee
Dudley & Martha Spore
- 22 Elwood & June Beehler
David & Jennifer Stivers
- 23 Carter & Dolores Allen
- 25 Wayne & Lynn Peate
Arnold & Linda Wheeler
- 27 David & Sondra Gast
Jeff & Kim Gavin
- 28 Warren & Marilyn McKee
- 30 Robert & Ursula Heath



JULY

- 04 Richard & Barbara Baldwin
Bob & Julie Jenkins
- 08 Chris & Jean Biddick
Doug & Janet Holland
- 12 Larry & Linda Feldman
- 13 Dick & Carla Bailey
- 16 Pete & Molly Squire
- 18 Vernon & Pat Walker
- 20 Pete & Shirley Bookman
Walt & Marian Mosher
- 24 Ed & Barbara Crawford
Bill & Pam Lopez
- 25 Bob & Sue Romeo
- 28 Michael & Peggy Maleski
- 29 Bruce & Mary Broughton
Chuck & Nancy Byler
Ralph & Susan Schild

Summer is upon us at Desert Skies. While many churches slow down we keep moving forward in our work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Some of our exciting seasonal ministries are family movie nights along with music camp and vacation Bible school.

In addition to these great ministries Annual Conference is nearly upon us. This year will be special at conference for a couple of reasons. First, Pastor Brian will be commissioned for ministry and at the same time will become Reverend Brian. This will happen on Saturday June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. during the service of commissioning and ordination. The service is open to the public and will be held at the conference sight: The Glendale Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. If you have never been to an ordination service, it is a high holy time in the life of our church and I believe everyone had ought to see at least one. It is especially meaningful when someone you know is involved. Would you like to go? Contact the church office at 749-0521.

Another important thing at our conference this year will be the election of delegates to General Conference. General Conference happens once every four years. Policy for the entire denomination is determined and often changed. Our conference will be electing one clergy and one lay delegate. Each will be elected by their peer group. It is a competitive and political process.

In addition to delegates, resolutions are also sent to General Conference. If adopted by the General Conference these resolutions become the guiding principles for our denomination. Some are written as changes to our Book of Discipline others are to be put into the Book of Resolutions. Copies of both of these books are available to look at in the church office. If you are interested in the specific resolutions before our Annual Conference you may come and look at my preconference report which contains some but not all of the ones to be presented.

Desert Skies will be represented at our Annual Conference this year by Ralph and Susan Schild, and Dr. Bruce Broughton (Mary will accompany Bruce as an alternate). Pastor Brian and I will also attend as clergy members of the conference. While I personally encourage you to visit with any of us and speak your own mind regarding any issue or candidate-- it is also important to remind the church that we believe the Holy Spirit is an active participant in our deliberations. Because of that, sending delegates with voting instructions is not allowed.

Whether you are interested enough to look into the materials I hope that we are all interested enough to offer our prayers as the conference meets in the last week of June. Pray for a powerful outpouring of the Spirit that when we return we will have yet another wonderful year of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

See You in Church,

Dan

June 12th- Family Movie Night: The Princess and the Frog
July 10th- Family Movie Night: TBA





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Now is the time to register for the **School of Christian Mission**, held **July 21-24 at the Phoenix Hilton in East Mesa**. This year's studies are 1) Haiti: Challenges and Hope, 2) Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, and 3) Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation. The registration cost is \$199.00 which includes the studies and your meals. Hotel reservations are \$102.40 per night (including tax) for rooms housing up to 4 people. If you would like more information or a registration form, contact Marilyn McKee. This is a great opportunity to learn and at the same time enjoy fellowship with women throughout our Conference.

Helping Hands needs shoppers for Primavera lunches. If you can pick up an extra item or two on your next trip to the grocery store, call or email Sandee Landsburg for details (slandsburg@aol.com)!

Watch the Sonrise for UMW summer activities. We have no regularly scheduled meetings until the fall, but will be planning some "just for fun" activities to allow us to keep in touch over the summer.

Circles in June:



Helping Hands – June 14th 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Helping Hands – Monday afternoons at 2:00 pm, singing or playing Bingo at Emeritus (Call Joan French for info.)

Zippy 49ers, Mary & Martha, Southwest Circle – No regularly scheduled meetings. Watch the Sonrise for special events.



Dear Desert Skies,

As I prepare to graduate and begin my journey in ministry I wanted to thank all of you for the love and support you have shown me. The last three years have been an incredible experience of learning and growing.

I will graduate June 3, and when my official announcements arrive I will send one. Both Kate and Matt will be here for graduation and then on the 5th of June we will drive to Tucson to get ready to move the rest of my things to Westcliffe. Once everything is packed the movers will then go to Tempe, and pack up my mother. Mom and I will drive to Westcliffe together and she will be living at Valley Assisted Living in Silvercliff the small town right next to Westcliffe. The nice little house that I am buying is seven miles out of town and sits on 35 acres. The views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains are spectacular!

I will be serving Community United Methodist Church. They are a congregation of about 100 that is growing and vibrant and filled with welcoming members. The church is a lively place with contra dancing, classes and several musical groups meeting each week. The town of Westcliffe is small but has quite an arts district with summer stock, galleries and lots of music. There is also a world-class equine center where Skeeter will live until I am able to build a barn. It is a wonderful appointment and I am so blessed to have received it.

I know that my faith journey would have never ended so wonderfully had it not started at Desert Skies. It was with you that I took my first Disciple Bible class; you encouraged me to volunteer on committees and then supported me as your Director of Christian Education. Desert Skies is where I first recognized my call and without you I would never have had the courage and confidence to make this journey. Thank you for all of your love and your financial support. Getting cards from you and always feeling welcome to come home and visit has been a tremendous help. Now you will have to come and visit me! I miss you so much, but you will always be in my heart and in prayers.

Love and blessings,
Deborah



PASTOR BRIAN

Adult Sunday School

Schedule:

8:30

Adult Sunday School

room #5



SUMMER

June, July and August Sunday School Schedule

Grades 1-6 will meet together for "One Room School House" in Room #7.

Pre-school will still meet in room #3 and Junior and Senior High will meet in room #6.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry now has an email address.

You can contact Stephen Ministry, in confidence, at the following address.

stephenministry@desertskiesumc.org
or Karen Anderson at (520) 296-5116

Hello Church Family!

It's hard to believe that as you are reading this you and I will be coming up on one full year in ministry together! At times it feels as though I have been here much longer than, and at times it feels as though I just started here yesterday. However, as we approach our first anniversary together I'd like to take a moment to give thanks to God and you for the work we have done together in the year past and commit to some new goals as we move into our second year together.

First off I have to thank you all for celebrating with me throughout this past year. This church has never missed an opportunity to make me feel loved and supported, from the welcome(s) I received in my first few weeks, to the congratulatory cards and messages I received as I finished up my commissioning process, to the cards and messages I and my fiancée, Summer, are already receiving in honor of our upcoming wedding, and all of the holidays and celebrations in between. I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and encouragement I have received here and I give thanks to God for all of you daily!

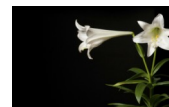
Second, we have accomplished some great things together! This past year has seen growth in existing ministries here at Desert Skies, including Come as You Are, our contemporary worship service which is now averaging almost 50 people a week in worship, and our Change the World Day which transformed from a fund-raising event into a service event which gave folks from all three services, long-time members, new members, and not-yet-members alike, the opportunity to work together to accomplish amazing things for some of our ministry partners! We have also seen the birth of new ministries in our church, including the Open Table which partners twelve of our members with a brother from Gospel Rescue Mission that, working together, we might help that brother find stability in his newly transformed life. I don't take credit for these or any of the other amazing things we have accomplished together this year, but give thanks to you and to God for allowing me to be a part of the amazing work God is doing in and through us here at Desert Skies!

Finally, in this coming year I would like to recommit myself to working with you all to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. To this end, rather than just trying something new to reinvigorate the youth group this Fall, we will be working to develop new leadership and a sense of vocational call within the youth themselves as well as within the group of adults who are coming together to work with the youth. We have already begun putting together an exciting team of energetic adults to work with the youth next year, and we will be focusing on how God is calling each of them to live out their ministry with the group. We will also be starting a Leadership and Vocational Discernment group within our Senior High group. This small group will commit to coming together weekly to explore how God is calling us to use our gifts to transform the world. I am excited about working with our talented youth and young adults next year as we discover together the amazing things God has in store for each and every one of us!

We will also be looking to establish ministry teams for the contemporary service, seeking ways of discerning how God is calling each person within that group to serve, and providing avenues for folks to live out those calls. Whether it is through the use of cutting edge technology, decorating the space to create a sense of mystery, utilizing art and poetry to connect folks with God, or planning opportunities for the community to be in service to others, by utilizing the gifts of those present I believe that God will grow us as individuals and the service as a community in this coming year!

In closing, I thank each and every one of you for allowing me to walk with you in your life of faith. I thank God for the transformation that has already occurred within us and, through us, in the wider community. And I look forward to discovering the new things God is doing in our midst and how we might be a part of that new thing. I hope you are excited as well!

In the transformational promise of Christ,
Pastor Brian



Missions Moment

Thanks to the 34 volunteers who gave their time and talents to make a difference in our community through our recent **“Change the World”** projects.

Richard Bailey, Woody Beehler, Nate Bly, Judy, Michael & Kayla Bording, Gordy Briggs, Bruce Broughton, Ian & Sandy Crockett, Doreen Hedger, Fred Killion, Mark Morelock, Jerry Myers, Mitch Owen, Pastor Brian, & Terry Vondrak **protected wildlife and the environment by collecting trash from both sides of a 1-mile stretch of Prince Rd. from Houghton to Melpomene.** Each mile cleaned by volunteers saves Pima County \$250.

Volunteers on the **Casa Maria Free Kitchen Painting Project** team led by Roger Wilcox, washed and repaired the walls and then revitalized the main room with fresh, new washable paint. They are: Karen Gustafson, Doreen Hedger, Pastor Brian, Jack Van Straaten, Jake Vogler, Jacob & Mike Wallis, and Donna & Megan Youngblood. Roger secured a donation of 5 gallons each of primer and top coat from Dunn-Edwards!

The most challenging project of all was the **exterior repair and painting of Pueblo Gardens Elementary School’s modular music classroom** due to its poor condition. Undaunted, the team of four, Bob Carpenter, Ron Eisenhuth, Charlie La Porte and project leader, Lynn Adams, overcame every obstacle with great ideas and true grit and have indeed changed the world for all at Pueblo Gardens, and nearby neighbors who no longer look at an eyesore!

Food Crew members Millie Koerber, Marian Polglase, Jo Ann Rausch & Vivian Whiteman sustained many volunteers with bag lunches and had coffee, juice and donuts ready at 6:45 a.m. for the road crew.

The Missions Committee thanks you all for your willingness to serve!

Let’s continue to change the world!



Shake It Up Cafe is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. It will be held June 6th through June 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m. ending at 12:00 p.m.. It is for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration forms are in the church office or you can go online to DesertsKiesumc.org and download it. Each child must be registered and there is no charge!!



UNITED METHODIST
MEN

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 17, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. All men of the church are invited for breakfast and fellowship!!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!!!!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

ACOLYTES AT DESERT SKIES

ACOLYTES



Were you an acolyte in the church you attended as a child? Perhaps your mom or dad served their church in this way when they were young.

The Worship Committee at Desert Skies is beginning a program for acolytes, who will assist our Worship Leaders on Sunday mornings and for special services.

The word “Acolyte” means “Helper”. They are young people who are ready to understand more about worship and want to assist our Worship Leaders on Sunday morning. The acolytes ignite our communion table candles, stay through the Children’s Moment and then go to Sunday School.

Currently we are seeking young people of 3rd grade and up and are looking forward to Acolytes becoming a permanent ministry at Desert Skies.

If you would like to learn more, please contact me.

Pat Walker

749-4482

Email: msnodle@aol.com



Summer 2011
Youth Events

Not available at this time

SEE PASTOR BRIAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Jesus on the 4th of July

We gather 'round to celebrate on Independence Day
pay homage to our country as the children run and play.

With barbecues and picnics and fireworks in the air
the flag we own is proudly flown to show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom she waves upon the breeze
while bursts of colors can be seen above the towering trees.

This is all quite wonderful we revel in delight
but God above in divine love has brought this day to light.

With just a stroke of liberty a touch of His great hand
he gave democracy to us and helped this country stand.

The stripes upon our stately flag were touched by His sweet grace
each star of white that shines so bright reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag for battles that were fought
be filled with pride for those who died and freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One that gives the bright display
the reason why we paint the sky On Independence Day!!!!



Biblical Counseling

Our church Biblical counselor is going to be away during the summer months. Rev. Dr. Roy W. Ludlow, DBS, is going to spend the summer at Port Orford, Oregon, **leaving Tucson on May 25th and returning during the first week of September.**

For those who may desire to contact Roy during the summer can reach him on his cell phone (520-449-0410). He will not be available at the church on Thursday as he has since last March. Thank you.



Attention All Ladies and Friends

Save the date-Thursday, June 16th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall!! Mark your calendars to join us for a **“Ladies Day Out”**. **Join us for a potluck salad lunch and Bunco party. Last name begins with A-R please bring a salad, S-Z please bring a dessert.** Also, if you can, please plan to contribute \$2-\$3 toward prizes. Bring a friend, a salad/dessert to share and we will take a free will offering to present to **Ronald McDonald House....** Great food, great fun and prizes for the winners!...Even if you do not know how to play we can teach you in a minute or so! Sponsored by UMW Summer Season Activities.



Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?
Contact Rev. Dan at
749-0521

JUNE DEVOTIONS

- 1 Romans 15:30-32
- 2 Psalm 62:5-8
- 3 Mark 10:13-16
- 4 Acts 9:26-31
- 5 Psalm 126
- 6 Acts 11:1-9
- 7 Isaiah 61:1-3
- 8 Psalm 103:1-18
- 9 Luke 10:25-37
- 10 Proverbs 3:1-8
- 11 I Corinthians 12:4-11
- 12 Acts 2:1-13
- 13 Luke 12:35-44
- 14 Matthew 10:29-31
- 15 Luke 10:38-42
- 16 Micah 4:1-3, 6:6-8
- 17 Hebrews 6:10-19
- 18 Luke 15:4-10
- 19 Romans 8:12-17
- 20 I John 4:7-18
- 21 Lamentations 3:22-24
- 22 Luke 6:27-36
- 23 I Peter 1:13-16
- 24 Genesis 22:1-14
- 25 Galatians 2:15-20
- 26 II Corinthians 8:8-15
- 27 I Samuel 24:1-10
- 28 Luke 15:11-32
- 29 John 10:1-10
- 30 Colossians 1:18-29

July Devotionals not
available at this time



June/July BIRTHDAYS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 Adele Edwards, June Neathammer 03 Brooke Holland 04 Fabiola Griffin, Bill Richards,
Lew Smith 05 Carter Allen, Cheryl Richards 06 Dolores Allen 07 Marty Freeman, Kristen Limeand
Justin Ruggieri 08 Richard Baldwin 09 Patricia Carlson, Nina Reid,
Theo Vandenberg 10 Emma LeGendre 11 Ginger Crowder 12 Mark Dec, Patti Lee, Pat Walker 13 Wanda Chittenden 14 Lee Holland, Neil Jenkins 15 Charlie LaPorte, Barb Sinclair 16 Vivian Bacon 17 Norma Swartz 19 George Burpo, Scott Hartung,
Rebecca Noel 20 Darcy Ochoa 21 Larry Dunlap 23 Lauri Cook, Amy Ruggieri,
Tobin Sidles 24 Peggy Chalk, Tom Patrick 26 Michael Maleski 27 Mary Mitchell 28 Frank Morton, Jeanne Myers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02 Pam Lopez 03 Laura Henderson, Laura Schild 04 Bob Karst 05 Bill Burke III 06 David Gast 08 Cyndi Sweet 12 Jo Ann Rausch 13 Abby Reuland, Vern Walker 14 David Ingram 15 Marjorie Simpson 16 Hunter Haynes 18 J.D. Metzger 19 Sarah Amos 20 Lynn Adams, Jim Boaz, Janet
Holland, Betty Ludlow, Brittany
Starace, Michael Starace 21 Ann Lee Hinderliter 22 Marian Mosher 23 Robert DiPrima, Michael Lewis,
Sean Limesand, Jacob Scully,
Jessica Wilcox 24 Mearl Frame, Jerry Myers 25 Sondra Gast, Barb Jettinghoff 26 Terry Vondrak 28 Linda Barker, Bryan Foster, Elsie Heinz,
Ken Salber, Aliene Schluchter 29 Michael Cline, Robert Heath |
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JULY

- 01 Kate Barker, Peggy Dunlap, Joan French



Don't forget to bring your canned goods and other non-perishable foods for the Community Food Bank the **first Sunday of each month**. The box is located in the entryway at the Fellowship Hall.

June 5th and July 3rd!!!!



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, you may contact Ginger Crowder 298-8116 or e-mail Pat Walker at msnodle@aol.com If you are unable to reach Pat, you may call the church office at 749-0521.

If you would like to submit a prayer request in writing, please use one of the Prayer Cards in the pew racks and then give it to an usher or to Reverend Dan as you are leaving. These requests are kept confidential and receive the same prayerful attention given verbal requests.



VIVACE

BY SUSAN SCHILD

As you read this, we are working on our children's music camp production - "Jumpin' In the Jungle". I hope you will be able to be in worship on Sunday, June 5th to see and hear what the children have prepared during camp. Then - it's north to Alaska! 7 people from Desert Skies will be leading a children's music camp in Seward, Alaska from June 13 - 17. We ask for your prayers - for travel mercies, a safe and fun camp, and for the mission outreach to the children of Seward from our Desert Skies family. A huge thank you to all who have helped us provide all the resources necessary to make this mission trip a reality!

Most of you know that Pastor Brian will be commissioned at Annual Conference. This is the next step in his path to ordination. Would you like to attend this worship service in Glendale on Saturday, evening June 25th? Please let us know in the office so that we can arrange transportation.

Our next Diamondbacks game is Saturday, August 13th. We WILL have a motorcoach from Mountain View Tours. First pitch is at 5:00 pm. The bus will leave DSUMC at 2:00 pm. The cost for your ticket (lower level Baseline) and the bus is \$38. Tickets may be reserved by contacting me and submitting your check.

As our programs are on Summer hiatus, it's a great time to be thinking about how you will participate in the Fall. Are you interested in a Bible Study, a book group, Sunday School, choir, bell choir? There are lots of choices. Recently, Rev. Dee Dee spoke about "growing deep". As you prayerfully consider how you will continue to grow your spiritual life, find a small group at Desert Skies. You will be blessed, and in turn, you will bless others.

I'll be looking forward to giving you a report about our camp in Seward, and please, keep Mike, Judy & Kayla Bording, Mildred Koerber, Pat Merrill, Ralph and Susan Schild in your prayers as we go to Seward, Alaska.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



*Desert Skies is a
Stephens Ministry
Congregation.
Need Help?*

Stephen Ministry is Christ Caring for people through people. Contact Stephen Ministry, in confidence, at-stephenministry@desertskiesumc.org

OPEN BRIDGE

**Join us on June 10th, 2011
and July 1st, 2011**

Fellowship Hall—DSUMC

6:30 p.m.— Hospitality time
Snacks welcome—Singles or Partners
Open Seating—Just come for an evening of fun!

Questions—Alison Hentges @749-8786




Bridge-Fellowship



June 2011

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July 2011

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !!!

May God Bless You Today and Always!!!!



Father's Day Prayer

Lord, please bless our fathers, these men who mean so much to us, who are greatly responsible for who we are and who we are becoming. Bless them for having the courage to do what's necessary to keep us out of trouble, for making us do the right thing, for helping us build our character, even when it makes us angry; and bless them for pushing us to do our best, even when they just want to love us.

Bless our fathers for being our protectors, for leading us through stormy times to safety, for making us believe that everything will be all right and for making it so.

Bless our fathers for quietly making a living to provide for those they love most, for giving us food, clothing, shelter and the other material things that really matter, for unselfishly investing time and money in us that they could have spent on themselves.

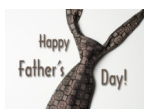
Bless our fathers, Lord, for saving some energy for fun, for leading us on adventures to explore the outer reaches of ourselves, for making us laugh, for being our playmates and our friends.

Bless them for being our secure foundation, our rock, for holding on tight to us...until it's time to let us go. Lord, bless these men we look up to, our role models, our heroes, our fathers.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Our 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!!!!



My Father Is A Christian

My father is a Christian; he leads our household well; with instruction from the Bible, right behavior he'll compel. Yet he steers us with compassion; his gentle love is true; he conforms to our Lord Jesus, so we know just what to do. He teaches us with purpose, guides us in all Godly ways, so we will take the right path, and serve our Lord with praise.

I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad; you help me see things clearly. I'll always look up to you, And love you very dearly.



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*At Desert Skies -
Christ's Spirit Lives*

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Desert Skies Mission Statement

Desert Skies is a growth church—it is a church committed to growth in spirit, mission outreach, membership nurturing and enabling active compassion. Attendance, activities, involvement, innovative worship, outreach programming all characterize Desert Skies identity.

At Desert Skies—Christ's Spirit Lives—is more than a motto—it is an expression of a viable working faith! You are invited to join hands in the journey of faith at Desert Skies.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship
Sunday School (Pre-School—5th)
Nursery Care Provided Starting at 8:15
Adult Sunday School-Room # 7

10:00 a.m.

Traditional worship
Sunday School (Preschool-12th)
Nursery Care Provided
Cry room in back of Sanctuary
Announcements are five minutes before
each service.

10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service - "Come As You
Are" IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Nursery Care is provided to children age
5 and under.

Announcements are five minutes before
each service.