

## Hot, Hot, Hot!!!



You may notice my strange title. Well, it has been very hot in Alaska for the past few days! Only about two weeks ago we had snow, and now we have really hot days going up to 80 degrees (Alaska is not very humid, so it seems hotter than it really is)! But, through everything, I have learned to say “thank-you” to God for the beautiful weather.

I can remember the time in the Bible when the prophet Elijah was living here on this earth (remember, he was taken to Heaven on a chariot of fire, so he couldn't have died). The people were not obeying God, and they were worshipping idols that were from another culture. God placed a curse on Israel for not serving him and told Elijah to tell King Ahab that there would not be any more rain until Elijah's word. So, he (Elijah) went to a brook called Cherith, and drank water from the brook and ate the food that the ravens brought him. Soon after that, he ran out of water and

went to a widow's house and stayed there for some time, giving in turn a full supply of flour and oil and also raising her son back to life. Finally, after three years, God told Elijah to go back to King Ahab and tell him that the rain will start again that very day. (1Kings 17:1—18:1)

Now, this applies to us in that we have seasons of plenty and seasons of drought in our life. Times when we feel like things are going great and times when things seem harder. The truth is we are blessed the whole time. We just need to ask God to open our eyes to His gifts of grace He continually gives us. In doing this, we can thank Him in the heat and in the cold dark night.

Another point I would like to get across in this lesson is that God provides for us. He provides the flowers in the summer and the snow in the winter, and he can do anything he wants. All we have to do is believe that God knows what is best for us, even when it doesn't seem fitting for the time. Eventually, we may see God's reason for making a long winter or a really hot summer, and I know that his perfect plan is so awesomely cool that he even sent his Son to die for us. He loves us so much even when we sin. That right there is another reason to say “thank-you” to Him.

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### Special points of interest:

- A lesson how we can choose thankfulness when our eyes are opened to His provision and grace
- A delicious recipe for Father's Day.
- An awesome card for your father.

## One Bowl Chocolate Cake III ~from allrecipes.com

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 3/4 all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup boiling water



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour two nine inch round pans. In a large bowl, stir together the sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add the eggs, milk, oil and vanilla, mix for 2 minutes on medium speed of mixer. Stir in the boiling water last. Batter will be thin. Pour evenly into the prepared pans. Bake 30 to 35 minutes in the preheated oven, until the cake tests done with a toothpick. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then remove to a wire rack to cool completely.

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## Butter Cream Icing

- 1 1/3 cup butter
- 1 1/3 cup Crisco®
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 6 cups powdered sugar
- 3 tbsp. milk

Cream together butter and shortening. Beat in vanilla. Gradually beat in sugar on medium speed. Add milk and beat at high speed until light and fluffy.

## Father's Day

Don't worry, I have not forgotten about Father's Day! The cake above is something you can do as a "present" for him. It is very simple and delicious too! You can also do a breakfast in bed (or Breakfast in Office for mine) following the directions on the previous issue of GMM (May 2013). You can also make a card to show off your creativity! Directions for that are below.

