

Belvedere Family Community: Family Fun Night - Join Us for Food is Love Friday July 4th BBQ

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Dear Belvedere Family,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first TGIF Family Fun Night on Friday, June 14th! It was a wonderful evening of food, fun, and entertainment - made possible by the support and spirit of our community.

We enjoyed a great variety of dishes, inspiring performances, and uplifting fellowship. Special thanks to our emcees from the Up and Coming Youth Ministry for keeping the energy high!

For a full recap and reflections, you can view the event report here:

 [TGIF Family Fun Night Report](#)



Next Up: Food is Love Friday - Independence Day BBQ!

Join us on Thursday, July 4th for a special Independence Day BBQ celebration!

BBQ Dinner - only \$5 per person (or bring a dish or dessert to share!)

Karaoke Fun - show off your singing skills or cheer on your friends!

Family-Friendly Atmosphere - food, music, and laughter for all ages

Bring your family, friends, and guests to enjoy this relaxed, festive evening together!

Let's make this 4th of July a joyful community gathering with great food, great company, and lots of smiles.



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TGIF Family Fun Night **Report**

On Friday, June 14th the Belvedere Family Community held it's first Thank God It's Friday (TGIF) Family Fun Night featuring "Food is Love" and Entertainment. TGIF is a Peace Starts With Me community project.

We asked members from the community to bring any dish of food, enough for 7 people. Many different types of food were brought for close to 40 people.



For entertainment we were led by two exciting and amazing emcees, Mary Carrera and Rhea Navarro two next gen members from our Up & Coming Youth Ministry. They did an excellent job. We had various performances from singers, dancers, comedians and poets. All were very inspiring and uplifting.



My reflections on this first attempt to bring “new” guests to our programs are, we had very good teamwork with a small team working together.

Community members supported the food is love aspect by bringing delicious varieties of dishes. Also, we made a good choice for the program emcees.

Some improvement points are, we need to get the announcement out better. Also, our staff needs to give some guidance to the emcee’s not to pressure guests into participating and lastly it would be good to have a food coordinator.

The weakest point from this event was that we did not plan a follow up step for new guests. We should emphasis to the emcees how to invite guest to our lecture presentations. We also could have flyers ready and prepared to share with all guests and members.

REMINDER:

Our Next Food is Love Friday will be **July 4th Independence Day**. We will have a Barbeque (BBQ) dinner for \$5 (bring a dish or dessert). We plan to have entertainment with Karaoke. Bring a friend and some guests to enjoy together!



Pastor Daryl