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Senior Pastor's Note

May 2024

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?" When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word Mother.

While many of us may get a chuckle out of this little story, we must also agree that there is a powerful truth being shared here as well. There is something "magnetic" about a Mother, especially when that Mother is one who seems to put her family before so much of what she does in daily living. Of course, the same can be said about Fathers who are also sacrificial for their family in so many ways. What a tremendous blessing it is to have parents who are both in love with God and are also deeply in love with each other and in turn sharing that love with their family and people around them.

We are going to take some time on Mother's Day just to honor the ladies in attendance who are Mothers, Step-Moms, and Mentors who have impacted our lives in so many ways. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:2; "Honor your father and mother"— which is the first commandment with a promise – and where is that promise found?

We read it in Deuteronomy 5:16; "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

I love the following little story that shows the simple love and appreciation a child can have for Mom:

A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."

Of course, we know the Light of the World is Jesus, but He wants His light to shine in and through each one of us to a world darkened by sin and despair. The love of a Godly Mother, Step-Mom, or Mentor can serve as a tremendous example of the kind of love we all should be sharing and living on a daily basis.

To all the ladies who make an impact on so many lives, we hope that you know you are appreciated and loved!

In Christ,
Pastor Riley

May Birthdays

1 - Don Birtsch
4 - Bonnie Smith
7 - Ron Small
10 - Kevin Saighman
14 - Judy Cannon
16 - Yvonne Parsons
17 - Susan Leitman
22 - Renee Hedden

Our Vision Statement:

"Every member a good neighbor."

Our Purpose Statement:

"Our Journey - Knowing, Loving, Serving, Sharing."

Some Words from the Education Director

Summer is around the corner!

Mark your Calendars:

Wednesday, May 1 1:00 pm Classes

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Thursday, May 2 9:00 am The Breakfast Club at I-Hop (Pine Forest Rd.)

11:30 am Puzzle Club (bring your own or work on one of ours as a Team) **This represent a change in the original dates and times for this group.**

Breakfast Club will meet at a different restaurant each month on the first Thursday at 9:00 am. Everyone is responsible for the cost of their own meal, but if you need transportation, let me know.

5:00 pm Chair Exercises

The two Exercise classes will follow every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5:00 pm as led by Sharon Cacciatore. This also represents a change in the original time for this group.

Saturday, May 4 8:00 am Troop 2 Car Wash and Cemetery clean-up

Sunday, May 5 Bloodmobile

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

National Sunday of Prayer

Friendship Sunday in Children's & Youth Sunday School

Wednesday, May 8 1:00 pm Classes

6:00 pm Classes/Choir/Youth

Friday, May 10 6:00 pm Acolyte Dinner

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day/Christian Family Week

Ascension Sunday mini drama

Tuesday, May 14 10:00 am First Senior Games Day

Wednesday, May 15 Last Day for Wednesday Classes both times

End of the School Year party for children and youth

Thursday, May 16 11:30 am The Lunch Bunch meeting at Petrella's Restaurant

6:00 pm Children & Youth SS Teacher Planning

Lunch Bunch will meet at a different restaurant each month on the third Thursday at 11:30 am. Everyone is responsible for the cost of their own meal, but if you need transportation, let me know.

Friday, May 17 6:00 pm Education year end party

Saturday, May 18 9:00 am Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday mini drama

Armed Forces Sunday

Wednesday, May 22 Last Day of School

Thursday, May 23 6:00 pm Family Fun Night

Friday, May 24 10:00 am Book Club

Book Club will meet on the fourth Friday at 10:00 am each month.

Sunday Activities

Sunday School 8:30 am

Worship 10:00 am

Elevate (Youth) 3:00 pm

Prayer Team 4:00 pm

Worship Service Opportunities

Wednesday Activities

1:00pm Daytime Classes

6:00pm Evening Classes

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Addresses & Other Changes, New Members, Baptisms, Transfers, & Deaths

Death:

Lonnie R. Price

If you move, please let the office know your new address. Also, if your phone number has changed, please let the office know.

Reminder to All Sunday School Classes, Groups and Scouts

We ask that you be sure to clean up the room(s) that you use whenever you are here. There is a vacuum in the custodian's closet (M5) for you to use. Please return the vacuum when you are finished. Thank you for helping to keep the church clean.

May Prayer List

May 1-4

Paul & Barbara Henderson

Beth Herndon

Katie Hewett, James & Nathan

Sharon Hogan

Khloe Howard

Ronnie Marie Ingram

Cheryl Johnson

May 5-11

David & Donna Johnson

Heather Johnson

Robert & Donna Johnson

Shep & Nancy Jones

Carol Laguens

Lynn Ianneau

Dannie Law

May 12-18

Grady & Maxine Lea

Susie Leitman

Kay Lemons

Eunice Lewis

Joyce Lewis

Jesse & Phyllis Lough

Tommie & Lynn Love

May 19-25

Jimmie Macon

Daniel Marlow, Brianna & Logan

Brenda Matchett

Michael & Donna Matthews

Travis & April McDaniel

Bill McDurmort

May 26-31

Mike & Brenda McHatton

Shirley Melvin

Paul & Becky Mickelson

Teresa Miller

Charlie Mills

Karin Morrow

Wesleyan Women

Ladies - Don't forget the Wesleyan Women's meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, at 10:00a.m. We will meet in fellowship hall for a short business meeting followed by a program. Guild Circle will be providing lunch. Everyone is welcome to come.

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Bloodmobile
Sunday, May 5th
8:00am - 12:30



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Sunday, May 26 Heritage Sunday with Circuit rider during Sunday School and mini drama at the service
Memorial Sunday/Flag retirement ceremony/Trinity Sunday

Since it is our tradition to not do the Newsletter during the Summer, I will include as many summer dates as I can in this article.

Sunday, June 2 Graduation Sunday with recognition and a luncheon

Wednesday, June 12 10:30 am Young at Heart Brunch

Thursday, June 13 6:00 pm Men's Club Family picnic

Sunday, June 16 Father's Day & Men's Awards

Wednesday, June 19 Juneteenth

Sunday, July 7 Independence Sunday with mini drama

Sunday, July 21 Disability Awareness Sunday

Monday, July 22-26 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 28 Start a 24 hour Prayer Vigil for Fall programs

Friday, August 2 6:00 pm Volunteer Orientation & Dinner

Saturday, August 3 "Back to school Bash" for families, Youth & Children

Sunday, August 4 Dedication of public/private school teachers/workers/students

Sunday, August 11 Dedication of all Volunteers in our church

Promotion Sunday Bibles for rising 3rd graders

Youth and Children's SS Promotion Sunday

Wednesday, August 14 6:00 pm Scout Leader Orientation

Thursday, August 15 Newsletter Articles due

6:00 pm Youth and Children SS teacher planning meeting

Wednesday, September 4 Community Classes start again at 1:00/6:00 pm

The **Silver Patrol** will be delivering Mother's Day flowers (made by the Guild Circle) and cards to our church's seniors and shut-ins during the month of May. Father's Day gifts will be delivered in June. Patriotic Fruit Baskets and treats in July. If you would like to add someone to our list, let either myself or Emy Bennet know. Also, I encourage you to show your love and appreciation to Emy and her incredible band of volunteers who make sure our senior members do not feel forgotten.

If you have anyone in your family who is active duty military or military who have died, please see Janet with their information and picture so they can be included in the services at the end of May. The **active duty military** members will be honored May 19 and the **deceased** military members will be honored on May 26. We will also be sending cards and tokens of our love to the Active Duty military persons from our church this month.

The next Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, May 18, at 9 am. This will be the last meeting until after the Summer. Watch the bulletin for the dates in Fall. A special thank you to Beth Herndon for taking the reins of our April meeting. I heard great things! If you would like to participate in this program, please contact me for more information. I would also encourage you to invite your praying friends to participate regardless of whether or not they attend our church. Unity at a time like this is vital to our community.

If you have a family member that is graduating from Kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade, 12th grade or college, trade school, etc., please let me know so that we can insure their participation in our **Graduation Sunday** event and luncheon.

We are still building a group of volunteers in our church who are willing to help **clean Sunday School rooms** once a week and help **wipe down tables in the fellowship hall**. We have a small group of volunteers who have started a **card ministry** to church families who suffer the loss of a loved one, is hospitalized, recovering, ill, etc. Now I would like to know who would like to participate in a **phone ministry**? We would like to call our Silver Patrol list at least once a month and perhaps others who may need a loving touch from their church family. Also, if anyone would like to be a part of a **hospital visitation team**. We have a few volunteers already-is God asking you to help? Let me know.

I have been meeting with a core group of volunteers to take a look **at present and potential programs**. We would love your input about what you would like to see happen in our church and community. We really want to be a "cradle to the grave" church! If there is a program that we no longer do that interests you and your family or a program that you see other churches doing, let me know and we will look into it.

Please watch the weekly bulletins for any other upcoming dates and events.

Janet Boston (850) 456-7463 x5

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Children's Department

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The first Sunday in May is **Friendship Sunday** in Sunday School. This year we will be learning about Iceland, Mexico, Israel and a few other. I am making the passports now!

If you are an **acolyte**, then you and your parent/guardians are invited to a dinner on Friday, May 19 at 6:00 pm. We will be honoring all of you who have worked hard this past year to keep the candles glowing!

The "**End of the School Year party**" will be Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm. We will have snacks and play games. This will be the last Wednesday Night class for this school year. We will resume classes on the first Wednesday after Labor Day in September.

The next **Family Fun Night** will be Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 pm. We will have a special fun guest and pizza! Plan on being there and bringing your whole family. We are also planning a trip for families to the Gulf Coast Zoo for the month of May. Watch upcoming bulletins for details.

The **Circuit Rider and horse** will be back for Sunday School on **Heritage Sunday**, May 26. Come out and get a saddle bag with a few treats and ride the horse. Picture will also be made for the kids and youth.

We will start registering for **Vacation Bible School** during the month of May as well. You will register into the grade that you were in this past year at school. The theme is Camp Firelight and the mascot is a firefly! We are going to have so much fun!!

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Mother's Day

Sunday May 12, 2024

This day we have the opportunity to honor our Mothers.



Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2024

This is the day to remember our military members who sacrificed their life for the freedom of our nation and around the world.

