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My Mother and My Friend

Mike King

America celebrates this weekend as “Mother’s Day.” God always wants us to honor our mother, regardless of the day, but it is never wrong to give special emphasis to those whom we have loved so dearly.

There are three mothers we honor in this short article: Normally, those **mothers living** are recipients of the greatest amount of recognition and honor. It is proper that this be so. We are so keenly aware of the present kindnesses they do for us daily. Their steady support and love warms the heart and directs the steps. To those mothers who are living and well, we salute you and commend you for your commitment and devotion to the Lord, friends, family and particularly your children. Mixed emotions fill the heart of those whose **mother is deceased**. They are now but a memory, but what a memory they left! They left deep impressions filled with love and minds heaped with memories laced with sadness. It is a great time for reflection on their work and influence as well.

You Were My Mother and My Friend

You were my mother and my friend,
Which was unusual.
Somehow our characters still blend:
Your wisdom and my will.
I turned, and you were there for me;
I spoke, you understood.
I felt cared for, but also free;
You loved, and I was good.
I’m fortunate that I was born
To someone just like you;
I love you still. Though you are gone,
You live in what I do.

One category seldom recognized is that of **mother-in-laws**. In many cases, the mother-in-law has become a surrogate mother. They truly learn to love and be loved as if the mother. My mother-in-law, now deceased, became to me a most cherished person.

To My Other Mother

You are the other Mother I received,
The day I wed your son.
And I want to thank you Mom,
For the loving things you’ve done.
You’ve given me a gracious Man,
With whom I share my life.
You are his lovely Mother,
And I his lucky Wife.
You used to pat his little head,
And now I hold his hand.
You raised in love a little boy,
And then gave me the Man.

We wish a Happy Mother’s Day to all of our lovely mothers in the congregation. You are special to us and we are deeply indebted to you. You are receiving and deserve our love, devotion and prayers.

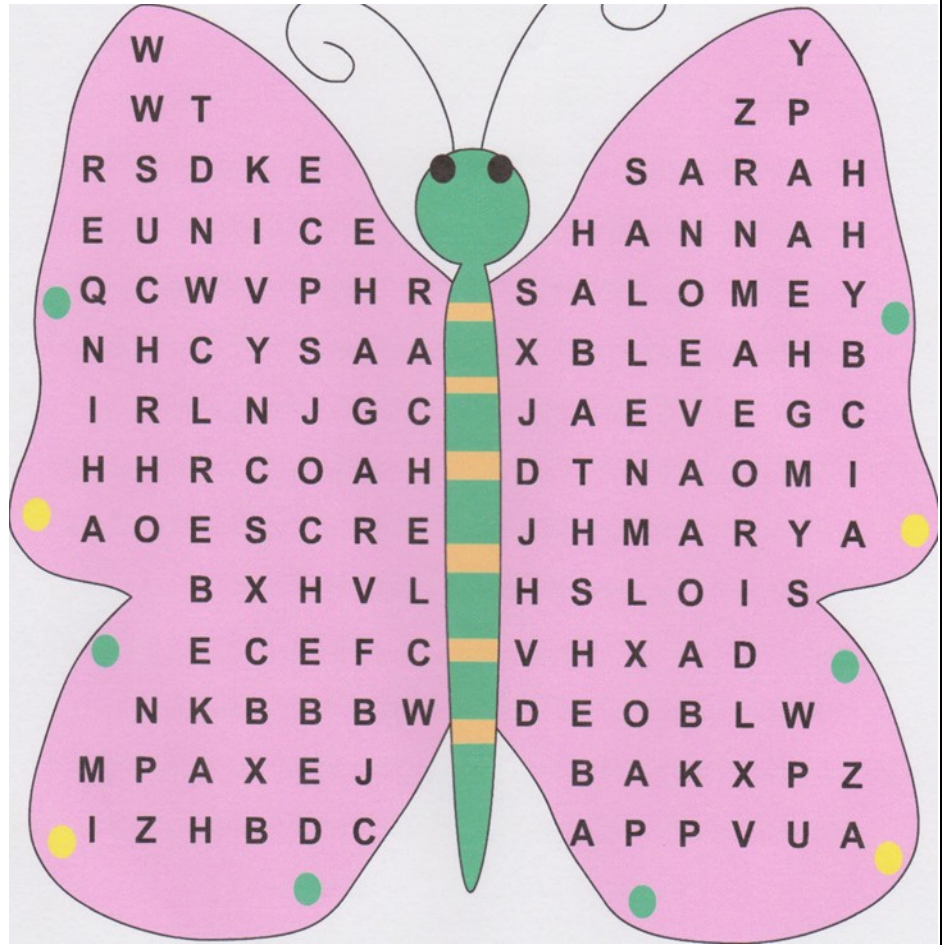


MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE



Find the mothers hidden in the butterfly

1. The mother of Solomon _____
2. The mother of Timothy _____
3. The mother of all living _____
4. The mother of Ismael _____
5. The mother of Samuel _____
6. The mother of Moses _____
7. The mother of Levi and five other sons _____
8. The grandmother of Timothy _____
9. The mother of Jesus the Christ _____
10. Ruth's mother-in-law _____
11. The mother of Joseph and Benjamin _____
12. The mother of Jacob and Esau _____
13. The mother of two disciples—James and John _____
14. The mother of nations _____



There is Someone

There is one person in the church
 who knows the elder's life;
 She's wept and smiled and prayed for him
 And that's the elder's wife.
 She knows your servant's weakest point
 And knows his greatest power;
 She has heard him speak in simple tones
 In his greatest triumph hour.
 She has heard him groaning in his soul when
 bitter raged the strife,
 And hand in his, she knelt with him
 For she's the elder's wife.
 The church has seen him in his strength,
 As he drew his armor's sword,
 As underneath God's banner folds,
 He faced the Devil's horde.
 But she knows deep within her heart
 That scarce an hour before
 She helped him pray for strength from God
 Behind the closet door.
 You tell the tales of workers brave, who over
 streets have trod,
 And I will tell you back of them
 Some women shared their lives;
 Who wept with them and smiled with them
 They were the elders' wives.

~ via Graymere Columbia, TN

Criticism

A little seed lay in the ground,
 And soon began to sprout.
 "Now which of all the flowers around,"
 Of mused, "Shall I come out?
 The lily's face is fair and proud,
 But just a trifle cold;
 The rose, I think, is rather loud,
 And then its fashion's old.
 The violet is very well,
 But not a flower I'd choose,
 Nor yet the Canterbury bell—
 I never cared for blues.
 And so it criticized each flower,
 This supercilious seed,
 Until it woke one summer hour—
 And found itself a "weed."

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PRAYER LIST

Eleta Grimmett, was to see a doctor Monday about possible gallbladder surgery.

Margret Reeves, sister of *Grace Lyon* has been released from the hospital and is back in the Okolona nursing home.

Kathy Clayton, is suffering from pancreatitis.

Continual Prayer :

Dan Wood, Judy Ward, Ruie Harmon, Pat Reed, Margie Barkley, Wendell Cary, Melissa Reed, Marie Beard, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Jack Dunlap, Diane Sloan, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan

THANK YOU

Church of Christ Family,

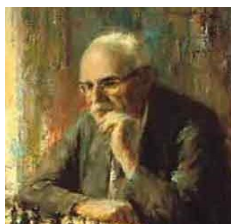
The love and concern that was shown during my recent surgery was so touching. Thank you so much for being at the surgery center, your calls, cards and texts. You are a wonderful group of people.

Sheila King

God is like:

DIAL SOAP

**Aren't you glad you have Him?
Don't you wish everybody did?**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 11..... Viva Dillard
May 11..... Jason McCullough
May 12..... Eric Dunn
May 13..... Carl Smith



CHURCH PICNIC

The annual congregational picnic is scheduled for Sat. May 18th at the *Walls'* lake, weather permitting. You will need to bring your lawn chairs. Please sign the list in the foyer by Sunday morning May 12th, so *Randy* will know how many to expect.



VBS

A one day Vacation Bible School is planned for Saturday June 1st. The theme for this year is "It's a Blue Ribbon Life" a study of the Fruit of the Spirit. If you can help in any way please let *Lonnie Weaver* know. The day will be filled with Bible lessons, memory work, crafts, games, skits and more. Please begin inviting your friends and neighbors to join us Sat. June 1st, from 9:00am-2:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

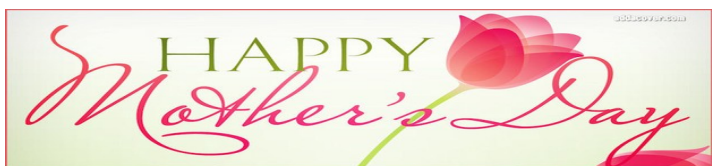
MEN'S BREAKFAST

A men's breakfast is planned for Saturday, June 1st, at 7:00am in the annex building. All men are encouraged to attend. A sign-up list will be placed in the foyer.



FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Our 3rd Sunday night fellowship supper will be held Sunday May 19th, following evening services. You are asked to bring finger foods and desserts. The adult II class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the fellowship building. Every -one is invited to attend.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

MINISTER

Mike King..... 507-0625
 Home 534-6872
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ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Terry Stubblefield
 A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
 Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
 P.M. Prayer.....Bill Botts
 Closing.....Richard Adams
 Wed 5/15.....Drew Drummond
 Wed.5/15.....Bobby White
 Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton
 Greeter.....T & N Robertson

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 125
 Sunday A.M.....134
 Sunday P.M104
 Wednesday.....113
 Contribution.....\$3,869.35
 Budget.....\$3,817.55



PANTRY ITEM

Rice

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Top Ten Momisms:

- 10: Don't forget to wash your hands!
- 9: Don't put that in your mouth, you don't know where it has been!
- 8: If your friends jumped off the bridge would that make it right for you?
- 7: If you don't have something good to say, don't say anything at all.
- 6: Never eat or drink after anyone!
- 5: Always wear clean underwear in case you get in an accident.
- 4: Close the door! Were you born in a barn?
- 3: But ... she is such A NICE GIRL!
- 2: Don't cross your eyes: they might stay that way!
- 1: Put on a sweater, I am cold!

Moms are special people. Every once in a while I will see on a card or plaque, "God couldn't be everywhere all the time, so He made mothers." Well, that is wrong theology, but a correct sentiment! God **can** be everywhere at the same time, because He is God...but He established the family! Eve was called 'Eve' because her name means the 'life giver'.

"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." (Genesis 3:20)