



Fairfield Good News

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May 2021

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Consistory Meeting

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From the desk of Pastor Scott in 2019:

*Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:*

"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

*Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

(Proverbs 31:28-31)

Consider these words from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon, who in his autobiography reflects upon his mother's love and influence.

"Fathers and mothers are the most natural agents for God to use in the salvation of their children. I am sure that, in my early youth, no teaching ever made such an impression upon my mind as the instruction of my mother.

Neither can I conceive that, to any child, there can be one who will have such influence over the young heart as the mother who has so tenderly cared for her offspring. A man with a soul so dead as not to be moved by the sacred name of 'mother' is creation's blot. Never could it be possible for any man to estimate what he owes to a godly mother. Certainly I have not the powers of speech with which to set forth my valuation of the choice blessing which the Lord bestowed on me in making me the son of one who prayed for me, and prayed with me.

How can I ever forget her tearful eye when she warned me to escape the wrath to come? I thought her lips right eloquent. Others might not think so, but they certainly were eloquent to me.

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How can I ever forget when she bowed her knee, and with her arms about my neck, prayed, 'Oh, that my son might live before Thee!' Nor can her frown be effaced from my memory,- that solemn, loving frown, when she rebuked my budding iniquities.

And her smiles have never faded from my recollection,- the beaming of her countenance when she rejoiced to see some good thing in me towards the Lord God of Israel."

Most of us can echo the words of Spurgeon. What a tremendous influence our mothers have had upon us! Mothers never doubt the power of your words, your prayers, your love and your laughter. God is using you to bless your children even when they are grownup.

So children, let us offer up a special prayer of gratitude to God for the godly mothers who have shaped us into the believers we are today. Without their prayers, tears and smiles, who knows where we might be today?



21 Jim & Betty Gwinn
28 Ron & Barbara Watterston

NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER



May 5th was the 70th annual National Day of Prayer, when the entire country is encouraged to unify in prayer for America.

Franklin Graham said, "I believe prayer is so important. This gives us an opportunity to go directly to the throne of grace, to go directly to the presence of Almighty God Himself and make our petition."

So include our country in your prayers every day.

To hear Graham's thoughts and prayer on the National Day of Prayer, click [here](#).

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

Mothers' Day, May 9th

- A mother's task: Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."
- A mother's reward: Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."
- Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."



Warrior Mothers Grateful for Help in Colombia

Samaritan's Purse is providing medical care and food to at-risk mothers and their children around the world. Find out what that looks like in Colombia for moms whose lives have been disrupted by the crisis in neighboring Venezuela.

The church will not be taking a special offering for this endeavor but you can contribute if you choose on the Samaritan's Purse website. To learn more, click [here](#).

When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?', it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway.

- Erma Bombeck



"Silence is golden. Unless you have kids. Then silence is suspicious."

"A mom's hug lasts long after she lets go." —Unknown

An update on Mark Heijerman: Our special offering amounted to \$515 which was sent to Mark and Shelly via UPS in a card along with one of our anniversary blankets and one of our anniversary books. The package was delivered Wed., May 5th.

John and Joyce report that Mark is doing OK and sometimes working "in the pulpit and his office" now, although he tires easily. Please continue to keep him and Shelly in your prayers as he continues to recover from Covid 19.



*Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth.
Then it just becomes a soap opera.*

Ascension Day, May 13

According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection speaking to them of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven. Ascension Day occurs ten days before Pentecost.

Pentacost, May 23

Pentecost literally means "50" It celebrates the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, causing them to speak in tongues. It is 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, 10 days after He ascended into Heaven.

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-12

Some Reminders:

Classis charges each church an assessment per member to cover Classis expenses. The assessment again this year is \$87.00/member. If you want and are able to reimburse the church for your assessment "charge", put a check in the offering plate with your envelope # and mark it for "Classis Assessment" in the memo section of check.

(it is helpful to the "counters" if you write a separate check, put it in a separate envelope with your envelope # and mark the envelope "Classis Assessment")

MASKS: We are all tired of wearing masks! But consistory asks that you continue to do so when in church and Fellowship Hall when others are present. It is still the rule of our state and we want to avoid any "backlash" by not following state rules. We understand how some might feel about this rule still being enforced and look forward with you to the day when we can all get "back to normal". Thank you for your consideration!

Memorial Day—According to the Library of Congress, it wasn't until 1950 that Congress would agree upon a resolution asking the president to "issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe...Memorial Day, by praying, each in accordance with his religious faith, for permanent peace."

Nearly 20 years later in 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act was finally passed, which both declared that Memorial Day would take place on the last Monday in May and required that federal employees be granted a day off. In 1971, Memorial Day officially became a federal holiday intended to observe and honor the people who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military.



*Greater love has no one than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.*

John 15:13

Memorial Day Word Scramble

*brev*a _____

*setu*al _____

*reym*om _____

*epr*ada _____

*fre*ig _____

*trip*ota _____

*ayrt*mili _____

*crep*tes _____

*camer*Ai _____

*ace*pe _____

*reid*p _____

*drsoi*el _____

*vies*l _____

*dag*ur _____

*efr*moed _____

*yeri*bil _____

*lam*meori _____

*riot*cpati _____

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