

**Upcoming Events...**  
**Galatians Class:** Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.  
**Mother's Day:** Today!  
**Ladies Bible Class:** next Sunday, May 20  
**Barnabas Group Meeting:** May 29

**Grandma's Glasses**  
Author Unknown

A little boy said to a playmate: "When I get older, I want to wear glasses just like grandma wears. She must have a special kind because she can see much more than most people. She can see when folks are hungry or tired or sorry, and she can even see what will make them feel better. She can see how to fix a lot of things to have fun with, and she can see what I meant to do, even if I didn't do it right. She can see when I am about to cry, and she knows what to do to make him feel better."

"I asked her one day how she could see so good, and she said it was the way she learned to look at things as she got older. So when I get older, I want a pair of glasses just like Grandma's so I can see good, too."

**May Birthdays**

2 Peggy Woodruff                      15 Kena Brown

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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**Thank You Mom**

By Rick Woodall

*"Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise--"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." - Eph 6:2-3*

In a little town in Taylor County West Virginia Anna Jarvis in 1907 began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. The special day would fall on the anniversary of her mother's death. So on May 10, 1908 the day was observed in Philadelphia Pennsylvania where Jarvis had recently moved. It wasn't until 1914 that president Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement to the nation that every 2nd Sunday of May would be a national day of observance.

Mother's Day is a special day in which we take a moment to honor the women who make a difference in our lives. It is not very often we hear good news these days about the Mothers who as my gift reminds me "rock the cradle that rules the world."

In my years of Christian service I had the privilege of interviewing senior statesmen, great community leaders and church leaders who are making a difference in all of our lives. In our first few weeks after moving to Logansport Indiana I was given a personal invitation to meet with Mayor Michael Fincher. Mayor Fincher impressed me as he spoke in tears about his mother. I am convinced that the world is a better place because of all mothers that were readers, teachers and fitting examples. Dedicated mothers produce determined children. We all know that it takes a considerable amount of determination to make a difference in today's world.

So take some time this Mother's Day to remember Mom. The apostle Paul reminds his "*son in the faith*" (Timothy) where his personal faith originated. "*I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*" – 2 Tim 1:5

This Life Thoughts is dedicated to my Mom who has made many sacrifices and uttered many prayers that have made a tremendous difference in many of my major decisions in life. Thank you Mom.

### **If everyone was just like me.....**

(Miscellaneous thoughts from Internet articles)

Have you ever thought about that? Someone has asked, "If every member were just like me, what kind of church would the church be?" Like a broken record in our mind, that question should repeatedly challenge us. It is a question we can apply in so many ways:

If every member tried to teach others about Christ just like me, how many people would be saved? If every member gave offerings just like me, what would be the financial condition of our church? If every member attended worship services just like me, how would our attendance be? If every member were just like me, how many people would be on time for church services?

The applications of this question are endless.

- If every member's attitude were like mine. . .
- If every member's marriage. . .
- If every member's love for their child
- If every member's home life. . .
- If every member's Bible study time. . .
- If every member's prayer life. . .
- If every member invited others to church services as often as I do. . .

No doubt, it is convicting. But instead of using it to condemn us, use this question to inspire us. It reminds us that we each play a

vital role in the life of our family, our community, and the church. It reminds us that every person around us is important, and we can either inspire them or discourage them. My life influences others, good or bad.

Often it only takes a few to set the pace. Others will follow our lead. Ask ourselves the question, "If every member were just like me, what kind of church would the local church be? But we can still all do better. We can do better in church, at home, at serving God, and in all areas of life. And if we were all like Jesus, the world would be a much better place.

We can then say with Paul, "*For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again*" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

### **Taking Turns**

By Dennis Lynn

There is a tender story told about an ailing mother who was resting in her bed when her nine-year-old daughter walked in. The daughter quietly unfolded a blanket and tucked it around her mother.

"You know, " the mother said, "It hasn't been that long since I was tucking you in, and now here you are covering me up." The little girl smiled, kissed her on the cheek, whispered, "We take turns," and then skipped out of the room.

That little girl, with innocence and insight, stated a truth for our time. "We take turns" in the family of God when we love each other, serve each other, and encourage each other. Let's not miss the opportunities.

Let's not let them slip by. Let's keep our eyes and hearts open. Let's remember: we take turns!