

Mothers

“Grown don't mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger, older, but grown? What's that supposed to mean? In my heart it don't mean a thing.” -Toni Morrison, *Beloved* -

“One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters.”
- George Herbert –

“Who is getting more pleasure from this rocking, the baby or me?” - Nancy Thayer -

New Christians...and Others Interested
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Mother's Day

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The second Sunday in May is set aside as a day to honor one of God's greatest gifts to mankind, Mothers. Mother's Day was first celebrated at a service in Philadelphia in 1907. The day was the idea of Anna Jarvis, a schoolteacher in Philadelphia. The idea was actually her mother's who was not able to carry her plans to a conclusion.

Anna's mother had help start an organization after the Civil War, "Union and Confederate Mothers." It was organized in her small West Virginia community, to help bring together the veterans of the Great Civil War.

Anna's mother had also planned to institute Mother's Day, to honor the mother's for their contribution to society, the nation, the church, and most of all the family. She died before she was able to bring her plans to fruition. Ann took up her mother's idea and carried it to conclusion.

This is certainly not a religious holiday, but it is a day that draws our attention to one of God's greatest blessings. It is good that we remember the influence our mothers had as we were growing up. To those mother's who are raising young children, you need to be aware of the wonderful blessing and awesome responsibility the Lord has given you. That small life is a being for eternity, and you will help to form the ideas and values that will see them through this life and into the next. Paul's writing to Timothy showed the wonderful influence his mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois, had in his spiritual growth to a co-worker with Paul (2 Timothy 1:3-6).

Regular Meeting Times

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

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Both the Old Testament and New Testament say we are to honor our parents. Paul said in Ephesians 6:2-3 *"Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee and that thou may live long on the earth."*

Hopefully, we honor our mothers every day. To honor means more than giving praise. To honor means to be sure our mothers' needs are met. Happy Mother's Day and thank God for Mothers!

Mothers' Day

Arthur Pigman

It is a good custom that children remember their mothers on that special day called Mother's Day. What is the best gift they can give? A card or candy is always nice. Flowers of any kind or color are usually appreciated - even a flower from the yard or flower garden is very special if coming from a small child. But these gifts are not the greatest that you can give!

If your mother is a Christian, she has taught you to live as a Christian. She has been involved in teaching you about God, and Christ, the Son of God (2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:14-15). Your mother has been interested in you learning about the church that Christ purchased with His own blood (Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28). And when you became old enough she was thrilled that you were born again by becoming a child of God (John 3:3-5). As you became old enough to leave home she was naturally concerned about you. When you established your own home she was proud and thankful that you had grown to maturity.

Now that it is Mother's Day, what can you give your mother? The greatest gift you could give to her is to be a faithful Christian. *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth"* (3 John 4). In the context John was talking about his spiritual children, but it is also true that Christian mothers can have no greater gift than to know that their own children are living faithfully as children of God. If you and your mother live faithfully then someday you can both live with God eternally in heaven.

Mother

*My mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart.
She planted all the good things that gave my life its start. She
turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream,
fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.
And when the winds and rains came she protected me enough,
But not too much because she knew
I needed to grow strong and tough.
Her constant good example always taught me right from wrong,
Markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long.
I am my mother's garden.
I am her legacy
and I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me.*

Author unknown

via The Shady Acres Servant,
the weekly bulletin for the

Shady Acres church of Christ in Sikeston, MO.

What am I?

(from Bulletin Gold)

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"**.

