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THANKS MOM!!

Well Guys, let's face it . . . when it comes to "Mom" we just can't compete! When our kids get hurt, who do they usually yell for . . . MOM. When an athlete does something special and the camera is on him/her, who gets the shout out . . . HI MOM! When we search the deepest, most tender parts of our hearts, who do we find . . . MOM!

Now guys, we shouldn't get discouraged or think of ourselves as inferior beings; it's just that Mom brings special qualities to a family that Dad just can't provide. When many of us were growing up, Mom was often at home taking care of us during our childhood years. She nurtured us, taught us, and instilled in us values that stay with us for a lifetime. More often than not, those teachings and values we got from Mom, then get passed down to our own children. Even in a more modern world where Mom may work outside the home that generally doesn't relieve her of those special duties that she is uniquely "wired" to perform.

Most of us are familiar with Proverbs 31:10-31, generally referred to as "The wife of noble character". This passage not only talks about the woman as wife, but as mother as well and speaks to the value she brings to her family. One of my favorite sections of that passage is the part that reads, "She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

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Perhaps you are fortunate to have a Mom who embodies the qualities of a godly woman. Perhaps you are that woman. Unfortunately, there are times when we fail to fully appreciate the contributions that Mom has made until we are older and have a family of our own or until Mom has passed on. God blesses us in many ways, and Mom can be one of those blessings that will last a lifetime and beyond, providing for us a legacy that is both valuable and timeless.

Many of you know that my Mom recently passed away. She fully embraced and enjoyed the role of “Mom” to three boys (plus Dad). When the last of us left home, she wrote the following that would later be included in a book that she had published: “My heart was saddened yet happy for the boys but I felt an overwhelming sense of melancholy that I never expected. The nest is empty.” In 1982 she went on to write the following poem titled, *The Empty Nest*.

The nest is empty now,
Where once the robins stirred.
Eating, Growing, Nurtured there;
Born to face the world.
Once so small and struggling;
So dependent on her wing,
For food and care and shelter;
Voices yet to sing.
Yes, the nest is empty now;
Quiet beneath the sky.
Tiny wings fly alone; and I wonder
Do Mother Robins cry?

Her feelings regarding “the empty nest” are an indication of the love and commitment she had for us boys as our Mom. Likely those feelings are shared by many Moms and underscore the importance of sons, daughters, and husbands recognizing and appreciating much more than just one day a year those who proudly wear the title of “Mom”.

Solomon wisely wrote, “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.”

As Mother’s Day approaches, let’s honor “MOMS” and thank them for all they have done and still do for us, including providing us with a legacy of godliness, service, and love. In honoring them, we also are thanking God for His blessing of MOM.

~Tim~

ATTENTION: If you are listed to serve and are unable to, please contact Wayne Morris to let him know as soon as possible.

Those to Serve –May 1, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Joe Nicosia
Preside: Wayne Morris
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Scripture Reading: JJ Whaley
Greeters: Julie Cavallaro, Simon-Peter Broughton
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Jose Cervantes
Usher #2: Ron King
A/V Booth: Tyler Zomok
Security: Ken Maupin
Church Mailbox: Gloria Gregory, Colleen Crown
Nursery: Mignon Soter

Those to Serve –May 8, 2022

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Justin Reese
Preside: Jerry Gibson
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Scripture Reading: Marcus Price
Greeters: Delores & Lisa Warkins
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: Mark Murray
Usher #2: Joe Nicosia
A/V Booth: Scott Weir
Security: Joe Nicosia
Church Mailbox: Gloria Gregory, Colleen Crown
Nursery: Valerie Nicosia

Those to Serve –May 15, 2022

Worship Director: Maupin
Opening Prayer: Chris Youssi
Preside: Jeff Hagerman
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Scripture Reading: Marcus Cassady
Greeters: Vikki Hatcher, Joan Schmidt
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Scott Seigrist
Usher #2: Jaye Lavern
A/V Booth: Tim Barton
Security: Tim Firm
Church Mailbox: Gloria Gregory, Colleen Crown
Nursery: Elizabeth Soter

Those to Serve –May 22, 2022

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Scott Weir
Preside: Stan Gregory
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Scripture Reading: Ken Lynch
Greeters: Judi Rogers, Pat Williams
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady
Usher #1: Wayne Morris
Usher #2: Tyler Zomok
A/V Booth: Ken Maupin
Security: Jaye Maupin
Church Mailbox: Gloria Gregory, Colleen Crown
Nursery: Pat Seifert

Those to Serve –May 29, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Stan Gregory
Preside: Joe Nicosia
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Scripture Reading: Jaye Lavern
Greeters: Kim & Holly Bertram
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern
Usher #1: Marcus Cassady
Usher #2: Jeff Hagerman
A/V Booth: Adam Zomok
Security: Wayne Morris
Church Mailbox: Gloria Gregory, Colleen Crown
Nursery: Debbie Letsinger

Old Testament Books of the Bible



MALACHI ZECHARIAH HAGGAI ZEPHANIAH HABAKKUK NAHUM MICAH JONAH OBADIAH
 AMOS JOEL HOSEA DANIEL EZEKIEL LAMENTATIONS JEREMIAH ISAIAH
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Pantry Sub List

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Prayer List

***Those with ongoing health issues

Jason Willis
Wendy Williams

Donna Fincher
Helen Holland

Sue Ann Diaz
Earline Nipps

People of Haiti

People of Ukraine

Lucy Chamberlain – met with doctors in Madison to discuss a treatment plan for her cough (most recent update on 4-19-2022)

Anneka Broughton – Has been moved to a wound care facility (4-19-2022)

Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who is recovering from cancerous tumor surgeries

Mike Trank – Melanie Lavern's dad, being treated for cancer

Kevin Sircloumb – tumor on his brain stem

Gregory Willis – Ron Willis's brother, diagnosed with Myeloma

Lindsey Farley – friend of Katrina Whaley's, in therapy for cognitive issues following an accident (4-6-2022)

Jan Lavern – leg is doing better and she is back to work. Still in therapy

Deckard family – friends of the Morris/Zomok family who are going through a lot after a cancer diagnosis and a job relocation

Myrtle Williams – recovering from surgery

Greg Jines - friend of the Morris's who is being treated for stage 5 kidney disease

Sherry McKuen and Dr. Rigsby - two of Lisa Warkins' friends who were recently diagnosed with cancer

Joan Wadsworth – starting new treatments for her autoimmune disease (4-19-2022)

John Parker – having low dose treatments to address cancerous lymph nodes (4-19-2022)

Mary Spohnholz – struggling with multiple health issues (4-6-2022)

Mary Ann Sircloumb's niece – being treated for severe burns

Lynn Rivard – friend of Richard & Maxine Bowers who was recently diagnosed with cancer

Pat Williams - recovering from a cracked rib from a fall and other issues (4-19-2022)

Jeff Hagerman – will be having a test on May 12th to determine if the medical issues he's been having are due to cancer (4-7-2022)

Kathy Hagerman – recovering from surgery (4-16-2022)

Sandy Knight – Margaret Couch's daughter, having surgery on her shoulder and wrist this Thursday (4-6-2022)

Ellie Krepfle – daughter of a form student of Gloria Gregory, born with Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome and recently found out that she has cancer in her kidneys and will begin a 6 month course of treatment soon (4-19-2022)

Family of Arline Firm – Tim Firm's mother, as they mourn her passing(4-19-2022)

Marsha Herndon - – tests and consultation April 30th – May 5th to confirm or rule out cancer (4-19-2022)

Becky & Adam Zomok - Becky has pneumonia and Adam has a back injury (4-19-2022)

Margaret Couch – recovering after pacemaker surgery on April 13th (4-16-2022)

Cathy Oswald – friend of Gloria Gregory, entering hospice care after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (4-10-2022)

Jan Morris – being treated for cellulitis (4-21-2022)

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Julia Garcia's bday	2 ROMEO Club	3 Wyllyn Long's bday	4 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devot/Singing	5 Lucy Gregory & Naomi Gibson's bday	6	7 Pantry 10:00am
8 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	9	10 Blanket Ministry workday @ 9am	11 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devot/Singing HHP Food Delivery	12 6-7 pm Pantry	13	14
15 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	16 Linda Kelllett's Bday McKinney's ann.	17 Becky Zornok's bday	18 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devot/Singing	19	20 Doug McClain Smith's bday Soters ann.	21 Pantry 10:00am Leda Phillips's bday
22 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Firm's LIFE Group Meeting	23	24 Madison McClain-Smith's bday Cornstocks ann.	25 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Devot/Singing HHP Food Delivery Lucy Chamberlain's bday	26 6-7 pm Pantry	27 Braydon Letsinger's bday	28
29 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Michaela McClain-Smith's bday	30 Bob Foster's bday	31				





NEWS & EVENTS

- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this website <https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/cabin-keepers/>
- Roddy Tate will be here on May 1st to preach for us - please plan on being there so you can hear him and provide any feedback to the minister search team
- There will be a Meijer Simply Give campaign running from Sunday, April 3rd through Saturday, July 2nd. The double match day will be Saturday, June 18th
- The 2022 Directories are now available and on the tables in the hallway. For now, please only take 2 per household
- The youth group in West Chicago will be hosting a lock-in for the teens on Friday, April 29th from 9 pm to 7 am (all food will be provided)
- The elders have formed a Minister Search team and have begun the process. If you know of a candidate that would want to be considered, please provide them with the email address for them to request more information. The email address is: NPCCoCMinisterSearch@gmail.com
- **The dates for the 2022 season at Rockford Christian Camp**
 - Memorial Day Retreat (ages 10-14) - May 27th - May 30th
 - Senior Week (7th –12th grade) - July 8th - 16th
 - Junior Week (2nd - 6th grade) - July 16th - 23rd

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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