



the Encourager

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MAY 2021

THANK YOU MOM

The old saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers” and perhaps the most precious flower that should attract our attention in May is the flower known as “Mom”!

Recently, I went to visit my Mom in Ohio and while she is not the “Energizer Bunny” that she once was, she is still Mom. In reflecting on her life, I have come to realize that her greatest accomplishment and the one thing she took the most pride in has been that of “Mom”. I’m not alone in this, as I am certain that those who read this have likely been blest with a wonderful, loving Mom. Whether your Mom is still living or only living in your memories of her, this Mother’s Day let’s commit to finding special ways to honor our Moms regardless of whether they are still living or have passed on.

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What you choose to do to honor your Mom this Mother's Day should be something that makes her feel special or pays tribute to what she may have added to your life and/or to the world around her. She may love flowers or chocolate or walks in a park or playing board games or being taken to dinner instead of having to cook. She may enjoy surprises or would be thrilled just to see her grandchildren. Maybe she was the absolute best when it came to sharing those quirky, annoying, yet valuable sayings like "Any job worth doing is worth doing well." Have something made with one of her favorite expressions on it and display it in your home or wear it on a t-shirt or take the time to share it with her grandchildren along with what it really meant to you.

God blesses us in many ways. One of His greatest gifts is the gift of a loving, caring, and godly Mom. I recently mentioned the impact of Timothy's grandmother, Lois and his mother, Eunice in one of my messages (II Timothy 1:5). Those women provided godly examples to Timothy that helped to shape who he would become and enabled Timothy to serve as a godly example to others as well.

Solomon dedicated 22 verses at the end of Proverbs to "a wife of noble character" and speaks about the woman as wife, mother, teacher, care giver, planner, doer, and example. In Proverbs 31:30 he awards her with one of the highest honors one could ever achieve when he wrote, "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

By honoring our mothers (who should be honored throughout the year but definitely deserve their own day), we will also be honoring God for the priceless gift of Mom. Moms, thank you for your tireless dedication to your families and for providing us with love, joy, special memories, and your example.

~ Tim



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FRIENDSHIP

Day 1 - Proverbs 18:24
Day 2 - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Day 3 - John 15:12-14
Day 4 - Proverbs 27:17
Day 5 - Proverbs 17:17
Day 6 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11
Day 7 - Romans 12:15-17
Day 8 - Proverbs 27:9
Day 9 - Job 6:14
Day 10 - Ephesians 4:29
Day 11 - 1 Peter 4:8-10
Day 12 - Hebrews 10:24-25
Day 13 - Galatians 6:2
Day 14 - Romans 12:18-21
Day 15 - Romans 1:12
Day 16 - Proverbs 13:20
Day 17 - Matthew 18:20
Day 18 - Ephesians 4:32

Day 19 - 1 John 4:7-8
Day 20 - Romans 12:9-10
Day 21 - Colossians 3:12-14
Day 22 - Proverbs 22:24-25
Day 23 - Philippians 2:1-4
Day 24 - 2 Corinthians 13:11
Day 25 - Romans 15:5-7
Day 26 - John 17:20-23
Day 27 - 1 Corinthians 1:10
Day 28 - 1 John 4:11-12
Day 29 - Romans 12:13-14
Day 30 - 1 John 4:19-21
Day 31 - Ephesians 4:1-6



THOSE TO SERVE MAY

Those to Serve –May 2, 2021

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Opening Prayer: Tim Firm
Preside: Wayne Morris

Those to Serve –May 9, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Spencer Carter
Preside: Steve Adkins

Those to Serve –May 16, 2021

Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Opening Prayer: Marcus Price
Preside: Simon-Peter Broughton

Those to Serve –May 23, 2021

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Opening Prayer: Jose Cervantes
Preside: Ron King

Those to Serve –May 30, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Steve Adkins
Preside: Mark Murray

Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
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Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

Prayer List

Jason Willis

Bruce Rooks

Lea Schorer – no visitors at this time please
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Gerald Harbach

Myrtle Williams

Anneka Broughton

Kevin Gillis

Dar Hinrichs

Ernie Stub-

Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer

Michelle Hutchison – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment

Donna Fincher— dealing with multiple health issues, shot for the pain in her leg is working

Sara Cancagallo- friend of Louise Crouch who has cancer; has been moved to a nursing home

Chuck and Ruth Mausehund– dealing with multiple health issues; Chuck had tests on Friday regarding his heart

Cherokee Thompson – Dean Aske's great granddaughter/Bill and Ida Thompson's granddaughter, suffering from cancerous spot on her brain causing seizures

Ken Lynch – recovering from shoulder surgery

Jim & Carol McGowan – both recovering from recent shoulder surgeries

Isom Family – mourning the recent loss of both Cecil and Chris

Sue Ann Diaz – having issues with vision in both of her eyes

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

Wayne Morris – Bells Palsy

Earline Nipps – will be having a bone marrow biopsy this week

Joyce Heckelmiller – recovering from spinal surgery

Ernesto Vaca – Jose Cervantes' Uncle who is currently hospitalized due to Covid-19

Harrison Kinney – friend of Drake Nicosia's who is currently undergoing medical tests

Graciela Sanchez & family – Veronica Ramirez's niece whose child recently passed away

Kathy McNeal – Erma Eldridge's daughter, Covid-19

Sandy Knight – Margaret couch's daughter, surgery for cellulitis

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REMINDER THAT ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE BUILDING REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS						
2 Worship @ 10:30 am	3 ROMEO Club meeting Wylin Long's bday	4	5 Bible Study 10 am Lucy Gregory & Naomi Gibson's bday	6 6:30 pm Party Peak of the Week discussion group @ 6:30 pm	7 Borrison's ann.	8 Party 10:00 Julia Garcia's bday
9 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am	10	11 Blanket Ministry work day	12 HHP Food Delivery Bible Study 10 am	13 Peak of the Week discussion group @ 6:30 pm	14	15 Party 10:00am
16 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Linda Kelett's bday McKinney's ann.	17 Becky Zomok & Atheena Nicosia's bday	18	19 Bible Study 10 am	20 6:30 pm Party Peak of the Week discussion group @ 6:30 pm Doug McClain-Smith's bday Soter's ann.	21 Leda Phillips' bday	22
23/30 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am 23 - Jill Nicosia's bday 30 - Bob Foster's bday	24/31 24 - Maddison McClain Smith's bday 24 - Comstock's ann.	25 Lucy Chamberlain's bday	26 HHP Food Delivery Bible Study 10 am	27 Peak of the Week discussion group @ 6:30 pm Braydon Letzinger's bday	28	29 Michaela McClain- Smith's bday

NEWS & EVENTS

*** Directory Updates ***

◇ The Whitmire's address is 6094 Tudor Lane Loves Park, IL 61111

- We will be starting Sunday morning Bible classes on May 9th.
 - Adults will meet upstairs in the auditorium
 - Youth group will meet at the Essentials house
 - 2yrs—6th grade will meet in the Fellowship Hall
- The Meijer on 173 will be running a Simply give campaign through Saturday, July 3rd. The Double Match Day is Saturday, June 19th. Cards are available at the building, through a Pantry board member or you can get them in the store at the location on 173 only
- There is a weekly Peak of the Week discussion group led by Tim Firm via Zoom every Thursday at 6:30 pm. The information you will need to join will be sent out every Thursday morning.
- There is a weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at the building from 10-11am.
- Reminder: Masks and 6ft distancing are required at all times when you are around others in the building
- The ROMEO group will meet on May 3rd
- Blanket Ministry work day will be May 11th

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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.

Where Friends Learn to Live and Love Like Jesus

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