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“Why is the sky blue?” of “If fireflies turn their lights off during the day?” Moms have answered some of the most absurd, complicated and convoluted of questions ever asked, building credibility for when the real questions come, about love, loss, and brokenness.

Moms have made the choice to do without the latest style in shoes because a child’s shoes are quickly too small, lost on the way home, or lose the soles at the strangest times. Moms have opted for the stylish minivan over the latest sports car because car seats and groceries are more important than fad and fame.

There are millions of examples of mothers who do well, as well as a few fathers who have stepped in to be both father and mother in their children’s lives. So today, if you’ve been a mom, in a traditional role, as the great “aunt”, as “Mr. Mom”, or a grandmother who has served as surrogate mother... Thank you. The world is a better place because you chose to matter to little ones.

*Grace and Peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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Happy Mother’s Day to the moms who worked hard to make the way easier for their children. Such an investment in the future of others is crucial in church, society, community and families. It is a day you are honored in this country and we agree that you matter and say “Thanks”.

Each year when I come to this day I am reminded that it is not happy for everyone. There are those who did not have the opportunity to be mothers, some due to infertility, some due to the loss of a spouse. Others have buried their children and today is a bittersweet memory of loss and struggle. There are those who lost mothers before they knew them, due to abandonment, death, or simply neglect. So in the midst of all of the celebration and joy, I do not want to ignore those feelings or imply that they don’t matter. They do matter and I pray for those of you in that circumstance.

Perhaps the two most frequently mentioned characteristics of a mother’s love are sacrifice and nurturing. It is amazing to watch moms with unending patience with their children, explaining, consoling, supporting and giving attention to little ones who seem to unceasingly demand.

We remember the unending questions of a three year old, wondering in muddled English about

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
 Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
 Worship Service—10:45 am
 Afternoon Service—1:15 pm

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
 Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Feril's)

ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
 Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Brensing

Worship Order for May 11, 2014

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
 GATHERING SONG: No. 230—Worthy Art Thou (vs 1)
 WELCOME: Tom Turner
 SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 31:30-31 (Kade Kinnamon)
 SONGS: No. 15—Step by Step
 No. 23—Our God, He Is Alive
 No. 878—Sweet By and By
 No. 801—Where No One Stands Alone
 PRAYER: Tom Turner
 SONG: No. 325—Boundless Love
 COMMUNION: Orrin Feril
 Jon Mansel
 Clint Kinnamon
 Chris Mansel
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
 SONG: No. 957—This World is Not My Home
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 902—Nothing But the Blood (vs 1)
 PRAYER: Fred Johnson

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Welcome Visitors

We are pleased you have joined us in worship—please come again!

Mother's Day

We will have NO potluck dinner today, since it is Mother's Day.

Area High School Graduations—May 17

Macksville @ 10:00 am
 Stafford @ 2:00 pm St John @ 4:00 pm

—You are invited to a dessert reception for **Kade** immediately after the St John graduation ceremonies, here at the church building.

—You are also invited to help **Maddy** celebrate after the St John graduation, by having dinner at Trent & Hannah Sallee's (115 S Monroe), from 5-7 pm.

High School Senior Celebration—May 25th

Please note the date of the celebration for our high school seniors, **Kade Kinnamon** and **Maddy Lippoldt**. It will be Sunday afternoon, **May 25th**, at 1:30 pm here at the church building. Please plan to be here to share in this special time.

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, May 27th through Thursday, May 29th (6:30-8:15 pm)
 Picnic on Friday, May 30th (6:00—8:00 pm)

A workday is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon (May 18th). Please check with Tom or Pam to see what you can do to help us finish up preparations!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Richard Brensing 5/15

Prayer Requests

Nick & Kara Neidig—baby Landon is scheduled for heart surgery the first of the week
Maggie Harris (Lisa's mother) - to have knee replacement on Tuesday
Baylee Sizemore's Aunt Suzanne—Leukemia
Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother) - ear infection; hearing loss
Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife) - health concerns; improving
Sarah (Messick) Ballard—health concerns; new baby; Sarah is to see a specialist soon
Pete Witt-deteriorating health
Brenda Mansel Reno—back pain
Diane Manilla (Meagan's sister-in-law's mother) - cancer
Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - improving
Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - improving
Theo Birkett—Tara's mother
Rebecca Hunley—cancer
Barbara Schuette—Marla's half-sister
Jim Sorensen—Tara's brother-in-law; brain tumor
Jim Soukup—Gingrich's son-in-law (Shari's husband)
Vic Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Phyllis Staub—Kenwood Plaza
Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) - Kenwood Plaza
Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead—Stafford
Margaret Marks (Ned's mother) - declining health
 Newsletters are posted from **Michael Thys, Ubaldo Cardona**, and **Ron Maynard**

Our Sympathy for these Families

Dorothy McIntire—died May 6; graveside service Friday
Velma Zimmerman—died May 6; service last Friday
Carl Allison—died May 6; service to be May 17
 Linda Hamm's brother, **Jerry**, passed away in Kansas City on May 8; service to be Monday

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