

A Brief History of Mother's Day

Anna Reeves Jarvis sought to honor her own mother by establishing an intimate day of observance that is very obviously the basis of today's holiday. The first original Mother's Day was celebrated on the second Sunday in May, 1907 in Grafton, West Virginia. President Woodrow Wilson signed Mother's Day into law in 1914.

Honoring Mother In All Stages Of Life

Honoring our parents is the first obligation toward humans given in the Ten Commandments. How we best honor our mother may be determined by her stage in life. Life changes and how we best honor her changes.

We need to honor her in our youth by obeying and respecting her. *"Obey your parents."* (Ephesians 6:1). One can be obedient without being respectful; that does not show honor.

We need to honor her as we enter adulthood. *"Do not forsake your mother's teaching."* (Proverbs 1:8). When we leave home, we need to take our mother's teaching with us. That honors her. Honoring her at this stage of life might involve beginning to forgive some of her flaws. It might involve our apologizing for some of the pain we gave her as we grew up.

We need to honor her as she becomes a grandmother and great-grandmother. *"Do not despise your mother when she is old."* (Proverbs 23:22). We have our own families, but we are not to forget to honor our mother. And that honor is defined as providing what we can to meet her needs. Honor at this point might come to mean helping her adjust to new living arrangements, treating her with dignity, accepting responsibility for her, patience and understanding. It may mean communicating to her, "I will honor you by doing what is best for you" even if these decisions are difficult ones — for her or us.

We need to honor her even if she has already died by being what she taught us to be, like being honest or being obedient to God

- Gary Grady, Bulletin Digest

Flowers For Mother

Several years ago, I read the story of a man who stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers. He was planning to wire the flowers to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother but I only have 75 cents. A rose costs \$2.00."

The man smiled and said, "Come on with me. I will buy you a rose for your mother." He placed his order to wire his flowers to his mother and bought a rose for the girl. As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride.

She responded, "Yes, please, if you could. Take me to my mother." With that, she directed him to a cemetery where she placed the rose gently on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up the flowers and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's home.

We owe a lot to our Christian mother. If it is within your power, go out of your way to show her how much you appreciate and love her.

- Kerry Holton, Lifelines, Bella Vista, AR -



Mothers
know the strength of
gentleness,
give the gift of
thoughtfulness,
live a life of
love.

- (Hallmark bookmark ©) -

Happy Mother's Day

There is only one pretty child in the world and every mother has it. - Chinese Proverb

News & Notes

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS: Congratulations to recent honor roll students: Jillian Reardon and Brett Thompson.

OUR LADIES DAY: What a great day yesterday was! Thanks to all who planned, prepared food, made donations, decorated or participated in any way to bring the event to fruition. Special thanks to our speakers: Nancy Hadley and Janet Malcomson, and to the men who so ably served at lunch.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406. This class is for those who were baptized in the last three years.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome to participate in this activity to make stuffed bears for sick kids. Ability to sew not required.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All the men are encouraged to take part in this class.

POTTERS ORPHAN HOME: Give monetary donations by Wednesday, May 16th to Jim Hadley. Make checks payable to the church and Jim will send one check from the church to cover all.

HOME VISITS: Our Elders and Minister are making home visits to get to know the members better. Schedule a visit here at the building or in your home by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment by talking to Rico. Otherwise, expect an impromptu visit.

GOSPEL MEETING: May 18-20, St. Ave., East Liverpool, OH, Rico Brown.

GRADUATION PARTY: For Austin Haught on Saturday, June 2nd, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. Hosted by Skip and Sue Haught.

PANTRY: Noodles & tuna fish.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS & CARDS: Cindy Moore (Pat Allison's cousin). Cindy has bone cancer. Her address: 2760 Craig Circle, Fullerton, CA 92835.

SICK & SHUT-IN: CLEVELAND CLINIC: Mike Kodrich (Betty Henthorne's son).

AT HOME: Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19), Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **AUBURN NURSING HOME, SALEM, OH:** Jim Mick. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Mother Taught About ...

Religion - "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

Logic - "Because I said so, that's why."

Foresight - "Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident."

Irony - "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

Weather - "Your room looks like a tomado went through it."

Behavior Modification - "Stop acting like your father."

Medical science - "Stop crossing your eyes or they will freeze that way."

Hypocrisy - "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

Justice - "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out like you."

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