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Motherhood is a blessing, but sometimes, it can be a lonely one too! For some, motherhood is a time of spiritual dryness as they feel too depleted to carve out time to be alone with God. However, motherhood can also be a time of reliance on God as the struggles become overwhelming, immense and real.

Listen to this description of our mom’s character: *“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails”* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Moms, you are not alone. God hears your cries, whether in your heart, in the silence of the night or even together with your children’s cries. *“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you”* (Isaiah 66:13). God bless all **Mothers**; may each and every mom find rest in You!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim & Fran

BRIEF NOTES

- ❖ Wednesday Bible Study is your opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge. Join us at 4 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Ladies are invited to First Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on May 1 at 9:30 A.M.
- ❖ The CE Board made a \$75 donation to the Summer Lunch Program in honor of Mother’s Day.



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THE MONTH OF MAY

Facts about the month of May: May is the fifth month of the year and was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility. In any given year, no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does. On May 1, 1931, the Empire State Building was officially opened. Also, May is a month with many different types of celebrations including that special day: **Mother’s Day**.

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my Savior...you save me from violence. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies” (2 Samuel 22:2-4).

In my younger days I remember hearing my mom call out to God, “Lord have mercy on me!” Raising four boys is not an easy job for anyone.

What is the most challenging job in the world? I believe that all mothers would agree that being a mom is the most challenging job ever. While it’s not a job in the strict sense of the word, it is nevertheless a tough endeavor.

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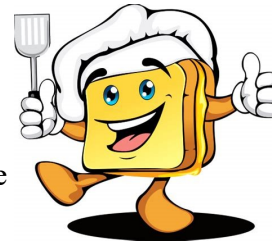
BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Ken Whittington, co-chairman

- ❖ Transferred \$8,227 from the Edward Jones Money Market to the General Fund checking account to pay ongoing expenses.
- ❖ Approved a tax deduction letter as well as a \$50 gift certificate each for Mike Jenkel, Jordan Jenkel and Clay Jenkel for their volunteer work on the Conference Room ceiling.
- ❖ Awarded Annette Campbell a \$100 gift certificate in approbation of her outstanding work.
- ❖ Asked Steve Meyer to investigate the value of several old upright pianos.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



First Baptist is once again teaming up with other local churches to provide the Summer Lunch Program for children.

Our church will prepare these simple lunches at the First Christian Church on Mondays during June, from about 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

If you can help out, contact Mary Bolen at 618-435-0294.



Come join the fun and fellowship at Sing 'n Share on Wednesday, **May 15**, at **5 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS MONTH

May 1	9:30 A.M. 4:00 P.M.	Ladies' Coffee at The Buzz Bible Study
May 2	9:00 A.M.	Pack Brown Bags
May 3	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Heritage Woods
May 8	4:00 P.M.	Bible Study
May 14	9:00 A.M.	Trustee Board Meeting
May 15	5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Sing 'n Share Deacon Board Meeting
May 17	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Helia Healthcare
May 22	4:00 P.M.	Bible Study
May 29	4:00 P.M.	Bible Study

WEEKLY

Sun.	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Sunday School Worship Service
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In Our Community

Giant Flea Market

June 8
8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
St. Joseph Church

Rend Lake Water Festival

April 29 – May 4
Event listing on church bulletin board.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5	David Perkins	18	Gabrielle Ziems
11	Susan Stickel	19	Vicki Seagle
15	Robert Taylor	26	Rich Mattison
	Aubrianna Casey	30	Kelli Owens
16	Carolyn Aiken		



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