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From the Pen of Bro. Len:

Thoughts about Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower), to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day. Proverbs 31:10-31 offers us God's description and estimation of what a godly wife and mother looks like.

Mother's Day is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on us is so great that it affects us throughout our lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a

pound of clergy." The word "Mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, *agápe* love in its purest form, as commanded by Jesus in his farewell speech: "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God.

Thankfully, the Bible recognizes women who have shaped the story of God's people. There was Miriam who led the people in praising God after the crossing of the Red Sea (Ex 15:21); Ruth who put God first and became the ancestress of King David (Ruth 1:16; 4:17); Deborah, a judge in Israel (Judges 5); Hannah who "gave to the Lord" the child of her prayers (1 Sam 1:28); Esther who took her life in her hands to plead for her doomed people (Esther C:14-30); the pagan widow whose obedience sustained the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 17:9-16); a little captive Jewish maid who told Naaman's wife of the man of God in Israel who could cure Naaman of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:2-4). The most important mother in the New Testament is Jesus' Mother, Mary, to whom Jesus, on the cross, gave John, his beloved friend, to be her son; at the same time, Jesus gave His Mother to John, and all the rest of us for whom He was dying, to be our Heavenly Mother. Jesus praised the poor widow for her gift of two mites to the Temple (Mk 12:43). The New Testament also presents some women who showed maternal love. There is the woman who anointed Jesus with the expensive ointment (Mk 14:3); Martha who served and Mary who sat at the feet of Jesus (Lk 10:38-42); Mary Magdalene who brought spices to anoint Jesus, who first greeted the risen Lord, and who

received the first commission –“Go, tell...” (Jn 20:17-18; Mk 16:9); Lydia one of the first converts in Macedonia (Acts 16:14); Tabitha, called Dorcas – full of good works (Acts 9:36); Phoebe and Priscilla – servants of the Church (Rom 16:1-4); Lois and Eunice, grandmother and mother of Timothy respectively who had sincere faith (2 Tim 1:5), Persis “the beloved,” and Tryphena and Tryphosa who labored for the Lord (Rom 16:12).

Proverbs 31:10-31 offers us God’s description and estimation of what a godly wife and mother is. 1. She is a *devoted wife* (vs. 11, 12, 23). She is one who has the *confidence* of her husband; she seeks his welfare and enhances his reputation. 2. She is a *diligent partner* (vs. 13-17, 18b, 19, 22, 24). As a woman with God’s viewpoint, she is a *willing worker*, a *wise shopper* and a *planner* who is able to minister to her family because she keeps herself fit, spiritually and physically (cf. vs. 18a, 25). 3. She is a *dutiful servant* to the needy and the poor (v 20). She has a vision for ministry not only to her family but also to her society. 4. She is a *dependable mother* (vs. 15, 21, 27). She is *devoted* to the needs of her family. She is *well-groomed, attractive, organized, and disciplined*; as such, she is a testimony to her children. 5. She is a *doctrinally oriented woman* (vs. 26). She is a woman full of God’s wisdom. St. Paul exhorts husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the Church (Eph 6:25). Husbands have the solemn duty to sacrifice themselves continually in their total love for their wives and their children. Each day provides numerous opportunities for husbands to live out their family life with many acts of patience, kindness, and service. The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

God bless our Mothers.

Senior Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 1st at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite casserole. Hope to see you there.

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Art Nalley’s Obituary

<https://www.peopleschapelfuneralhome.com/m/obituaries/Michael-Nalley/MemorialMedias>



Brothers and Sisters of Coalville, God is SO good. Each day we are blessed in many ways. We just need to be mindful of His presence with us. We please our Heavenly Father when we begin our day with Him.

Remember this coming Thursday, May 2nd, we celebrate the National Day of Prayer here at Coalville.

10:30 AM – 12 PM the sanctuary is open for you as a come and go time.

6 – 6:30 PM in the sanctuary for group prayer

The theme this year is **LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD.**

2 Samuel 22:29 – 31

We are blessed to have God's Word. Just think of many people all over the world who need the scripture and do not have it available to them. His Holy Spirit gives us understanding of the Word so that we can carry this light (knowledge of our creator, God) out into the world.

Come join us as we fulfill the calling God has in us to share His gospel. 🙏🙏

CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone! Welcome to May.

No second Sunday luncheon this month due to Mother's Day but come out and join us for the Homecoming combined worship and meal on **May 19th, 10 AM.**

Happy Mother's Day to all the women out there who go above and beyond to take care of us. We appreciate you! God bless you!

The Friends of Coalville Team is in need of team members to help with our community events. Please contact Cindy Slade if you have questions or can bring something or help in any way.

1. We will be providing snack foods for the **Kairos Outside Event, May 17th – 19th.** We need baked goods (cookies, brownies, banana bread, muffins, pounds cakes, etc.), bottled water, canned drinks (regular and diet), fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas). Please bring to Fellowship Hall between **May 14th – 17th by 11 AM** so that everything can be packed up and delivered by 2 PM. Food items need to be individually wrapped and labelled if contain nuts.
2. We are in need of volunteers and food donations for a **Memorial Day Breakfast** for **May 25th, 8 – 10 AM.** This is for church members, Veterans, military service members, first responders, and others. You will need to be at the CLC between **6 – 7 AM.** Set up will be on **May 24th, 3 PM.** As our team does not have an allotted spending account, food items will be from donations from church members. Food items needed: eggs, grits, biscuits, muffins, sausage, bacon, gravy, butter, jelly, orange juice, apple juice, milk, coffee fixings, coffee, fruit, cinnamon rolls(already planned), scones(already planned), etc.

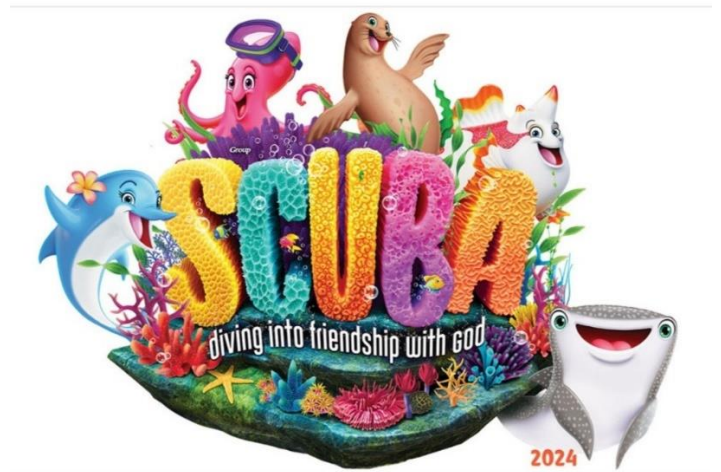
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The **JAM** kids enjoyed making "clouds" out of shaving cream for the story of Jesus ascending.



Youth and FISH

The youth and young adults are gearing up to working hard on VBS. We will have many work nights if you are willing to help.



Birthdays

Anniversaries

Monthly Events

Scheduled Meetings

Weekly Events

CLC – Christian Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall

S – Sanctuary

CW – Contemporary Worship

TW – Traditional Worship

2nd SL – 2nd Sunday Luncheon

AB – Administrative Board

BG – BUNCO Group

CB – Cornerstone Band

FISH – Young Adults

JAM – Children’s Ministry

MT – Mission Team

SL – Senior Luncheon

UMYF - Youth

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Backpack 5 th – 12 th – 19 th – 26 th –	Blessings Chicken noodle soup Oatmeal/grits Beanie Weanies Ramen Noodles		1 8 AM, WPC, S 11:30 AM, SL, FH	2 Kathy Yon National Day of Prayer 10:30 AM – Noon, S 6 – 6:30 PM, S 7 PM, CB, S	3 7 PM, AA, FH	4 Michael Roberts
5 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF, CLC 6 PM, FISH, CLC	6 Jan Gum Destinee Ray	7	8 Leslie Bahm	9 12 – 3 PM, BG, FH 5:30 PM, BHM, CLC 6 PM, Choir, S 7 PM, CB, S	10 Harold Mong 7 PM, AA, FH	11
12 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF, CLC 6 PM, FISH, CLC	13 6 PM, AB, FH	14	15 Steve Yon	16 6 PM, Choir, S 7 PM, CB, S	17 7 PM, AA, FH	18
19 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, Homecoming, S 11 AM, Potluck, CLC Gavin Joiner Bro. Len & Patty 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF, CLC 6 PM, FISH, CLC	20 Evelyn Moore	21	22	23 6 PM, Choir, S 7 PM, CB, S	24 3 PM, Set up for MDB, CLC 7 PM, AA, FH	25 Memorial Day Breakfast 8 – 10 AM CLC
26 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF, CLC 6 PM, FISH, CLC	27	28	29	30 Ashley Marsh 6 PM, Choir, S 7 PM, CB, S	31 7 PM, AA, FH	