

May 2021

From Heaven's Heart

"A Time To Remember"

May is a month I better remember. May 18, Andrea's birthday. May 20, our anniversary. What more do I need to remember? And there's Homecoming here at church.

And there is one more very important thing I believe we all should remember, honor and celebrate in May. On May 6th, we need to remember and thank our nurses. It is National Nurses Day.

I was visiting one of my Doctors recently when the nurse entered my room. I noticed she seemed to be very anxious, moving quickly to get my readings as if she was behind or had a full day. I remembered she has several children and I wondered how she managed her job, and her household so I asked, "How are you doing with all that's going on with the kids, school and your job. She said, "And with my husband". I wasn't sure if it was a "My Husband Joke" or what? She told me her husband recently had a massive heart attack and he was lucky to have survived. At 53 years of age, that's young but not uncommon. She said he's doing fine now and the kid's and I are so thankful he made it.

I thought, how lucky I am, how lucky most of us are. A stressful job as a nurse, kids at home, cooking meals, most likely cleaning afterwards, Covid and a husband recovering from a major heart attack. I decided that I needed to do something. I need to be more thankful and show my gratitude to all of my nurses for all they do this month and every time I'm visiting one of my doctors. And I hope you'll do the same. Maybe send a card or just say thank you when you visit your doctor. The first person you see when you make it back to your room is your nurse. They deserve our gratitude, our kindness and our prayers for safety and strength to carry on.

And while we are at it, let's remember to show our gratitude to all people, friends, family, church family, children, our seniors, and all those who do the little things and the big things at church that make it possible for us to worship together in safety and comfort with beautiful music, reading of our scriptures and heartfelt prayers, sound, and videos.

The truth is, we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. Most every day, I am thankful for my life...for my eyesight, my hearing, my taste, receiving your love and God's love, for His forgiveness, for heaven and eternal life, for knowing I'll get to see all my family and friends who are in heaven awaiting my arrival, for Andrea's birthday and our anniversary this month, for our children and grandchildren, for our church family, for vacations at the beach, for my incredible job as your pastor, for our home, heat and air, for a car that carries me where ever I need to go, for hospitals, doctors, EMS workers, firemen and women, the man who delivers our mail, for our staff at church, for Jim, Ben and Sammy who carry the garbage out to the road, for your tithing and offering each week that pays all our bills, for the Salvation Army food donations that we deliver each week, for Chris who mows our yard, Salvador who cleans, our plumbers, electricians, and heat and air people who fix things, for Mike and Jim our sound and video professionals, for Marilyn, Vicki and Roy who perform for us on Sunday's, for Mary and Melody and all you do, for Breanna, Bryce, Hanna and Thomas, Roy and Diane our newest church members, for our church deacons and trustees and board members, for Jim and Roberta who fill in when I'm away, for those of you who pray, send cards, make calls and send text, for the meals you fix and deliver to families in our community, for Jesus who died for you and me...removing all our sins forever, for America..and yes for our special nurses who do so much. Let's all remember those I've mentioned and those I have failed to mention. Remembering is a good thing, an important thing. Let's show God and others our gratitude as we remember.

With the deepest love for our Lord and for you,

Pastor Steve