

Greetings from Pastor Mark



May Church Calendar

- 05/07: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School;
10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 05/14: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School;
10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 05/21: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School;
10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 05/28: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School;
10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after Main Service

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we celebrate Mother's Day. Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord gives. A Christian mother is told to love her children (Titus 2:4-5), in part so that she does not bring reproach on the Lord and on the Savior whose name she bears.

Children are a gift from the Lord. In Titus, Paul referenced young women (mothers) loving their children. There is nothing more special than a mother's love. The idea behind these verses is that caring for our children, nurturing them, embracing them, meeting their needs, and accepting each is every mother's duty.

Several things are commanded of Christian mothers in God's Word:

- 1) Availability – morning, noon, and night (Deut 6:6-7);
- 2) Involvement – interacting and processing life together (Eph 6:4)
- 3) Teaching – the Scriptures and a biblical worldview (Ps 78:5-6; Deut 4:10; Eph 6:4);
- 4) Training – helping a child develop skills and discover strengths (Prov 22:6) and spiritual gifts (Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12);
- 5) Discipline – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly (Eph 6:4; Heb 12:5-11; Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17);
- 6) Nurture – providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love (Tit 2:4; 2 Tim 1:7; Eph 4:29-32; 5:1-2; Gal 5:22; 1 Pet 3:8-9);
- 7) Portraying Integrity – living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by "catching" the essence of godly living (Deut 4:9, 15, 23; Prov 10:9; 11:3; Ps 37:18, 37).

Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Just as a mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are adolescents, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood must change and develop, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives should never cease.

In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~Pastor Mark

PRAYER REQUESTS:

General: Bri Barnett; Linda Chase; Chad Chism; Bertha Dean; Mitchell and Alma Foster; Donna Glover; Patty Hart; Lezlee Jones; George Lorenz; Michele Menke; Linda (Whetstone) McDaniel; Kathleen McCorkle; Patrick McCorkle; Richard Potter; Manfred Roeder; Sturges Family; John and Barbara Taylor; Earl Tresner; Gordon Willhite, Carol Williams



Cancer Patients: Julie Bays; Raymond Brown; James Campbell; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Larry Fueler; Clayalee Glover; Marsha Hale; Kathryn Hatten; Randy Hewitt; Lou Kennedy; Steve Smith; George Thomas; Kenny Tyler; Judy Tolbert

Nursing Home Residents: Naida Carpenter; Earl Tresner

Ministries & Missionaries: First Baptist Church - spiritual and numerical growth; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; KISA; Pastor and family; Missionary: Ariel Tatum – lionofgod2003@gmail.com

Others: President Biden and Vice President Harris; world, national, state, local government leaders; Israel and unrest in the Mid-East; Ukraine; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemembers; students/teachers, school board/school administrators



Our Daily Reading/Focused Prayer

Daily Read-through the Bible: Focused Prayers for this Family:

May 1	1 Chronicles 7-9	Our Church Family
May 2	1 Chronicles 10-12	KISA Girls
May 3	1 Chronicles 13-16	Naida C
May 4	1 Chronicles 17-19	John and Linda C
May 5	1 Chronicles 20-23	Chad C
May 6	1 Chronicles 24-26	Amber D and Family
May 7	1 Chronicles 27-29	Pastor Mark and Ralene D
May 8	2 Chronicles 1-4	Rodney and Marsha D
May 9	2 Chronicles 5-7	Tim and Lisa D
May 10	2 Chronicles 8-11	Jon and Deanna F
May 11	2 Chronicles 12-16	Nancy F
May 12	2 Chronicles 17-20	Mitchell and Alma F
May 13	2 Chronicles 21-24	Paul and Gayla G
May 14	2 Chronicles 25-28	Patty H
May 15	2 Chronicles 29-31	Carol K
May 16	2 Chronicles 32-34	George L
May 17	2 Chronicles 35-36	Kathy McM
May 18	Ezra 1-4	Amy M and Family
May 19	Ezra 5-7	Bob and Bonita M
May 20	Ezra 8-10	Nancy P and Kelsey P
May 21	Nehemiah 1-3	Edna P
May 22	Nehemiah 4-7	Richard and Pat P
May 23	Nehemiah 8-10	Bernie and Christel R
May 24	Nehemiah 11-13	Chris S
May 25	Esther 1-5	Jim and Ruby S
May 26	Esther 6-10	Charlene S
May 27	Job 1-4	Carol W and Family
May 28	Job 5-8	Judy W and Rocky S
May 29	Job 9-12	KC S
May 30	Job 13-16	Ariel T
May 31	Job 17-20	Kenny T

Dear Church: We want to thank you for the kindness you've shown through the generous gift we received from you. Your gift is an example of the love that we enjoy at FBC Sedan. God bless you all!

Love always,
Pastor Mark and Ralene



Secretary's Section

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints,
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel.
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way,
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown

Monthly Memorization

3 John 1:4

Our Church's Verse of the Month - May 2023



I have no greater joy than
to hear that my children
walk in truth.

☞ 3 John 4 (KJV)

May Trivia

- In what month does Mother's Day take place?
 - March
 - April
 - May
- What is the most popular gift to give a on Mother's Day?
 - A manicure
 - Clothes
 - Greeting Cards
- Is Mother's Day on the same date each year?
 - No
 - Yes
- Mother's Day is the busiest day for _____?
 - Shopping
 - Restaurants
 - Camping
- Do Americans spend more money on Mother's Day or Father's Day?
 - Father's Day
 - Mother's Day
- On what day are the least number of births?
 - Saturday
 - Sunday
 - Monday
- In the US, what year was the first Mother's Day celebrated?
 - 1908
 - 1936
 - 1955



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