



Dear Family in Christ,
Have you ever been doing something and it just flows along beautifully? It's like everything is in sync? You may be operating in your God-given Purpose in those moments! Moving in God's Purpose and Will for you is beautiful and liberating experience!

Keeping you informed:

- **CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY! Sat., May 20, 9-Noon.** Watch for sign-up lists for inside and outside projects. Lunch provided by Church. YOUR HANDS AND HEART ARE NEEDED. Come join the fun!
- **CHANGED DATES FOR THIS MONTH ONLY:**
 - **LEADERSHIP MTG.** will be Sunday, **May 21** (due to Mother's Day)
 - **MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be **Sat., May 27, 9 am** (due to Ch. Clean-Up Day)
- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: 7 pm, Thurs., May 4, Twp Hall.** Come join us for an hour of lifting up leaders and service people to the Lord!
- The **CHURCH DIRECTORY is being revised.** If you aren't sure that you are on the current one and you'd like to be listed, please let us know!

*We are currently in a series called "Discovering Your God-Given Purpose". Learning to identify the way God has formed you will help you to live in the confident, abundant life He has given you! And this comes by an ever-deepening **prayer** life and a daily **practice** of trust in action. Join us in this amazing adventure!*

Love you,

- *Scott*

MISSIONS

We continue into our second month of support for The Promise FM and Care Net Pregnancy Center of the EUP.

Since Noel, Director of the Care Net Pregnancy Center, brought baby bottles for collection of change, we've decided that all money collected from the baby bottles will go there while any money collected from our regular World-Changer Containers will go toward The Promise FM. Our regular missions tithe will be split 50-50 between the two. *(Sorry if that's complicated...)*

Please continue to lift both organizations up in your prayers and blessings.

(Check out their websites: www.promisefm.com and <http://eupregnancyoptions.com/>).



The first Mother's Day was celebrated in West Virginia in 1912. Mothers were to be recognized as an important part of our culture and lives. The heart of a

mother is like a rare jewel. They love their children during the worst and best of times.

Yet all mothers are not the same. Author and speaker Patsy Clairmont says, "Normal is just a setting on your clothes dryer." We are all different. She shared that as women we may "struggle, fail, start over, and celebrate." But we are mothers who can love unlike any other person.

A familiar mother's day poem written in the early 1900's is:

M is for the Many things she gave me,
O means only that she's growing Old.
T is for the Tears she shed to save me,
H is for her Heart of purest gold.
E is for her Eyes with love light shining,
R means Right and Right she'll always be.
Put them all together, they spell MOTHER.
A word that means the world to me.

God created families and gave mothers a unique place in that unit. We can love, give of ourselves, cook, clean, wash clothes, put Band-Aids on scrapes ... be the first one up in the morning or the last one down at night. We juggle a lot of things including raising children, working at jobs, managing a home, and sometimes finding time for ourselves.

Each day is a new beginning of what lies before us. We have destiny, purpose, and the power to do and be all that we are called to be. Nothing can stop us except ourselves. As mothers, we need to find the strength to face each day knowing that God loves us.

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This scripture seems to be written just for mothers:

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make

my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." [Philippians 2:1-4](#)

Our children need that unselfish love of a mother. We as mothers need to love our mothers too. Long life is promised to all who show honor to them.

Mothers make up a crucial part of our lives. So whether it is a Hallmark card, dinner out, hug, or a kiss on the cheek, we should show we care. It is so important to give our love to these dedicated women in our lives and don't take them for granted.

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." [1 John 3:18](#)

(From the CBN website:
<http://www1.cbn.com/devotions/mothers-love>)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jay Bouwcamp
- 7 Lisa Tarr
- 13 Cheryl Wolf and Bruce MacGregor
- 17 Ralph Clark
- 19 Gary Lutz
- 21 Scott Danforth
- 28 Marc Joppich

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Jim & Laura Witt

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

Upcoming MAY ACTIVITIES:

- 4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING

- 7 **Potluck!** Following worship.
- 9 **Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library**
- 20 **CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: 9-NOON**
- 21 **Leadership Meeting**, following worship. All are encouraged to participate.
- 27 **MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 9:00 am**



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JOIN US for
Friendly Small Group
Fellowship:



- **Tuesdays:**
 - 9:30 **Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **God Heard Their Cry** video. Come experience the Exodus with us!
 - 11:15 **Prayer Group** in the Pastor's Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
 - 11:30 **Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You're invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
- **Men's Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ 9 am, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends!

(If you've got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)

ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, May 23rd
(IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)



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