

**Today's Sermon:** *Mother of Mine*

**MOTHER'S DAY THOUGHTS**

We honor mothers on this day each year. However, a godly mother should be honored each and every day in more ways than a restaurant meal, a bouquet and a poem. It is far too soon that life steals away this treasure from our lives. So be very careful to relay to your godly mother the love, respect, honor and joy that her God-given queenly role deserves.

I sympathize with many who do not have a mom anymore, or perhaps never enjoyed one who truly loved them. Today is very hard for those who live with blemished memories or sorrow for things that never were.

Today, I'd like to thank every godly mother for the wonderful blessing you are to your children. But also, I'd like to thank the many surrogate moms who step in and compassionately care for children who are not their own.

There are many moms who, though they may not have birthed a particular child, have spent themselves loving someone else's child. Sweet ladies who do that are truly heaven's gift. We are always children no matter how old we are, and each of us hungers for the tenderness of a mother's love. Our bruises ache for a mother's healing touch. Our souls faint for the ear of a mom who will listen to dreams, hopes and hurts.

Thank you ladies who give what only true mothers give. The Lord built the church on the model of the family, so all who come to Him have Christian parents and siblings. We all also have children to care for in the Household of God.

Happy Mother's Day! Moms, enjoy the honor. Children, relish the joys of the gift of your mom. Motherless children, seek the gift of a Christian mother provided by God within the church family.

Joseph D. Chase  
Gladewater, Texas

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 66:8-13

**Songs:** **31** Be Still And Know, **890** In The Land Of Fadeless Day, **922** Jesus Paid It All, **543** Wonderful Words Of Life, **948** I Am Resolved.



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May 10, 2015

**WELCOME!**

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.



- Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.
- Bulletins are archived on the website.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- The Kittanning, PA church will be sending a team up here to conduct a **VBS on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. The theme **The Life of Christ**.
- A **team of campaigners** from the church in Milton, FL, will be coming to Sayre at the **end of July**. This is just in time to let everyone know about the VBS that will be happening in August. We don't know yet the number, ages and relationships of the visitors, but we need places for them to stay. Several of you have generously offered hospitality already. We will give you all more information about that when we get it.
- **Ladies Class, Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Sandy will lead the discussion on pages 81-89.
- **Men's Breakfast, Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**.
- The **Antioch Initiative** will be gathering a group of mission-minded Christians to **visit with us here June 8<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> to plan church plantings** in one of the three counties of Susquehanna, Wyoming or Sullivan, PA. They are seeking church leaders to join us then.



- Our next **potluck dinner** will be next **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us! We have nice new tables to use for serving and eating, compliments of Dave and Pat Halligan.

## PRAYERS...

- Continued prayers for Brian and Vicky Ford.
- Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son, who is suffering from MS, will be moving in with his young daughter, Katie. Pray that all goes well with that arrangement and that Katie gets all the help she needs with this large undertaking.
- Patty and Ruthie's cousin, Lindsay, has back pain from a recent surgery.
- Ruthie's elderly friend, Marguerite, is recovering from a fall in which she fractured a vertebra.
- Pray for Lisa Washburn, that she doesn't have cancer and can deal with her health and emotional problems with God's help. Also, that she can be involved in worship and Bible study.
- Please pray for Emily Barry, and her son, Aidan, as she starts saving to make the trip to NY. Help her make the final decision wisely concerning the move. Pray for Aidan at school and at home.
- Darlene Elsbree learned from her cystoscopy procedure that she has a normal bladder. She would like prayers that she can find employment now that her teaching job came to an end for the year.
- Darlene's niece, Brianna, has moved to FL to start a career as a Physician's Assistant. Pray that she is successful and safe.
- Ruthies appointment with the foot specialist is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry **barncat7237@gmail.com** or text or call (607) 261-0911.