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# May 2018



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday School 9:45 A. M.</b> <b>Worship Service 11 A.M.</b>		<b>1</b> <i>May Day</i>	<b>2</b> NO Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm.  UMW Salad Luncheon 12:00 P.M.	<b>3</b>  Senior Recognition Supper 6:30 P.M.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Holy Communion Confirmation Class Administrative Council meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.  Fishing trip to Bellamy's pond	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY NO BASKET DINNER Confirmation Class	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> <b>VBS</b> <b>8:30—11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>22</b> <b>VBS</b> <b>8:30—11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>23</b> <b>VBS</b> <b>8:30—11:30 A.M.</b> NO Bible Study at PVRC	<b>24</b> <b>VBS</b> <b>8:30—11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>25</b> <b>VBS</b> <b>8:30—11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	<b>31</b>		

# IN HONOR OF MOTHERS' DAY




## Question: "What does the Bible say about Christian mothers?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/mothers-Christian.html>

**Answer:** Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. 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 ([Psalm 127:3-5](#)).

In [Titus 2:4](#), the Greek word *philoteknos* appears in reference to mothers loving their children. This word represents a special kind of "mother love." The idea that flows out of this word is that of caring for our children, nurturing them, affectionately embracing them, meeting their needs, and tenderly befriending each one as a unique gift from the hand of God.



The Bible never states that every woman should be a mother. However, it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Motherhood is not a chore or unpleasant task. 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.



Next month:— "What does the Bible say about Christian fathers?"

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

**Availability** - morning, noon, and night ([Deuteronomy 6:6-7](#))

**Involvement** - interacting, discussing, thinking, and processing life together ([Ephesians 6:4](#))

**Teaching** - the Scriptures and a biblical worldview ([Psalm 78:5-6](#); [Deuteronomy 4:10](#); [Ephesians 6:4](#))

**Training** - helping a child to develop skills and discover his/her strengths ([Proverbs 22:6](#)) and spiritual gifts ([Romans 12:3-8](#) and [1 Corinthians 12](#))

**Discipline** - teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly ([Ephesians 6:4](#); [Hebrews 12:5-11](#); [Proverbs 13:24](#); [19:18](#); [22:15](#); [23:13-14](#); [29:15-17](#))

**Nurture** - providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love ([Titus 2:4](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#); [Ephesians 4:29-32](#); [5:1-2](#); [Galatians 5:22](#); [1 Peter 3:8-9](#))

**Modeling with Integrity** - living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by "catching" the essence of godly living ([Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23](#); [Proverbs 10:9](#); [11:3](#); [Psalm 37:18, 37](#)).

## VBS ADVENTURE PARK

**For children from 5 years to those just completing 6th grade.**

**WHEN: May 21 to May 25, 2018**

**8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**WHERE: Sharon Springs United Methodist Church**

**HELPERS NEEDED!!! If willing to help, even if it is just one morning, please contact Etta Walker or Carol Sweat.**



Worship is a voluntary act of gratitude offered by the saved to the Savior, by the healed to the Healer, and by the delivered to the Deliverer. And if you and I can go days without feeling an urge to say "thank you" to the One who saved, healed and delivered us, then we'd do well to remember what he did.



The 2018 Great Plains Annual Conference Session will be held June 13-16 at the Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center (225 W Douglas Ave) in Wichita, Kansas. The theme, "Therefore Go: Proclaim Christ" marks the second year of a four-year theme meant to help clergy and laity of the Great Plains live into active discipleship.

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/annualconference>

### SAFE GATHERINGS CERTIFICATION

If anyone needs assistance in taking the Safe Gatherings on-line class, Etta Walker has offered her office. Please make an appointment with Etta first so she can make sure to have a room available. If several people want to take it perhaps the library would be an option.



## PENTECOST

One of the principal days of the Christian year, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. The Greek word pentecoste means "fiftieth day." Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. Traditionally, Pentecost has been a day for baptisms. Because it was the custom in the early church for persons being baptized to wear white robes or clothing, the day also became known as Whitsunday, a contraction of white Sunday.

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/glossary-pentecost>

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Pastor's Page

**May 2018**

The end of school is now in sight! I wish to take this time to congratulate the seniors and pray for their continued success in the next phase of their lives.

It is exciting that we have 5 young disciples finishing their confirmation class on Mother's Day. We will have been working for 6 weeks studying and working to bring them closer to God and their faith.

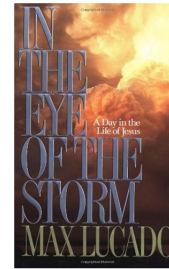
I want to remind those that are planning to attend the annual conference in June to get your registration in and your hotel booked in Wichita. Please plan to stay through Saturday morning as planned because they always put important votes at the last minute.

Easter this year was fantastic with all the things going on and having 110 people in church on Easter morning! I want to thank everyone that helped make Holy Week and Easter morning such a success.

**John Wesley: "Let your words be the genuine picture of your heart."**

God bless your summer!

Pastor Galen



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**IN THE EYE OF THE STORM: JESUS KNOWS HOW YOU FEEL**

*One day in the life of Christ.*

Call it a tapestry of turmoil: A noisy pictorial in which the golden threads of triumph knot against the black, frazzled strings of tragedy.

Call it a symphony of emotions: A sunrise-to-sunset orchestration of extremes. One score is brassy with exuberance — the next moans with sorrow.

Whatever you call it — call it real. Author Max Lucado calls it “the second most stressful day in the life of our Savior.” Before the morning becomes evening Jesus has reason to weep, then run, then shout, then curse, then praise, then doubt. Within a matter of moments his world is turned upside down.

Sound familiar? The pink slip comes. The doctor calls. The divorce papers arrive. The check bounces. The life that had been calm is now chaotic. The world that had been serene is now stormy. Assailed by doubts. Pummeled by demands.

If you've ever wondered if God in heaven can relate to you on earth, then read and re-read this pressure-packed day in the life of Christ. It is the only day, aside from the crucifixion, that all four gospels recorded. Lucado has interwoven their accounts in such a way that you will be assured that God knows how you feel.

And you will be assured that within every torrent there is a calm center — a place you can stand when your world gets windy. The Eye of the Storm.

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