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Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ



A Legacy of Love: Honoring the Heart of the Home

As the flowers bloom and the air turns sweet with the scent of May, our hearts naturally turn toward a special celebration:

Mother's Day.

While the world prepares cards and bouquets, we as a church family take a moment to look deeper at the profound calling of motherhood and the "mother-figures" who shape our lives.

The Strength of a Quiet Faith

In the scriptures, we see that a mother's influence is rarely measured by loud proclamations, but by steady, unwavering devotion. Think of **Timothy**, whose faith was first ignited by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5). Their legacy wasn't built on titles, but on the quiet, daily rhythms of teaching, praying, and loving.

Motherhood—in all its forms—is one of the clearest earthly reflections of God's own heart. In Isaiah 66:13, God tells us: *"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."*

Celebrating Every Heart

We recognize that Mother's Day carries a mosaic of emotions. This month, we want to honor:

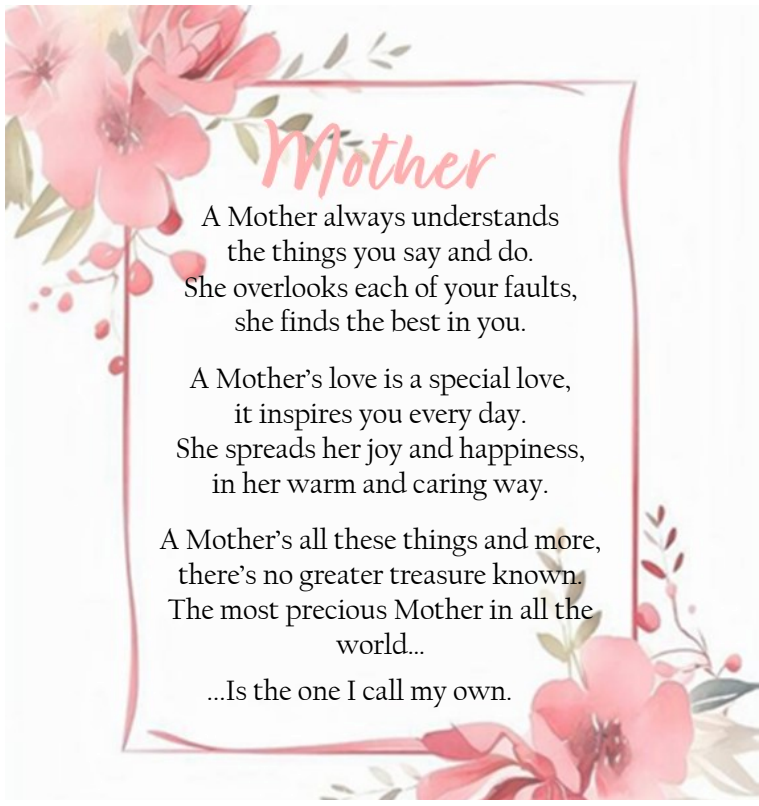
- ♥ **The Biological Mothers:** For your sacrifices, your sleepless nights, and your boundless energy.
- ♥ **The Adoptive and Foster Mothers:** For opening your hearts and homes to build a family through choice and grace.
- ♥ **The Spiritual Mothers:** To the mentors, teachers, and "church moms" who have guided a younger generation in the way they should go.
- ♥ **Those in Waiting:** To the women longing for children, we stand with you in prayer and hope.
- ♥ **Those in Mourning:** To those who have lost their mothers or a child, we offer a shoulder to lean on and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

A Prayer for May

This month, let us not just give flowers, but give thanks. Let's commit to being a community that supports parents and nurtures children. *Let us pray:*

Lord, thank You for the gift of mothers. We ask for Your strength to be their portion, Your wisdom to be their guide, and Your peace to fill their homes. May they feel seen, valued, and deeply loved today and every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

I love being called your Pastor,
 Chris



Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

MAY 03	10:55 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Morning Worship Brief Business Meeting Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
MAY 05	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
MAY 06	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAY 10	9:00 a.m. 10:55 a.m.	2 nd Sunday Celebration Morning Worship
<p>Happy Mother's Day to our precious moms!</p> <p>No evening service</p>		
MAY 12	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
MAY 13	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAY 17	10:55 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Worship Family Night Adults on Mission CIA / Youth
MAY 19	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
MAY 20	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAY 24	10:55 a.m.	Morning Worship No evening Service
MAY 25		<p>Remember and Honor</p>
MAY 30	8:00 a.m.	<p>Men's Breakfast</p>
MAY 31	10:55 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Morning Worship Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth

What Can You Do for God?

What does it mean to serve God? Many of us have a distorted idea of service—to the point that we overlook opportunities right in front of us. For example, we might think joining the mission field or preaching a sermon is the only way to have a real impact. Those things are important, but the truth is, serving the Lord usually involves what's happening in our life on a daily basis.

GOD WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO DO SOMETHING HE DOESN'T EMPOWER YOU TO DO.

Don't underestimate what God is doing in your seemingly ordinary day, whether that involves volunteering in your community,

loving a new neighbor, caring for someone in need, or offering a listening, compassionate ear. You may not think these are important work, but they most certainly are. What you say to people, how you treat others, and the ways you handle adversity are like stored-up treasures—God uses these things to reveal Himself to the world. When you live righteously, love those around you, and demonstrate kindness, compassion, and gentleness, you are bearing witness for Him (*Matthew 5:16*).

How is God serving His purpose through you? Before starting your day, say this prayer: *Lord, I choose Your way. Accomplish Your will in me, whatever that takes.*

When you do, things will happen in your life that you never expected. God will bless you beyond all measure (*Galatians 6:9*).

And with serving in mind...Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Thank you to all who have signed up to help this year. We are preparing for a great week of exciting adventures as we explore the nature of God at Rainforest Falls. Help us fill our building by inviting all the kids you know. They can register with the QR code below.

Enka Baptist Church invites you to **RAINFOREST FALLS** Exploring The Nature of God **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** JULY 13 - 17 5:45 - 8:30 Ages 3 - Rising 5th Graders REGISTER NOW! 1310 SAND HILL RD | CANDLER, NC 28715

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
may babies



MISSIONS across the street and around the world
Summer break is almost here for our kids!
Our May mission project will be assisting ABCCM with their increased demand for kids' lunch items. Let's stock their shelves with box juices, jars of peanut butter and jelly, cereal, and easy-to-fix items for kids who are at home during the summer while school is out. We are so grateful for how much time, energy and love you contribute to our ministry, and its such a blessing to know we can always count on you!



Recycling for God!?

Have you ever wondered why we recycle our small group literature and where it goes? **Harvest Seeds Ministry** "helps provide the 'printed seeds' of the gospel to the ends of the earth."

Harvest Seeds Ministry is a Literature ministry that collects donated new and used Christian material, such as Bibles, Sunday School literature, devotional books, hymns, all types of Christian books and magazines, basic school supplies, etc. The material collected is sorted, boxed and sent to another ministry, Love Packages in Butler, Illinois, where it is sent to poor Third World English speaking countries to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are many countries around the world hungering for the gospel message! Love Packages must be so careful in sending the Christian materials. And they make sure the contact person in the countries where they send the materials share them just where God leads. Every week the distributors take the literature and use it to bring the Good News to a lost world. Here are a few testimonies:

Nigeria: A group was sharing the gospel in the northern part of Nigeria, where 90% of the population are Muslims. The group shared for three days, giving out Bibles and other Christian materials, with a large number of people making a commitment to Christ. On day four, one member of the group was taken to the police station for questioning because there is a law against converting a Muslim to Christianity. He was detained in the cell for three days and was bailed out on the fourth day. The closing statement from this group said:

"The work of the Lord must go on."

Zimbabwe: "Your container has been, and continues to be a blessing to Zimbabwe. The ministry flowing from your heart has made it possible for us to reach children, families, schools, churches and even prisons with hope and the gospel. The work we see today would not have been possible without your ministry. We had no literature before you. This is real, deep, and life-changing work happening because of your ministry."

We take our freedom to worship for granted in this country, but this reminds us that other countries are not so blessed.