

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

To the one who bears the sweetest name

Mom, mama, mam, ma, mother...any way you slice it, it pretty much means the same thing: nurturer, sustainer, lover of children, friend. In our harried, hurry-up world there's little down time. For those who believe motherhood is a relatively easy task in comparison to a "career-oriented" vocation, consider this: by the time a child reaches 18, a mother has had to handle some extra 18,000 hours of child-generated work. In fact, women who never have children enjoy the equivalent of an extra three months a year in leisure time!

Where would we be without our mothers? Simply put, we wouldn't! I love the story I read the other day about two little boys giving their mother a house plant for Mother's Day. They had used their own money and she was thrilled. The older of them said with a sad face, "there was a bouquet that we wanted to give you at the flower shop. It was real pretty, but it was too expensive. It has a ribbon on it that said, 'Rest in Peace', and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest."

Moms, do yourself a favor. Remind yourself that there's no such thing as a 'perfect' mother. While no one needs to be treated with more tenderness than our moms, it seems that sometimes we're too hard on them. There appears to be "equal opportunity" though, because when the kids aren't too hard on mom, she has a tendency to be too hard on herself! Enjoy today and lighten up on yourself. I'll leave you with one last story. A mother was browsing in the ladies' department one day with her son who was just learning to read. Trying to read all the signs he could, he came upon one in the maternity department. "Look, Mom!" he said excitedly as he pointed at the sign. "They're even making clothes for eternity now!" Although there's no such thing as 'eternity' clothes, I know quite a few moms who've clothed their children in prayer, love and encouragement in preparation *for* eternity! And, to them we use this day to say, 'thanks'.

Have a blessed Mother's Day and remember the One who gave it to you!

Kevin

*Chestnut Mountain Ranch is a Christ-centered school and home for boys in need of hope and healing. The ranch sits on 225 acres just 6 miles from downtown Morgantown. They are trying to raise funds to build a 30x40x16' metal building to be used for a garage or work shop. This building will be used to teach the boys car maintenance and repairs. If you would like to help fund this project, please see Kevin.

Happy Mother's Day!

Prayer Requests

- ♥Prayers have been requested for neighbors of Rick and Leah Earle. Ruth and Tom Heston are both dealing with illness.
- ♥Dave White has asked us to pray for Lois Hershman (Devon's biological great grandmother) who is suffering with acute pancreatitis.
- ♥Frank Perry has been admitted to Ruby hospital with fluid around his lungs.
- ♥Keith Kisner has been given a different chemotherapy treatment and seems to be responding well to it.
- ♥Continue to lift up Edwina Summers, Harold Phillips, and the Osborne's each day in your prayer time!
- ♥Kim Dumire continues to receive chemotherapy treatment and appears to be responding well to her medicine.
- ♥Terri Puccio (Tammy Ross' sister) is not doing well after being diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Please keep Terri, her husband and parents in your prayers.

Order of Worship Today

Bible Class

Opening Song - #15 "Step By Step"

Dismissal Prayer

Worship Assembly

Opening Song - #2 "We Praise Thee, O God"

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 6:20-23

Prayer Song - #791 "On Bended Knee I Come"

Prayer

Song - #23 "Our God, He Is Alive"

Communion Song - #371 "A Hill Called Mount Calvary"

Lord's Supper

Song - #895 "I'll Live In Glory"

Morning Lesson

Invitation Song - #940 "Only A Step"

Announcements

Closing Song - #709 "How Sweet, How Heavenly"

Dismissal Prayer

News and Notes

Senior Recognition Night will be Sunday, May 17th at 6:00 PM. We will have refreshments in the lower fellowship hall immediately following the evening service to celebrate with our graduates. Please bring finger foods. If you have any questions, please see Joel or Summer.

Nursery School Graduation is May 18th at 7:00 PM. Anyone who would like to come is