



Pastor's Perspective — In Praise of Godly Moms

By Dr. Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

Neita and I are grateful for our mothers.

Both of us would testify that it was through our mothers that we first heard the gospel and that it was through their patient teaching of the Bible that we were ultimately drawn to Christ. Both of us would also testify to the important role that our mothers have played in preparing us as people and partners and parents.

On multiple occasions we have expressed our appreciation to them—and we will continue to do that as long as the Lord gives us the opportunity. We are both very much the people that our mothers trained us to be.

That we would say this of our mothers is not to dis-

count or overlook the contributions of our fathers for they too were used of the Lord to shape and give direction to our lives. Rather, our purpose in mentioning our mothers is to do what the Scriptures say that the children of such mothers will do. They will stand up and give her praise. With her husband they will say:

*"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."*

(Proverbs 31:29)

In that same Scripture is also the reminder that of all the qualities that might be seen in a mom, and of all the things that she might do for her children, the one that evokes the praise, and even commands it, is that through her life-message she day by day shows her family what it means to have a true and living relationship with the Lord:

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her the reward she has earned,
And let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

(Proverbs 31:30-31)

Herewith, Neita and I give our mothers that praise.



2010 Bible Memory Challenge

Our verse for May is Galatians 2:20: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

End of Another Year of Ministry

Thursday Night ESL

Thursday night ESL classes will conclude on May 13, with our end-of-year party being held from 8:00 to 9:00 PM. The church family is invited to come and demonstrate our love for our students. Pray for the Lord to draw these students to Him during our final weeks of class and for further opportunity for ministry in their lives this summer and fall. The ESL Sunday school class continues to meet year-round.



Awana Clubs

The annual Awana Awards Program will be held on Sunday, May 23 at 6:00 PM to recognize the efforts of our clubbers in memorizing and studying God's Word. We have a large number receiving book awards this year, reflecting their dedication as well as that of their parents and Awana leaders. This is also an opportunity to share the gospel with our Awana families. A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall after the program.



Spring Festival

Our 5th annual Spring Festival will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. We need you to help make this outreach effort a success. Many volunteers are needed to help staff the games, crafts, food table, and other fun activities as well as to help present the gospel and provide information about Fellowship. Please use the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

Flyers are available in the church foyer. Please take some and post them on public bulletin boards and pass them out in your neighborhood. Also, please see

Ron Wasserstein if you can help with preparations on Friday, May 21 or Saturday morning, May 22.

Pray for good weather, for many visitors from our community, for many opportunities to talk with people about the Lord, and for this event to result in visitors to our church. Pray especially that the gospel-centered conversations and literature will result in people coming to faith in Christ.



Missionary Visit

George and Arlene Blood are on a brief furlough from April through July. They are focusing on their supporting churches in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, some of which they have not visited in ten years. In the midst of this busy schedule, George and Arlene will give a report to Fellowship on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:30 PM. Please make an effort to attend and be an encouragement to these faithful missionaries. A love offering will be received.

Missions Trip Presentation

Amy Cuddington had a wonderful experience during her recent missions trip to Thailand (January 29-February 8) and the Philippines (February 9-April 13). In Thailand she was part of a team that ministered to missionary children while their parents attended a conference, and also taught English to Thai school



children. Amy then spent an extended period in the Philippines, helping a veteran missionary there with various aspects of her ministry including Vacation Bible School, camp, and backyard Bible clubs. Amy will give a report to the church during the Sunday School hour on May 23. Please plan to attend.

Memorial Day Sunday Fellowship



Everyone is encouraged to participate in fellowship-in-homes gatherings following the morning service on Sunday, May 30. We plan to have several groups hosted by families in the church to share a meal and fellowship. Please plan to attend this opportunity to strengthen relationships with each other and encourage one another in the Lord. And please consider volunteering to serve as a host family. A sign-up sheet for this event will be made available in the church foyer in the near future. There will be no evening ministries at the church that Sunday.

Missions Trip Offering

Our missionaries, Larry and Sallie Fogle, use the Pastoral Enrichment Program (PeP) to encourage and equip national pastors and church leaders around the world, helping these nationals to lead established churches effectively. In order to maximize the impact of the PeP ministry trips, Larry recruits others to team-teach with him. He has asked Pastor Lindholm to join him for his trip to India and Nepal on October 13-26. We will be receiving a love offering on June 6 and 13 to cover Pastor's travel expenses (approx. \$3,000).

Money Matters

The report below shows clear evidence of the Lord's goodness and faithfulness to His people!

April Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,487
Weekly Need	\$5,290
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$94,156
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$89,934
Year-to-Date Building Fund Giving	\$270

Help Wanted

Do you enjoy writing and reporting? Do you like creating documents and publications on the computer? Are you looking for a way to use your abilities in the Lord's service? Then we would like your help with this church newsletter. Please see Pete English for more information.



Welcome New Members:

Gelpi and Cleo Martinez and Jake and Jill Porter were voted into the membership of our church on Sunday, May 2. We are thrilled to see these couples make this commitment to the Lord and His church, and are pleased to be joined with them in serving our Savior. If you need to take the step of membership, or are not sure what it means to be a "member," please speak with one of our Pastors or Deacons.

Calendar

May 8	Mother's Day Luncheon (11:30 AM)
May 11	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
May 13	ESL End-of-Year Party (8:00 PM)
May 19	Missions Prayer Meeting (7:30 PM)
May 22	Spring Festival (NOON to 4:00 PM)
May 23	Amy Cuddington Missions Trip Presentation (9:30 AM) Awana Awards Program (6:00 PM)
May 30	Lunch Fellowships (after AM Service) No Evening Ministries
June 2	George & Arlene Blood Visit (7:30 PM)