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Who would have thought a Mother's Day column could be lifted out of an article entitled "What Makes Men Men?", but that's what I'm doing.

After referring to mothers and fathers as kings and queens, the author states:

"Comparisons of fathers and mothers with kings and queens seem naïve, nostalgic, sentimental, and exaggerated. They make us squirm. There are strong reasons for this reactions, but they are bad ones. How many parents have lost their regal dignity, disbelieve in their authority, and confuse the proper humility of their office with being self-mocking and ironic? We have turned husbands and wives into androgynous 'spouses,' fathers and mothers into interchangeable 'parent figures.' We approach having a child like acquiring a pool table or wide-screen TV. Would it be fun? Would it be tedious? Would it be worth the expense? Fathers and mothers have need of recovering their sense of regal calling, taking up their ball and scepter, and ruling their dominions with love for their precious subjects.

"May it be needless to say that mothers and fathers must also recover the conviction of their need for each other. They must do this not only for their own sakes, but also for their young. Every child needs both kinds of love. It is not enough to provide an intermediate love that is half motherly and half fatherly. Or an inconsistent love that is motherly at some times, fatherly at others. Even though the two loves resemble each other, they are distinct, and neither can be imitated by anything else. Yes, it may be true heroism when, through no fault of one's own, a father or a mother raises a child all alone; yet it is better to not be alone. No woman can fully take the place of a father, any more than a man can substitute for a mother."

I thank God for mothers...and fathers.  
God Bless, Rick



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*All Mothers, physical and spiritual, will be honored with a corsage this Sunday.*

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**Sunday Worship Service** 9:15 AM  
**Bible School** 10:45 AM

STATISTICS		
	4/25	
Worship		98
Offering		\$5,926.96
	5/2	
Worship		86
Offering		\$11,300.00

## MOTHER'S DAY SCHEDULE

There was some confusion last Sunday about whether or not we would have Sunday School classes on Mother's Day. After further consultation it was determined that it is our practice to NOT have Sunday School on Mother's Day. Wee Worship and Jr. Worship will meet as usual, and nurseries will be provided, but there will be no Sunday School or evening programs.

It's Mom's day, so plan on a full day of family activity, beginning with worship.

## College Class to be offered

Kevin Lasley has agreed to offer a class during the Sunday School hour for college kids home for the summer, as well as recent high school graduates, beginning June 6th. Kevin is a former college professor who gave up his position at EIU to minister on an Indian reservation in Minnesota. He and Kathy moved to our area several years ago, and have become very involved in the life of our church. They are the parents of David Lasley, the campus minister at UIS, and are obviously passionate about helping college kids grow in their faith.

## Pray for Kent Paris

Kent's ministry to homosexuals and those struggling with gender confusion is in danger of being silenced by spiritual and political enemies. Pray that Kent will remain strong in this important battle for the truth.

## News from Jamaica

Theo & Rose Miller, Missionaries

Dear Friends of the Millers,

Life in Jamaica has been as crazy as it has been here during the COVID crisis, and I hadn't talked with Theo for some time. We finally made contact last Saturday, and things are going fairly well in spite of curfews that were in place for several weeks on weekends and evenings. Churches and even Bible studies couldn't meet, but Theo was able to go online with the service from Ocho, and Bible studies went to a Zoom style format. The worship service was very well received, with many viewing who never went to church, and some watching from the states and UK as well.

As here, online services are a two-edged sword. It is good to be able to share a service online, but some get too comfortable just watching. The churches were recently given permission to meet again with a limit of thirty, but many have been slow to return. To encourage people to actually come to church, Theo decided to stop broadcasting the service and just make recordings available to members who are actually unable to come.

Churches in Jamaica raise a considerable amount of their budget through annual Harvest Celebrations where church members and friends bring baked goods, food items, and crafts to be purchased. This year a Harvest offering only craft items was held online for the Grierfield church, and it was a financial success. One is scheduled for Claremont this Sunday, and even though some can actually come, Theo is asking that baked good not be brought because people tend to flock around such items. Hopefully craft items will sell well online, and special projects in the church will be able to be able to go forward.

God Bless, Rick

## YOUTH GROUP FINALE MAY 23RD - 4:00PM



I hope everyone is planning to come out for some ice cream on Sunday, May 23rd. It is going to be a great evening of fun and fellowship. As you might have heard during the service last week, ice cream will not be the only food group represented. Mike and Kelly Donaldson have graciously offered to bring pulled pork right out of the smoker for our dinner prior to our sampling of all the different ice cream flavors available. When he described his final touches involving a sweet apple glaze over the top of the pork, I wanted to give him a great big hug, but I didn't.

A great culinary lineup of pulled pork, chips and ice cream is not the only reason to come out to the church grounds that evening. We will have two inflatables set up for the kids to enjoy. One is very similar to the 40 ft obstacle course we rented for our Foster Care Family Fun Day a couple years ago. If you remember, it provided tons of fun for kids that afternoon. The little ones can also spend some time at our craft tables to make a little something to take home that evening. For the older kids, a couple of games like 9 square and gaga ball will be available to play in between your many trips through the food line.

For everyone else, our whole church family I hope, you get to sit back in some shade somewhere with a scrumptious plate of food, visit for awhile with a good friend and watch the little ones of the church burn through their energy. Looking forward to a great evening with everybody!



For the month of June, I would like to try something new this year and establish every Wednesday as a wet, wacky, wild, wonderful day for our kids. Here is what I am thinking.

- June 9: (K through 5th grade) A wet, wacky afternoon at the Huber pool. We will meet around noon for a some swim time. Then, I'll fire up the grill and put on some spamburgers, I mean hamburgers, for lunch. After our break we will do some more swimming and games in the pool until you are ready to go home.
- June 16th: (Jr High and High School) Basically the same thing, but we will start at 3:00pm and grill out for dinner instead of lunch. After dinner, you can swim some more, play games inside or go on your merry way!
- June 23rd: (K through 5th grade) On the 9th, we will discuss what to do on this day. But it must include water! Maybe Knights Action Park or a water day here at CCC involving slip and slide kick ball and a massive water balloon fight. It's up to you!
- June 30th: (Junior High and High School) We too have to decide on something involving water. With your creative minds this should be easy. We will list some options, take a vote and plan on having some fun!

As the summer gets rolling, if there conflicts that arise, we can always be flexible and move some dates around. But for now, lets plan on some wet, wacky Wednesdays!