



TRUE LIGHT

RAIN REMINDS ME OF MY MOTHER

Her children stand and bless her (Proverbs 31:28 NLT).

Rain reminds me of my mother. She loved rain. I guess I got that from her. She was enthusiastic about most everything that grew, or that was a part of the natural world. I didn't realize until she was gone how much she knew about all kinds of flowers and trees. I think she could identify almost any tree or flower. She would remark on the texture of the bark on trees or on the amount of shade a certain type of tree provided. She knew how long trees lived - she warned us not to plant a tree that didn't have a long life span. She knew the growing conditions of an astonishing number of flowers. Even today, my mother's comments about plants continually pop into my mind when I go to the nursery - what will grow in what type of soil, whether it likes sun or shade. I usually leave the nursery with more than I can get planted, because of the sound of her enthusiastic voice in my ear.

Like a lot of people in Texas, mother used hyperbole freely. In the mornings she would say, "Isn't it a glorious day?" She liked to say things were glorious. When she ate something she liked, you could count on her to say, "That's the best _____ I ever ate!"

Fortunately for me, I "caught" her enthusiasm for living in the world day to day. As a result, I almost always wake up in the morning full of anticipation. I listen to the doves cooing for a few minutes, a sound that makes me happy (as does the sound of rain at night). I usually hurry out to the kitchen to see what has happened to the trees and flowers overnight... what the light is like... and which birds are on the feeder.

My mother didn't like to shop. Once in a while she would take all of her daughters on a shopping spree together, but I think it was her way of trying to get it over with as quickly as possible. I don't remember her looking at things to buy for herself (like I do when my daughter and I shop together), though I have many memories of her finding things on the racks and bringing them for me to see. She seemed more interested in talking to the sales ladies than shopping. She knew some of those ladies by name, and they remembered her. She always took us to Litchinsteins, "the" department store in Corpus Christi at the time. One of the sales ladies, who looked rather snooty to me, always recognized her and greeted her like a friend. They would chat the entire time my sisters and I shopped.

Mom hated TV, and wouldn't allow one in the house until I was twelve. However, as she got older, she got a lot of pleasure out of watching the nature shows after she had worked in her yard all day. I believe she had a happy life after her six children were all grown and gone and she was living alone. A large part of her joy was because she could work in her yard and visit with those who lived nearby or walked by.

Her habit of talking to everyone as if they were a friend may have been why she was attacked in her home. A man crawled in her bedroom window. When she went into her bedroom he attacked her, leaving horrific bruises on her arms. He had brought cord to tie her up and intended to harm her further, no doubt, but she began to pray in a loud voice for the Lord to forgive him. He left.

When Mother was dying, she was very weak and could barely move or speak. However, she lifted her hand and pointed to the ceiling and said again and again what sounded to me like, "Up, up!". I asked her if she meant Heaven, and there was a twinkle in her eye that I knew meant yes.

I know when she got there she said, "Isn't this glorious?"

And now, as the years go by, when it rains, I think of my mother, and it's a glorious day.

J. Bordine, via www.heartlight.com

May 10, 2026

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." Proverbs 31:25-26



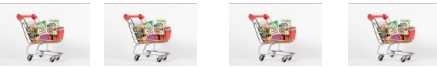
**BIRTHDAYS/
ANNIVERSARIES**

May 11 - Ryan Young
May 13 - BJ Thomason
May 15 - Brian McGowan
May 17 - Jerry McCoy
*belated birthday wishes to Jorden Ross, who celebrated May 5.



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Country Gravy Mix * Brown Gravy Mix * BBQ Sauce * Diced Tomatoes * Black Olives * Pickles
Pick up date: August 3rd



WILLING TO SERVE

May 10, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Opening Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Scripture.....Jorden Ross
Prayer.....Zack Tanner
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ward

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Scripture.....Rodney Williams
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

May 13, 2026

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Justin Allen

May 17, 2026

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Steve Jones
Prayer.....Jason Karnes
Closing Prayer.....Jess LeCroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Chase Burch
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

Attendance for May 3: 104

Contribution for May 3: \$3820

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cindy Williams will have an MRI May 18 and see her doctor the 19th for her sciatic nerve pain ***Lexie Davis**, who will be wearing a heart monitor for a few weeks * **Mike Duley** waiting on a surgery date to remove a pancreatic cyst * **Jess LeCroy** is dealing with some health issues * **David Burleson** continues to do well while he's taking chemo treatments * **Pat Cooper** remains at Annie's Garden skilled nursing facility in Sikeston for rehab * **Dewayne Stidham**, cousin of Kent Buck, battling liver cancer * **Jerry Bullock** from the Caruthersville congregation, diagnosed with cancer * **Clyde Jacques** is not doing well

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Cody Boyt * Jerry Burleson * David Burleson * David Carson * Faye Dockins * Mike Duley * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McKuin * Gloria Moore * June Mothersbaugh * Woody and Janet Wood

Those dealing with cancer/other illness (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beard * Terry Bean family * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Scott Burleson * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Audrey Galloway * Emily Garner * Patricia Greninger * Stan Goodman * Renee Goodman * Christy Heskett * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Kristin Meadows * Jerry Mickey * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Cindy Miller * Betty Nicholson * Nikki Reif * Joe Richardson * Anthony Tate * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joyce Walker * Christina Whitaker * Alan Woodward

Our Shut Ins: Pat Cooper * Faye Dockins * David Terrill *

Looking Ahead

- May 12: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Granny Lou's in Bernie. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.
- Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be breakfast for supper. Desserts will be needed.
- May 17: Senior Sunday recognition following evening worship. Our two seniors this year are Houston Neely and Jorden Ross. Please plan to stay for the meal following worship and help us celebrate our seniors.
- May 30: Ladies Day at Valley View church of Christ with guest speaker Janet Marks. The theme is "He Restoreth My Soul - The Value of Soul Health." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

I LOVE YOU - AND I'M SORRY

From 1962 to 1970, my family lived in Victoria, Texas. There is a wonderful church there, the Central Church of Christ. We were very involved in that little community of faith. We were in Bible class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. We went to Sunday night worship and Vacation Bible School. We were in the big middle of nearly everything that was going on.

I was a rather energetic child (understatement). It was difficult for me to sit still (impossible) and I was a bit of a challenge (a real PAIN) to the women who were trying to teach me in Sunday school. When I was six, one Sunday morning I was more of a challenge than usual. The Sunday school teacher threatened to take me to my parents (a fate worse than death) if I didn't "simmer down." My response? I calmly informed her that, "My daddy's out of town and I don't have to mind my mother." I'm sure this sounded good to me at the time. I am also sure it was proven to be false about three minutes after the words left my impertinent little mouth.

This Sunday is Mother's Day. My mother should get a medal. I was ADHD before there was such a thing. I think I helped invent it. But this Sunday she won't get a medal. She'll get the traditional corsage, a Mother's Day telephone call and the usual card which I'll sign, "I love you - and I'm sorry."

Like all holidays, Mother's Day is bittersweet. Many will celebrate with gifts and cards, honoring and thanking their mothers for all she has done for them. But for some, Mother's Day is a day to be endured. It brings back memories of a dysfunctional home and unhealthy parenting styles. If you are part of the second group, the enduring group, I'm praying for you. My prayer is that God has placed another person in your life who can bless you. I pray that your anger and your pain will be healed. I pray that you are part of a healthy community of faith where you can minister and be ministered to. I pray that, through the grace of God, your difficult beginnings won't hamper your ability to have intimate relationships. I pray that God will give you a deeper sense of His love for you, that you will see yourself as a valued, adopted son or daughter of the Creator of the universe - someone whom He considered worth dying for.

If you are in the first group, the celebrating group, I want to remind you of something. You are the recipient of the greatest earthly blessing there is, the blessing of being born into a loving and nurturing family. You have a leg up on the rest of the world. You are who you are because of this wonderful blessing. No possession is more valuable than the fact that you can celebrate Mother's Day. If you were loved, you learned how to love. If you were secure, you learned how to trust. If you were taught about God, you learned how to have faith.

My prayer for you is that you will never take your blessedness for granted, that you will never stop being thankful, and that you will pass this most precious of blessings on to your family and friends. Happy Mother's Day - and mother, if you're reading this, I love you - and I'm sorry. Danny Mann