

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places...I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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**Parents are
baby-
sitters for
God!**

Moms

Moms, this is your day. You have earned it and you deserve it. "Mom" is such an interesting word. Everyone who has walked on this earth, including Jesus, has had a mom.

Some use the word "Mom." Others say, "Mother." When you're small it's usually, "Mommy." Some may have a Mom that is getting frail with age. Some may no longer have a Mom that is alive. Others may not have known their Mom. Some get the honor of spending part of today with their Mom.

Giving birth qualifies a person to be called Mom. But most of us know there is much more to it than that. Some Moms are not very good at being a Mom. Neglect, abuse and selfishness have destroyed the relationship with children. I think of Susan Smith, the troubled soul who downed her two children. Ma Barker, the bank robber, certainly wasn't nominated as "Mother of the year."

Being a real Mom is hard. It takes so much energy to keep everyone going. Moms have to be quick with an answer. They have to be smart to help with the homework. They have to be creative to come up with a dinner that everyone will eat. They have to be tough enough able to settle differences and kind enough to offer comfort. Cut knees, broken hearts, missing socks, tummy aches, and dealing with "do I have to" are



Picture of my older brother, Randy, my Mom and me.

all a part of Moms daily schedule.

The work is even harder for Moms who are Christians. The spiritual lessons are important. Modesty, morality, and influence are a constant struggle with teenagers. Moms get frustrated. They get tired of saying the same things over and over. Sometimes Moms

would like to resign as a Mom. But you don't. You can't. You love those kids too much. You believe deep inside that someday they will get the message. So another day, brings another challenge. Christian Moms some how find the strength to continue on. They fight for what they know is right.

We have great Moms here at **Charlestown Road**. Some have been doing this "Mom" stuff for a long time. Others are brand new and not used to being a mom. You are engaged in the greatest work of your life. You are a part of a work in progress. Your goal is godly, responsible adults. The Lord is with you. This is His work as well. Prayers are as important as breathing when you are a mom. Patience is more than a virtue, it's standard equipment when you are a mom. A sense of humor always helps.

Thanks, Moms. You are helping the Kingdom of God by doing what you do. Enjoy the day! But even, on this day, duty calls and your off doing "Mom" stuff. That's just the way Moms are! God bless each of you!

General Stonewall Jackson's Prayer Life

The great Southern Civil War general, Stonewall Jackson was known to be a very pious man. Writing about the time when Jackson was a teacher at Virginia Military Institute in the 1850's, biographer James Robertson, Jr. recorded:



"Stonewall" Jackson

"Countless times each day, Jackson looked upward in thanksgiving and for guidance. He prayed for major hopes and minor wishes...Jackson wrote: 'I have so fixed the habit in my own mind that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without a moment's asking of God's blessing. I never seal a letter without putting a word of prayer under the seal. I never take a letter from the post without a brief sending of my thoughts heavenward. I never change my classes in the section room without a minute's petition on the cadets who go out and those who come in.'

'And don't you sometimes forget to do this?' his sister-in-law asked.

'I think I scarcely can say that I do,' Jackson responded. 'The habit has become as fixed almost as breathing.'"

James Robertson, Jr., *Stonewall Jackson*, pg. 137.

1 Thes 5:17 "pray continually" (NIV)

I Have Little Doubt That I Could:

1. Try a little harder
2. Speak a little less
3. Listen a little more
4. Give a little more
5. Learn a little more
6. Be a little better



Family Connections

News for You

- **Patrick Cawthon** is preaching at New Salisbury today
- Remember if you have any announcements, please get them to **Roger or Marla** before services. We are trying to shorten the number of announcements. Be sure and check the screen and this spot in the bulletin for info about your church family.
- It is the time of graduations. High school graduates this year are:
Hannah Hunt
Seth Quinn
Ben Rice
Caitlin Reffett
Sara Woolbright
- College graduates are:
Kyle McCaffarty
- Our Wednesday evening attendance could be better. Are you coming? There are great classes being taught. Make an effort to be here!

For your Prayers:

- **Josh Crase** had a serious eye infection this past week. He is doing better.
- Be sure and remember **Sam Jeffers, Sr** and **Malcom Hall** in your prayers
- Remember **Blake Cunningham, Joyce Dalton, Carley Lile, and the Mullins family**

Personal Work Group # 8 meets this evening @ Brian Guinn's home

Personal work Group # 9 will meet next Sunday after AM services at Gabhart's

