



Mt. Pisgah Baptist

May 2009 Pastor Randy Richards
Sunday School 9:45 ~ Worship Service 11:00

A Note From Our Pastor:

I really love the Spring! May is one of my favorite months. Flowers bloom, the grass turns green, fruit buds start to grow on trees, and the temperature is almost perfect with an exception every now and then. May also means that School is almost out and Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Please keep VBS and our summer revival in your prayers. Also, another reason I like the month of May is because of Mother's Day. Mothers certainly deserve more than one day a year of being honored, but at least it's a start of showing our mothers how much we appreciate who they are and all they do. So, Happy Mother's Day, to all of you mothers, and I dedicate this month's pastor notes to each of you!

All mothers really have a hard job just being a mother. But, Christian moms surely must struggle daily with the demands of their calling. Thankfully most moms have a generous, self-sacrificing nature for their children. If it is once a day her selflessness is called on, it is twenty times a day. Thus, there are countless acts of selflessness in the twenty or so years while her children are being raised. In addition to being selfless, moms must be professional givers. They give their precious time, skills, energy, encouragement, and love without hesitation or discrimination. It takes Christ in the woman to do that well. I know that no person or mom is perfect and some sinful things are hidden to the eyes of our children. Surely my parents weren't perfect either. But, as a child, they did seem perfect to me. It's good of God to keep kids in the dark about how awful parents are at times. But, for the record, I think my mom really was special—mostly because she was so full of love for us, and even more importantly, we could see the love she had for Jesus.

"...Let her own works praise her in the gates," the Proverb states. The goodness of a Christ-filled woman is real and is seen in the numerous acts of love for her kids. What makes a mother do these things? I believe that God graciously puts a special love in the hearts of mothers. Our world and society are better because of this kind of a mother's love. But add Christ to that, and you have something even of greater value. Only a Christian mom can love a child "for Christ's sake" and "as unto the Lord." Only a Christian mom can show her child what it means to be a true believer in Christ. Only a Christian mom can pray effectively for her child. Only a Christian mom can teach her children the truth about Jesus. Only a Christian mom can teach her kids what marriage is all about, even when times are difficult. And only a Christian mom can die with a love for Christ, with contentment and hope of an eternity in heaven, the home of her heavenly father.

Young men, when choosing a wife, marry a good Christian woman. Children, be thankful to God for the love he had for you when he let you be born in a home with such a mother. Fathers, cherish the mother of your children who lives her life so unselfishly. What beauty is there; what nobility of character; what a Christ likeness! All of these things represented in a woman we are blessed to be able to call, **Mother!** Thank God for Mothers!

In Christ's Love,
Randy