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Sometime ago, a US-based company placed a classified ad for a Director of Operations position and posted it online and in newspapers. Though 2.7 million saw the ad, only 24 people inquired. The interviews were conducted via webcam, where the interviewer detailed the requirements and benefits:

1. 135+ hours each week.

2. No breaks.

3. Preferred degrees: Medicine / finance / culinary arts.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

- 4. No vacations / workload increases during the holidays.
- **5.** No pay.

The applicants responded to this job with adjectives such as "insane" and "inhumane". The interviewer then shared that there are billions who currently hold this position: *Moms*. Truly they are the unsung heroines who quietly go about their God-given responsibilities without seeking or looking for any public applause.

Anna Jarvis was a social activist (of early 20th century) instrumental for making Mother's Day a reality. She was one of 13 children and no doubt she saw her mother bringing up her siblings at great sacrifice to herself. As a result of that she was inspired to do something to publicly recognize the selfless work all mothers subject themselves to while rearing up their children. Now, thanks to her efforts of mobilizing public opinion to have a day in honor of Mothers, the United States started celebrating every second Sunday in the month of May (from 1914 onwards, to be more precise) as Mother's Day.

Today, globally (barring a few nations) the second Sunday of May is dedicated to that special person in our lives who mirrors God's love more than anybody else. We see what exactly constitutes love Biblically in I Corinthians 13:4-6, "Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty of selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out..." Who comes to your mind immediately" Is it not your mother? She probably sacrificed for you in so many ways. As we enter into May, let us honor our mothers! Some of us no longer have our mother with us, but we still can bring honor to her by the lives we live.

Church Library News

May - Happy Mother's Day!

Roses and chocolates-presents and balloons. These things are wonderful and fun, and each of them can show love. But genuine love involves much more than giving things to people we care about.

Jesus, did not merely give us the gift of salvation; He gave us Himself. The gospel is a gift of love from God. Our talk about God and His love is hollow we're merely throwing words at people rather than loving them by givin ourselves by giving our concern, our prayers, our compassion, our Christ-li sacrificial love. It gets involved. Love isn't always convenient, but it change lives.

Here are a few books from our Library:

Loving God by Charles Colson. This book takes you on a fascinating journ to such places as the Soviet Gulag, and Italian estate, and the inner workings the Watergate scandal. Its cast of characters includes an under-world kingpi an American POW, and an Indiana Judge. Loving God will force you to thin, feel, to question, and in the end it may demand more than you're prepared give.

David: A Heart for God by Stuart Briscoe. Saul could never overcome h ego problems enough to serve the Lord. David, on the other hand, desire above all else a heart-to-heart relationship with his Heavenly Father. Eve when he fell into sin, his conscience drew him slowly but surely back repentance and restored fellowship. The choice is the same today. To live like Saul dabbling in the things of God, willing to settle for mediocrity, or like David: sold out to the Lord, ready listen even when it hurts.

How to Handle Adversity by Charles Stanley. What in the world is God up to when you are hurting and need to hear from Him so desperately? What are you to do in the meantime? What does adversity have to do with your weakness and God's strength? How can your weakness be changed into great strength? Pastor Stanley offers some answers to these questions.

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Steve Ladd in Concert - Sunday, May 20, 10:00 am

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Stories captivate us. Stories of tragedy and triumph. Disappointment and discovery. Excuses and enemies. Regret and repentance. Sadness and yes, success.

Truthfully, this is our story too. But with Steve Ladd and his latest release No Excuses, No Regrets, this is more than a story-this is a testimony. And he wants to share it with you.

As early as five years old while growing up in Dayton, Ohio, Steve Ladd felt the call of God to minister through song. The son of an evangelist, the youngster would mature to become one of the most well-liked and respected group member for some of America's most award-winning Christian music ensembles like Gold City and The Anchormen. Although still considered a young artist, Ladd has spent the last four years traveling extensively both domestically and internationally. Performing inspirational songs like "preach the Word" has become a personal anthem of encouragement Ladd takes wherever he goes and he reports "God moves and lives that are broken and hurting are leaving changed and encouraged at my services."

Personally, Ladd's newest project is a reflection of his journey to freedom in the last few years power -house of music for all tastes. Professionally, he has been inducted in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, nominated for "new Artist of the Year," has had five Top 40 Singles and on release day, the album was in the Top 20 chart to iTunes Christian music. Steve, his wife, and two children are also ministry partners with Compassion International. While the beginning of an extraordinary journey started with his famiy, evolved into being an integral part of some of th emost award-winning Christian ensembles, the last few years as a solo artist have proven the Lord's faithfulness in his family, his ministry, and his life.

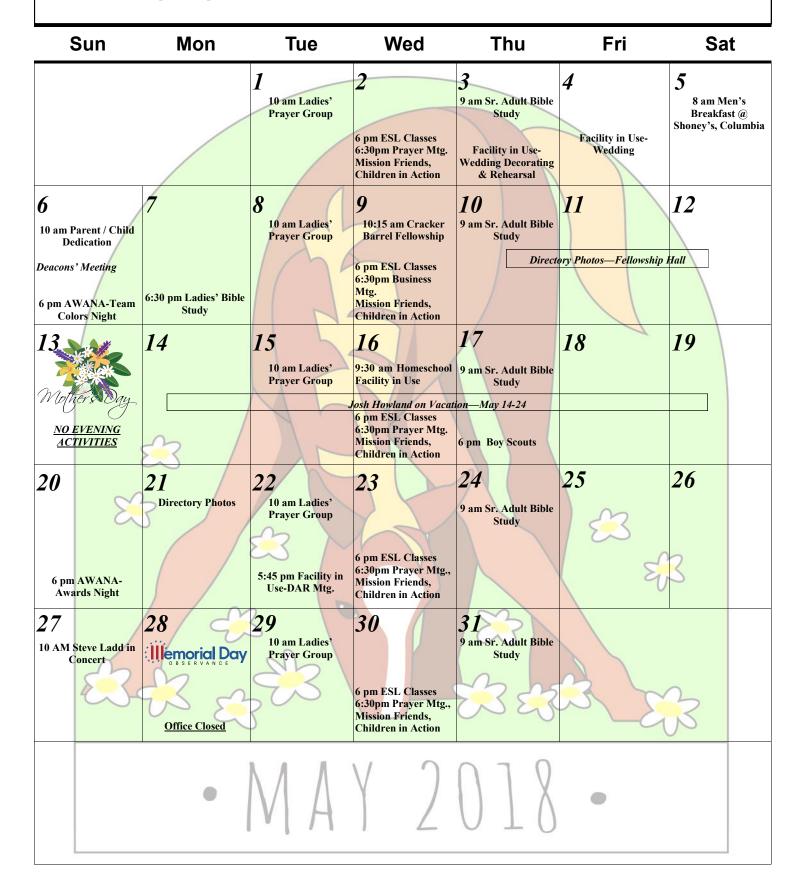
> Invite your friends & neighbors to hear the gospel story through music!! A Love Offering will be received for Steve's Ministry.

May Birthdays

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Patty Christian

Schedule of Services: <u>Sunday</u> Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School - 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm AWANA - 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May) Worship - 6:00 pm <u>Wednesday</u> ESL Classes - 6:00 pm Children in Action & Mission Friends Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm



Our Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship Wednesday, May 9, 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome! (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

English as a Second Language Classes Every Wednesday, 6 pm

For more information or to volunteer in this ministry, please see Pat Springer.





Children's Church Worker Schedule:

May 6: Allen & Heather Hall May 13: Kimberly Pullen & Laura Sparkman May 20: Julie Crotzer & Misti Boshers May 27: Peters Family



<u>AWANA Schedule</u> May 6: AWANA Team Colors Night May 13: Mother's Day—No AWANA May 20: Last Night of AWANA-Awards Night and AWANA Store



GAME ON! VBS 2018

<u>VBS is almost here</u> (June 4 -8) and director, Patty Welch is in need of our help. The sports theme for VBS requires sports

themed decorations. Patty is looking for baseball, football, basketball, and soccer equipment that you would be willing to allow to be used as decorations. She would like jerseys from local school teams and Predators Hockey jerseys for display. All of the items would be returned to you—you are just loaning them to VBS. Please contact Patty (615-308-9114) to let her know how you can help!

VBS Registration is now available on our web site. Tell your friends and neighbors! Sign up early! And...Ms. Patty can always use more volunteers! (Please note: all volunteers with children up to age 18 must complete a background check. Contact the church office for details.)



Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 5, 8:00 am Shoney's in Columbia Sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center.



Future Growth Funding

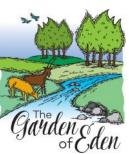
\$13,018.46 in a Construction Acct. at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank \$364,097.71 in a Building Fund at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

AWANA Awards Night & Store

There are just a few weeks left in our AWANA year. Sunday, May 20, is AWANA Awards Night. You may not be aware that the kids earn AWANA Bucks throughout the year. The last night of AWANA for this year, the kids get to spend those Bucks in the AWANA store.

Questions? Julie Crotzer and / or Misti Boshers are ready to fill in all the details.

Coming in June...



COOL KIDS!

Summer is just around the corner so that means we are thinking about COOL KIDS!! Our super Sunday Night program for rising kindergartners to 6th graders is set to begin **June 24th**. We also have volunteers willing to lead a class for potty trained 3-4 years olds. In order for our summer program for kids to happen, we need at least two

more adult (18+) workers. Will you help us share **God's Amazing Creation?**

Please email <u>fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com</u> or call/ text Julie at 629.201.1532 to volunteer.



Reminder: There is a master calendar in the church office. Please call the office to schedule an activity to be sure the date is available. Also, always let the office know announcements for your activity—if we don't know we can't publicize your event adequately. Not everyone sees Facebook. We want to be able to let <u>everyone</u> know about the happenings at FBCSH. Thank you for your help with this.