

May 2025 Newsletter

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Springtime is in full force as we welcome the month of May! May brings flowers, the start of gardens and crops, beautiful weather, and Mother's Day! For a bit of nostalgia for those that may remember, we came across an old article from Jerry Aken's "A Senior Moment" from the May installment of our newsletter from 2014. In his piece Jerry shared this article from Temple Bailey written in 1933. We hope you love it! And Happy Mother's Day!

A Mother's Walk

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning".

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams. As the sun shone on them, and the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this".

Then the night came ... the storm ... the path became dark. The children shook with fear and cold. The mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle. The children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near. No harm can come to us."

Then morning came. There was a hill ahead, and the mother and her children climbed and grew weary. She would frequently tell the children, "Keep your patience because we are almost there." So the children continued to climb. When they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."

When the mother laid down at night, she looked up at the stars and thought, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

The next day, strange clouds appeared which darkened the earth ... clouds of war, hate, and evil. As the children groped and stumbled, the mother said, "Look up! Lift your eyes to the light!"

The children looked. They saw above the clouds, an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. That night, the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

The days went on, and the weeks, and the months, and the years. The mother grew old and she was little and bent over. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. When the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather. At last they came to the top of a hill. They could see a shining road with a golden gate that opened wide. The mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. I now know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

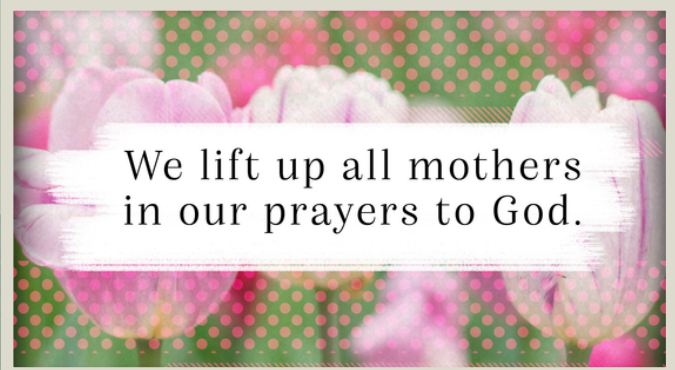
The children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." They stood and watched her as she went on alone. The gates closed after her. The children said, "We cannot see her, but she is still with us. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Our mother is always with us. She's the whisper of the leaves as we walk down the street. She's the smell of bleach in our freshly laundered socks. She's the cool hand on our brow when we're not feeling well. Our Mother lives inside our laughter. She's crystallized in every tear drop we shed. She's the place we came from ... our first home. She's the map we follow with every step we take. She's our first love and our first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate us from her ... Not time ... not space ... not even death!

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Prov 31:30-31



We lift up all mothers
in our prayers to God.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st Justin Kreid
1st Mason Martin
1st Eden Fager
4th Dax Piper
4th Nolan Waller
5th Jordan Evans
7th Patti Evans
7th Phillip Hill
8th Opie Piper
10th Rodney Smith
12th Lynn Cobin
12th Steve Tuthill
12th Ryan Tuthill
12th Brooke Burroughs
13th Gary Pruitt
13th Roger Waller
14th Kallahan Piper
14th Shawnie Porter
15th Phil Segelken
16th John Monroe
19th Kelsey Tuthill
20th Dennis Bastien
21st Gerald Sanders
21st Sadie Dobill
21st Jake Gibbs
22nd Cindy DeLeon
22nd Zoey Swenson
23rd Hadley Lane
26th Johnnie Halstead
27th Aldo Bombardo
27th Amy Gibbs
27th Tori Bailey
29th Kim Buser
31st Joyce Bailey

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12th Jason & Jane Cobin
13th Dirk & Sharon Valerius
18th Anthony & Lauren Kirk
20th Tim & Myra Gossett
24th Craig & Julie Briley
29th Steve & Crystal Keller
29th Raymond & Virginia Pabst



Elkville Christian Church is

CELEBRATING GRADUATES

May 18

If you or your child are graduating Jr. High, High School, or College and would like to be in our video honoring graduates, please submit 3-5 pictures to the office by Monday, May 12th.



MAY DATES

*Please remember that dates are subject to change, and that there may be some events added later after this newsletter is published. Follow the weekly bulletins and follow us on Facebook.

5/3 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
5/4 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
5/7 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45 Bible Study 6:30-7:30
5/11 Mother's Day
5/11 EHS Baccalaureate at Elkhville Baptist Church
5/12 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
5/14 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45 Bible Study 6:30-7:30
5/17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
5/18 Graduation Video
5/18 Guest Services Meeting
5/18 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
5/19 Area Men's Meeting at Johnston City
5/20 Senior's Luncheon 12:00 noon
5/21 Last Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.
5/22 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
5/22 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
5/26 Memorial Day - Office Closed

Looking ahead...

6/1 Promotion Sunday

FOR MORE INFORMATION.....

- Men's Breakfast-Dale Odom will be leading the devotion
- Women's Breakfast - Lisa Pruitt is leading the devotion.
- Book Club: We are doing something special for the month of May! Everyone is invited to bring your own book that has a yellow cover!
- Sunday Night Youth. We need volunteers to help provide a meal to the youth on Sunday nights! Sign up at the bulletin board.
- Reminder our Food Pantry provides groceries to residents in the Elverado School District
- Graduation Video. If you or your child are graduating from Jr. High, High School, or College and would like to be in our graduation video on May 18th, please submit 3-5 pictures of the graduate, along with their school, degree, and any special honors, to the office by Monday, May 12th.
- Reminder to the Forever Young Group to sign up for the day trip to Indiana or the 3-day trip to Branson in the fall. More information and sign up sheets are on the Forever Young Bulletin Board.

MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

Communion Purchase

Communion Meditation

5/4 Brandon Buser
5/11 Kevin Asbury
5/18 Emma Yates
5/25 Tom Bailey

Communion Prep

Marilyn Thompson

Communion to Shut-Ins

5/4 Brandon Buser
5/11 Dale Odom
5/18 Paula Dunlap
5/25 Mark Wilson

COMMUNION SERVERS

5/4/2025

Kathy Elson
Dennis Bastien
Bruce Ridgeway
Gordon Burroughs
Andy Burroughs
Tyler Burroughs
Luke Buser
Richard Bernardini

5/11/2025

Brandon Buser
Doug Gibbs
Jake Gibbs
Gary Monroe
Ron Ritter
Steve Parry
Jim Williamson
Craig Briley

5/18/2025

Paula Dunlap
Jeremy Keith
AJ Keith
Dirk Valerius
Christian Kistner
Tim Gossett
Dale Odom
Gary Jones

5/25/2025

Mike Stewart
Hanks Stewart
Wes Wilt
Erin Carter
Grace Godoyo
Lyle Thompson
Aaron Thompson
Maddax Thompson

Sunday School Milk & Juice

5/4 Doug & Amy Gibbs
5/11 & 5/18 Vickie Carter
5/25 Larry & Joyce Hickman

Opening Prayer

5/4 Lance Weil
5/11 Gary Pruitt
5/18 Tom Bailey
5/25 Landon Buser

Nursery

5/4 Dot Willams with Riley & Michaela
5/11 Julie Miller with Ginny Reiman
5/18 Christy Stewart
5/25 Gail Ridgeway with Colton

Inside Greeters

5/4 Jeanette Thompson & Bobbie Starr
5/11 Jesse Brooks & Gordon Burroughs
5/18 Shirley Harsha & Vicky Parry
5/25 Tim Gossett & Jim Williamson

Hall Greeter

5/4 Randy Manis
5/11 Mark Wilson
5/18 Aaron Thompson
5/25 Larry Hickman

Exit Greeter

5/4 Paula Dunlap
5/11 Thelma Viernum
5/18 Dale Odom
5/25 Jeanette Thompson

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
4 Youth Group	5	6	7 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
11 HAPPY Mother's DAY Baccalaureate @ EBC	12 Book Club 6 p.m.	13	14 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
18 Guest Services Youth Group	19 Area Men's Meeting at Johnston City	20 Senior's Movie Luncheon 12:00 noon	21 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	22 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	23	24
25 Youth Group	26 Office Closed Memorial DAY	27	28	29	30	31

Prayers and Praises

Praises: Addison Will and Kantyn Kimmel were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, April 12th! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel!!! On a special visit back to Illinois with her family, Finley Cralley returned to ECC and gave her life to Christ and was baptized in Him!!! Her cousin, Blake Gilomen also gave his life to Christ and was baptized in Him!!! Brilynn Hughes also gave her life and she was baptized into Him!!! All 3 baptisms were Sunday, March 30th!!! Congratulations to all 3 young people!!

New Members:

Surgery & Recovering: Sam Davis (hip surgery); Jess Brooks (knee replacement); Whitney Dunbar (Surgery 4/24); Tim Taylor (back surgery); Leon Milfield (cousin of Warren Yates and Carla Bigham– had bypass surgery and is now in a Montana rehab)

Others in Need: Kaye Jackson (stroke); Jeff Collins (low hemoglobin-losing blood from unknown place); Alec Valerius (another tumor on spine has shown up-follow-up on 4/22 to discuss treatment options); Nadine Lacy (broken pelvis); Dale Yates (broken vertebrae after chainsaw accident); Tom Fox (falls and trip to the ER-may be blood pressure related); Patty Manis (continued carotid issues); Max McDonald (85% blockage in heart-possible surgery); Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Darin Snyder (double pneumonia); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall); Joan Watts; Aydan Zoller (16 year old with multiple health issues); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Gavin Barnett (diagnosis on Barrely's esophagus); Lonnie Jacobs (health issues); Dennis Phoenix (diabetic-toe amputation. Fell and broke femur-facing more amputation on his right foot); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Heidi Humerickhouse (6 month old with serious health issues); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Marge Quillman (91-broken hip, infection-cannot do surgery); Cheryl Reese (Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis (Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues); Carol Myers (serious health issues); Nancy Denton (serious heart issues); Chris Darnell (brain bleed-in St. Louis hospital); Nick Fowler (biopsy-testing for possible skin cancer in the stomach); Karen Monroe; David Flowers (broken leg after a fall); Alex Walters (32 year old admitted to Barnes Jewish Hospital after a collapse);

Those With Cancer: Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Lisa Bastien (melanoma); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson's son-in-law's brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin (thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Larry Thompson (radiation treatments); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer); Melissa Jane Pabst (leukemia has returned); Aiden Caracker (senior @ Elverado with rare cancer-undergoing treatment);

Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Addilyn Holmes (6 y.o. stage 3 renal cancer, Wilms tumor-kidney removed-starts chemo January 10th followed by radiation); Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

Military Service: Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming); Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizailion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

Those in Mourning: Families of: Bobby Craig

May Wednesday Night Menu

Meal starts at 5:45. Comes with Drink and Dessert. Cost is \$7/plate or \$18/family. To help Donna prepare, PLEASE sign up prior to the Tuesday before.

5/7 Pizza Pasta Casserole, Salad, and Breadsticks

5/14 Choice of Philly Cheesesteak Sub or Meatball Sub, Chips

5/21 Baked Spaghetti, Salad, and Garlic Bread

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HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

"Her children rise up
and call her
blessed"

Proverbs 31:28