



Happy Mother's Day to each of the mothers!!!! May your family not only treat you wonderful on Mother's day but every day of the year.

Men who have exerted the greatest influence for good in the world have had, as a rule, godly mothers. The life of Abraham Lincoln was shaped by his godly mother. When Lincoln was but nine years of age, he promised his mother on her deathbed that he would never use alcohol or tobacco. She had observed the influence of these narcotics upon others. That promise was never broken. Had it not been for Lincoln's mother, and the promise he then made to her, probably nothing would have ever been heard of the man.

Lincoln's mother taught him the meaning of prayer. She wisely encouraged him in the reading of the Bible and helped him to memorize many of its inspiring passages. The following story, told by his friend, Captain Gilbert J. Greene, illustrates how well he used this knowledge in later years:

"One day, while practicing law in Springfield, Mr. Lincoln said to me, 'Gilbert, there is a woman dangerously ill about fifteen miles in the country who has sent for me to come and write her will. I should like to have you go with me.' I cheerfully accepted the invitation. When we arrived we could see that the woman had but a few hours to live. After the will had been written, witnessed, and signed, the dying woman said to Mr. Lincoln, 'Now, I have my affairs of this world in order, and I have also made preparation for the life to come, I do not fear death.'

"Mr. Lincoln replied, 'Your faith is wise and strong. Your hope of a future life is a blessed one.' She asked him then if he would read a few verses from the Bible. They offered him the Book, but he laid it aside and began reciting from memory the twenty-third Psalm. Then he quoted the first part of the fourteenth chapter of John, "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you .... I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

"After he had given these and other quotations from the Bible, he recited several hymns, closing with 'Rock of Ages, cleft for me.' A little later the woman passed away. As we rode home in the buggy, I expressed surprise that he should have acted as pastor as well as attorney so perfectly, and he replied, 'God and eternity were very near us today.' "

Lincoln declared, "All that I have, all that I am, I owe to my mother." His mother taught him lessons of patience and integrity.-By D. H. Kress, Signs of the Times, May 4, 1954.

#### God's Garden

When the wise God planted His garden,  
Scattering the seeds from above.

The choicest seed in His packet  
Was the flower of Mother-love.

Carefully watched o'er and tended,  
Nurtured by sunshine and shower,  
Ever growing sturdy and stronger,  
It blooms-a beautiful flower.

A flower so sweet and entrancing,  
Dazzling and shining and white,

A love that guards us and guides us  
Through life- our beacon light.

A love that steadies our footsteps,  
That stretches a helpful hand,  
That comforts our sorrows and heartaches,  
That always will understand

Mother-love, God's gift to His children,  
With heavenly fragrance fraught;  
The brightest flower in God's garden,  
His truest forget-me-not.

Myrtie Fisher Seaverns

# A MOTHER'S *Love*

There's no love like a mother's,  
Her heart is filled with care.  
With Christ as her example,  
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,  
Not changing for all time.  
When needed by her children,  
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,  
God bless them every one.  
For all their tears and heartaches,  
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,  
A mother's love lives on,  
Through many generations,  
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,  
Who love with higher love,  
From power God has given,  
And strength from up above.

Shared by Pamela Jackson for our enjoyment!

## *A Happy Home Recipe*

4 c. love	5 tbsp. hope
2 c. loyalty	2 tbsp. tenderness
3 c. forgiveness	4 qt. faith
1 c. friendship	1 barrel laughter

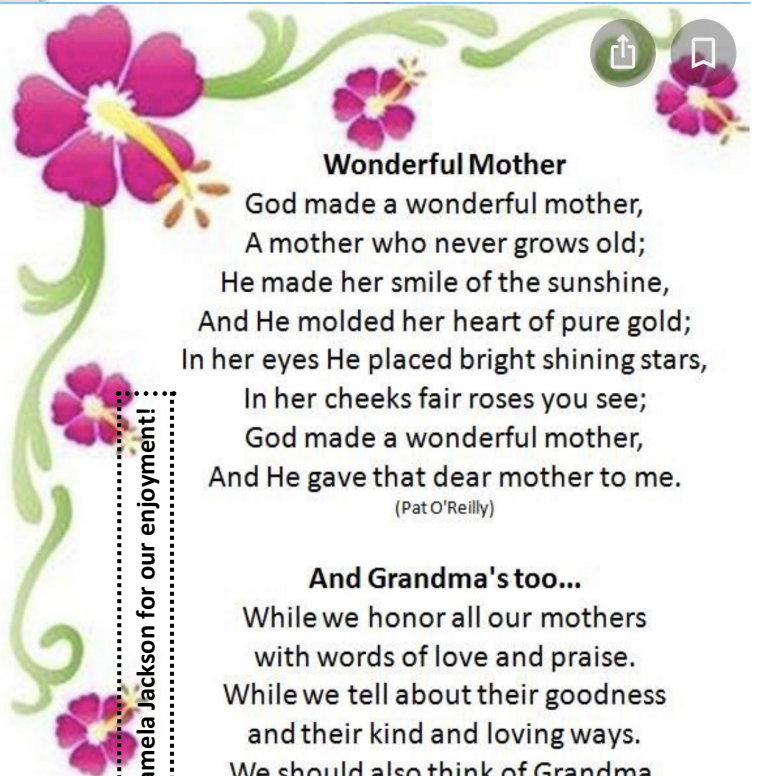
*Take love and loyalty; mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope; sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.*

## A Mother's Heart

The door that leads to a mother's heart  
Is always open wide,  
And in her heart is a special place  
Where peace and love abide.

There is no lock on a mother's heart,  
Her children freely go  
For a pat on the cheek  
or a comforting word  
Or something they want to know.

Through years of work and prayer  
she's learned  
Her wise tender art,  
For the nearest thing to the love of  
God  
Is the love of a mother's heart.



### Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

### And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers  
with words of love and praise.  
While we tell about their goodness  
and their kind and loving ways.  
We should also think of Grandma,  
she's a mother too, you see....  
For she mothered my dear mother  
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

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# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Do We Love Him?

So many times we come to God with just a faint idea of who he wants to be to us. We come into the church with the baptismal vows ringing in our ears. State of the dead, Sabbath, Second Coming all vie for space in our brains. But it is so much more than just a set of beliefs. It is rather a call to living faith in a living person who desperately wants a total relationship with us. When my daughter was a student missionary in Korea, she began to correspond with a guy in Florida. She didn't know much about him other than that they had mutual friends on Facebook. But she responded to his friend request with a yes and so it began.



Then one day he wanted to chat live online. She didn't know what to do. But we encouraged her to go ahead. And so the next phase of their relationship started. At first it was just now and then. But soon it was more and more. Due to the time zone difference they mostly were on mornings and evenings. It would be morning for one and evening for the other and love grew. They talked about all kinds of things. After a few months my daughter said, "I'm going home!" Her boyfriend said, "And where is home?" "Alaska!" And so now he had to decide to travel. She had come home only about a week when this guy showed up from Florida. It was spring break and he was going from Florida, not to Florida. But this romance which started a world apart now blossomed in person.

Of course, I have two grandchildren to prove that you can have a long distance relationship that grows while you are not in the actual presence of someone. And while we start with getting to know God many times by getting to know about Him, what He really wants is to know us. Listen to these verses. "And it shall be, in that day," says the Lord, "that you will call Me 'My Husband,' and no longer call Me 'My Master,' for I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, and they shall be remembered by their name no more. In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, with the birds of the air, and with the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, to make them lie down safely."

"I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord." Hosea 2:16-20 NKJV.

So here is the transition of our knowing God. From serving Him as a master, out of a sense of duty, to falling in love with Him. And He is the one who says, "I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice." And we, who have never even seen Him, can fall in love with someone we have never met in person. Let's cultivate that relationship, and by the way, it's not as long a distance as we think. It's just the distance from our heads to our hearts.

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## BLESSING OUR COMMUNITIES

Today is a challenging and opportune time!

As a supporter of Global Mission, you know that we base our mission on Christ's method of ministry, and His first step was mingling with people. COVID-19 means physically mingling is the exact opposite of what we should be doing!

And yet, I believe this is a time for us to step forward, not retreat.

We can learn from the early Christians. They consistently showed selfless love, and their compassion won people to Jesus. They had times of terrible plague and sickness. But when pagan priests fled the cities to safety, Christians stayed to help the sick and suffering—both believers and non-believers.

Today, we can develop creative, safe ways to bless our communities. We can build systems for delivering food and medicine to the most vulnerable. Or start local, online community prayer ministries. Or arrange teams to phone the aged and those living alone to encourage and pray with them. **It's a time for inspired mission!**

Thank you so much for your continuing support. Please pray daily for the protection of our Global Mission pioneers and for our Urban Centers of Influence. And let's remember our frontline health providers working in Adventist hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, aged care facilities, and orphanages around the world.

May God bless you and your family,

Gary Krause

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*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"—Philippians 4:6,7 NKJV*

When I first received this from Gary Krause, I thought it would be nice to share this greeting via the newsletter. By the time the newsletter arrives, our lives may be normalizing, but I think that it's good for us to think about.

Just how do we show compassion and mingle with others during times like these. I know that my sister Gwynne has been extremely involved as a leader for her conference response to disasters, remained active in distributing food, and she & other members of her church family sewed face masks for medical personnel. They had specific materials and patterns that they used for this purpose. I know that Renee and Ralph distributed food to the needy on the first Sabbath afternoon of this month. Terry has an uncommon blood type A Negative, and was called on more than once during this time to give blood, particularly for needs, one a pediatric patient. And I'm certain that many members helped others as they were impressed by the Holy Spirit.

# Reminiscing Corner

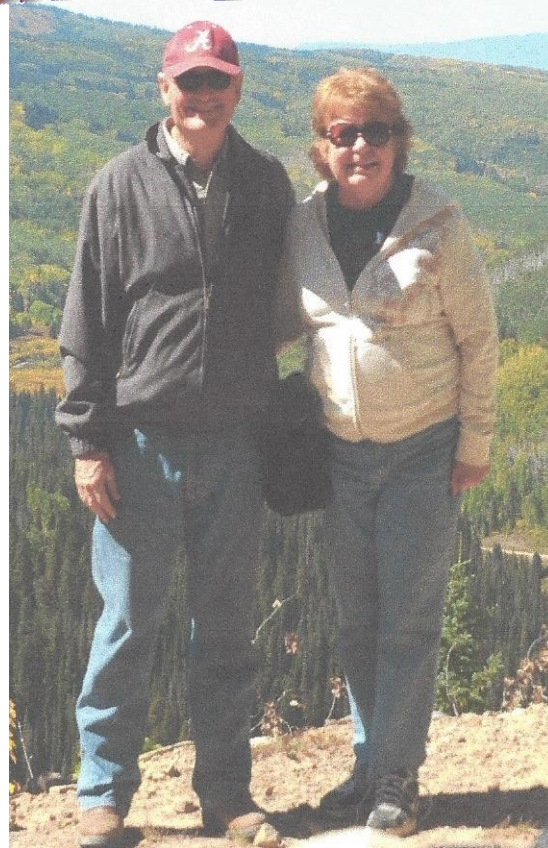
Happy, Birthday. We pray that you are blessed with many more. If I don't have your special day, let me know. Brenda

M	1	Brent Chrison	No Known Anniversaries
	3	Maxine Plier	
	4	Sarah Langham	
A	11	Donna Ernest	
	14	Pamela Jackson	
Y	29	Natalie Smith	
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**SPEAKER SCHEDULE:** Sorry services have been postponed UNTIL.....

For those members of the Clanton SDA church we have a phone line (call Bob or Brenda if you need phone #) for Sabbath School @ 9:30 and Prayer meetings on Weds @ 6:30... The Pastor has been preaching and streaming from [MontgomeryfirstSDA.org](http://MontgomeryfirstSDA.org). at 11:00 am each Sabbath. Please feel free to join us for worship.

Shawn and Natalie have **3 puppies born on Feb 22 that will need adopting**, please call 205.299.9953 to set up an appointment. A small rehoming fee maybe required. They are a crazy mix.... corgi, terrier, bird dog, dachshund, and you name it. Treva has one from the first litter and so does Ally. Have you ever seen them? They don't look like siblings!



This was taken from the Newsletter in May of 2007.

Dear Church Family,

On the second Sunday of May each year we honor our Mothers with a day dedicated especially for them. When you study some of the great, positive, history-making figures, you will often find they speak of the influence of a parent. Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying, "All that I am I owe to my angel mother."

General Douglas MacArthur said "My sainted mother taught me devotion to God and a love of country which have ever sustained me. To her I yield anew a son's reverent thanks."

The great preacher G. Campbell Morgan had four sons. They all became ministers. At a family reunion a friend asked one of the sons, "Which Morgan is the greatest preacher?" With his eyes beaming with delight, the son looked over to his father and said, "Why, it's Mother!"

God has placed a mother in the life of us all. Yet, varied circumstances may not allow all people to benefit from a mother's tender concern. Blessed is the mother who shares the truth and life of God with the children He has placed with her "watchcare."

I was one that was blessed with a Christian Mother who not only took me to Sabbath School and church but set the right example in her actions and words. Even today I can still hear her words of encouragement and direction. I saw how much she loved Jesus and this helped me to love Him also.

God's work is moving forward and soon He is coming to take us home where there will be no more pain and suffering. May He bless each of you.

Pastor Clay Grice died July of 2015... Just wanted to remember him and share this with you.

**COVID-19**

**HERITAGE**

**RESISTANCE**

**Joshua 1:9**  
 Have I not commanded you?  
 Be strong and courageous.  
 Do not be afraid;  
 do not be discouraged,  
 for the Lord your God  
 will be with you wherever you go.

**CAN I GET AN AMEN?**

## Gourmet Eggless Casserole

2 Cups brown rice cooked  
2 cups diced chicken style soyameat  
1/2 cup soy milk  
1 10 oz. can mushrooms soup  
1/2 cup vegenaise  
1/2 teaspoon salt or salt to taste  
2 tbs nutritional yeast flakes  
MIX WELL FIRST SEVEN INGREDIENTS



1 cup celery, chopped  
1/2 cup onions chopped  
4 cloves garlic  
1 4 oz. can mushrooms  
Saute celery, onions, garlic and mushrooms and add to rice mixture

Place in greased 2 quart casserole

1/4 cup slivered almonds—Sprinkle the top with almonds and paprika.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Bom Appetite! Recipe presented for you by Mirtes Schmeling

We have a website!! **UPDATED - Church Website:** <https://www.clantonsda.com/> Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info, look under Newsletters to find this publication on line each month. Tony has made it so the previous couple years are there also. If you get an online version and want a hard copy or if you don't want to get the Newsletter, Let me know. Don't forget without you sharing with others, we wouldn't have a newsletter. Also turn in articles, poems and pictures that you want to share. Thanks to those that do, Until next month! ..... Brenda

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