

Senior Moments Highlights

On May 7th we'll be taking a road trip to Ft. Caswell for a retreat. We will return May 9th. Then on May 17th we will be going to the PMBA Senior Luncheon at Old Town Baptist Church. Please let Marie Scott know by May 6th if you would like to attend. Cost is \$6.50. We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. on the 17th.



May 20th: Youth Sunday The Youth will be leading the 11 a.m. service!

Graduation Sunday is also May 20th. We will recognize high school and college graduates on this special day. Please send the following information to evwlawrence@gmail.com or contact Emma Lawrence by May 13th with: name, school/institution, degree, plans for the future, and whether or not you will be able to attend our Graduation Sunday celebration.



May Birthdays

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Pam Hester
Beth Clodfelter
Nancy Vanhoy
David Beekman, Russel Yokeley
Tracy Ward
Carlene Compton
Cheyenne Hurley
Sylvia Phillips
Aubree Phillips
Bobby Bond, Jennifer Brantley
Debbie Slaydon, Gene Vanhoy

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Blood Drive

May 1st 3:00p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Senior Moments to Ft. Caswell May 7th – May 9th

> **Mother's Day** May 13th

PMBA Senior Luncheon May 17th at 12:00 p.m.

Youth/Graduation Sunday May 20th

Pastor
Music Director
Minister of Education Organist Office Administrator

A Mother's Journey



The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her 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 with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and life was good, and the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this." Then night came, and then the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with a blanket, and the children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come," and the mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage." And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the mother, when she lay down that night, looked at the stars and said: "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." And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth -clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God." And the days went on, the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother, and when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gate flung wide. And the mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning for my children can walk alone, and their children after them." And the children said: "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory, for the lessons she taught live within us." (Excerpt from Streams in the Desert II, by E. Cowman)

Happy Mother's Day, Kent



Nursery Schedule

May 2, (Wed)	Julie Striplin PM
May 6, (Sun)	Marianne & CC Casas AM
May 9, (Wed)	Bob & Bettie Spencer PM
May 13, (Sun)	Kathy Idol & Ann Canada AM
May 16, (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
May 20, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
May 23, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
May 27, (Sun)	Carlene Compton & Susan Hilton AM
May 30, (Wed)	Julie Striplin PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

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As always deliveries were made to both of the Hospice Homes. Thank you to everyone who participates and a special thank you goes to Dorcas Weavil for donating 48 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. Our next Hospice Ministry emphasis day will be **May 6**th.

Our collection baskets for the Baptist Children's Homes Annual Food Roundup are filling up and for those who have not yet but still want to donate we are collecting pasta, spaghetti sauce, paper products, strawberry jelly and tuna, chicken and hamburger helper. Next Wednesday, **May 2**nd, will be our last collection date for this mission project.

As part of our Inward Missions, meals have once again been delivered to some of our shut-ins and those dealing with medical issues.

Our annual ladies fellowship tea will be a little later this year. Mark your calendars to join us on **June 24**th for a wonderful time of inspiration, fellowship, fun, and refreshments.

WOM has some exciting hands on mission projects scheduled in the next few months. All ladies are encouraged to come and see what is planned. Our next WOM meeting will be **Wednesday, May 2**nd.

As we are told in John 3:18 "Let us not love with words but with actions and faith" and may all that we do be to glorify God as "UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE."



Come roll up your sleeve and help save lives. Rae Hurley is organizing a Red Cross Blood Drive for Glenn High School that will be held here at the church in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, May 1st from 3 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Please bring a photo ID.

Eat Out. Take Out. Help Out!

Hope du Jour, Tuesday, May 1st. Dine at participating restaurants and help support the mission of Crisis Control to assist neighbors in crisis. For a current list of participating restaurants go to www.hopedujour.org.