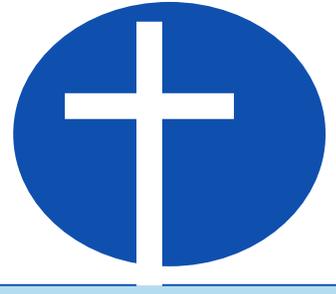




# Loco Baptist Church



## Welcome to the Loco Baptist Church newsletter.

### Mother's Day

**Mothering Sunday** is a holiday celebrated by Catholic and Protestant Christians in some parts of Europe. It falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter. Once observed as a day on which people would visit their "mother" church, it has become an occasion for honoring the mothers of children and giving them presents.

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.  
(From HistoryChannel.com)

Answer to April's trivia question: **Locusts and wild honey -- Matthew 3:1-4**

### Upcoming Events

May 1- Baby Dedication  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Meal

May 8- Mother's Day (no Children's Church, Evening Services or choir practice)

May 22- Senior Recognition and meal to follow

Signup for positions and committees deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS JUNE 13-17**

The Bible speaks highly of mothers who raise children and guide their families in a righteous manner; in the oft-quoted Proverbs 31, the "wife of noble character" is honored by her husband and children for her virtues.

Motherhood wasn't a requirement for godly women in Bible times—and just as today, not every woman who wanted children was granted her wish. But the mothers and matriarchs of the Bible exhibit qualities that all of us, male or female, parent or not, should strive to emulate.

Just a few of the famous mothers in the Bible are:

- Mary- Mother of Jesus (read her story in John 19).
- Elizabeth (read her story in Luke 1).
- Hannah (read her story 1 Samuel 1).
- Sarah, the wife of Abraham (read her story in Genesis 18).

There are many more famous mothers described in the Bible; many of them righteous, some not so much, but all used by God to bring about His design.

Please to pay respects to your mother—or if that isn't possible, to somebody in your life who embodies the grace and wisdom we associate with godly mothers.

(from [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com))

Trivia question: Who told the first lie mentioned in the Bible?  
(answer in next month's newsletter)