

HEART-TO-HEART

We are reminded that Christ is in our hearts and we are in His and that love connects us all in unity.



*"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."
Mother Teresa*

Honoring Our Mothers

Mothers - we all have one. They did their best to raise us within their means and with good intentions. But one mother specifically, stands out - Mary, mother of Jesus.

As the lyrics of the song, "Mary, Did You Know?", play in our heads, we can imagine what it must have been like to be the mother of Jesus.

In 1984 Mark Lowry wrote the

lyrics and it was set to music by Buddy Greene. It poses the question whether Mary knew that her son was the Savior of all. Of course Mary knew it. But, did she always remember it? Did she keep that in mind at all times when raising her son? What we do know is that Mary did what most mothers do; she gave her love to her baby, regardless of his prominence.

We are thankful for our mothers and their love for us.

Happy Mother's Day!

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A few weeks ago, on Good Friday 2023, I came across this image on Fox News (<https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/good-friday-years-ago-nyc-skyscrapers-lit-up-crosses-showed-nation-embraced-faith>):



I was curious so started reading the article and my eyes got misty. It's a photo taken in 1956 in New York City. Three skyscrapers on Wall Street had formed crosses, depicting the crucifixion of Jesus and the two thieves. Lights in certain offices on these skyscrapers were turned on to form crosses, while others were kept dark. What an idea that was! And what a feat! Imagine the work involved to make this come about.

I visualized how it would have felt to come across this actual image driving in the city at night. It gave me *chicken skin*.

Just 67 years ago, it was a time when America was united; when there were no protestors of religious liberties; a time when Christian values had formed this great nation of ours.



Sing with me:

God bless America

Land that I love

Stand beside her, and guide her

*Through the night, with a light
from above*

*From the mountains, through the
prairies*

*Through the oceans, white with
foam*

God bless America!

My home, sweet home

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My home, sweet home

Happy Memorial Day!



"Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die."

- G.K. Chesterson

Spring Banquet 2023

The long-awaited Spring Banquet was held on April 22, 2023 at WOCC. There was true joy in the room as everyone made new friends and reconnected with others.

There was Country Store, good food, good entertainment, and best of all, God's presence. It felt like God was smiling down on His church as they served and fellowshiped.



"All the believers were together and had everything in common."

ACTS 2:44

Dis 'n Dat

Country Store was a hit! Linda Kunimitsu expressed her surprise to see that her donated Kona macadamia nuts sold out within about 10 minutes. She thanks everyone for buying them. Please contact Linda if you're interested in obtaining more.

raised three boys. "Make him eat mayonnaise quick" was the advice. Apparently, it worked because he stopped screaming.

A mother's memory: Our son was about two or three years old when he gave a blood chilling scream. He had picked a red chili pepper and bit into it. Oh no! I quickly called my aunt, who had

Thank yous are in order for all of the people who generously donated their goods and food items to the Spring Banquet's Country Store. We raised \$1091. What kind of other fellowship gatherings can we use that money for? Stay tuned....

WOCC Calendar of Events

- May 7 - Pastor Stan speaking (40 Days of Ministry: Confirming Faith; Acts 1:3, 1 Cor. 15:1-8)
- May 14 - Pastor Stan speaking (40 Days of Ministry: Wait for the Gift; Acts 1:4)
- May 21 - Pastor Stan speaking (Praying Together; Actus 1:12-14)
- May 28 - Pastor Stan Speaking (The "Birth" of the Church: Pentecost - Acts 2)

National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer is annually observed on the first Thursday in May. This year it falls on **May 4, 2023**. Information about National Prayer Day can be found on this website: National Day of Prayer 2023 – a Complete Guide (equippinggodlywomen.com)

This is an excerpt taken from that website:

Originally signed into law in 1952, the National Day of Prayer in the U.S. is a day when people of all faiths are asked to pray for our nation.

Title 36, Section 119 of US law states:

“The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.”

This means the National Day of Prayer isn't just a fun holiday – The President of the United States of America is legally required to sign a proclamation encouraging Americans to pray each year!

There is also another website worth checking out - www.nationaldayofprayer.org. The National Day of Prayer Task Force's website includes all that you need to know about this important day.

The theme of the National Day of Prayer 2023 in the U.S. is “Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much” which is based on James 5:16.

Check out the websites, and pray, pray, pray.



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"...pray continually."

I THESSALONIANS 5:17

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