

## Family Information

### Clothing Closet

Prom season is right around the corner. We would like to offer prom-style dresses in the Clothing Closet during this season. The Clothing Closet is asking for/accepting donations of: somewhat-current style dresses, dress shoes, costume jewelry. You may bring these items to the Clothing Closet on Wed. evening or see Pam Culler, Tanya Milnor, Donna Rollie or Robbie McVicker.

### Graduation Party

The congregation is invited to a graduation party in honor of Gwen Robbins on Sunday, May 20 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The party will be here at the building in rooms E-41/E42. Light refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us.  
Jim and Paula



## Calendar

### May

13 Mothers Day  
13 Single Sisters Lunch  
19 Armed Forces Day  
28 Memorial Day  
30 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30

### Church Camp

Church camp registration fee- The price is \$190. If paid by May 15th, you get a \$20 discount, for a total of \$170, camp is July 15-21.

**For The Month of May**  
**Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins**  
**Foyer Duty: Joshua Evans**  
**Greeters: Art and Kythrie Silva**

### Communion Servers

Jake Bowman	Jack Evans
Josh Evans	Michael Evans
Mike Evans	John Lindsay
Tim McVicker	Paul Silva

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$5268	\$5454
<b>Designated:</b>	\$185	\$240

### Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:30 pm

**Evangelist:** Bobby Graham

**Elders:** Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

**Deacons:** Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

**Spanish Ministry:** Elmer Renderos

~ To Mothers ~



*I have always considered motherhood as one of the greatest blessings God has bestowed on me. From babyhood up, my children have inspired in me the ability to love beyond measure, the desire to teach and inspire them in spiritual and worldly matters, and to live lives worthy of praise – especially God's praise.*

*As anyone would attest who has known my own mother (Maude Prince) and her mother, I had wonderful teachers and examples myself ~ not to mention my blessed father.*

*When I look at God's creation there is much inspiration in just observing mother birds, mother cats, mother geese – mother anything. Their babies – their children – come first, way above their own well-being.*

*An inspirational book for me from way back was "A Mother's Touch", by Elise Arndt a missionary's wife who watched the primitive New Guinea women in action with their children when she and her husband were living there. Those mothers believed your young children are like baby birds. ~ Keep them close until they sprout their wings and fly away.*

*This book also taught me that we need to remember that our children are "loaned not owned". They belong to God and no matter how devastating the thought – they are his and he can call them home at any time.*

*Enjoy and love your children dearly, wherever they are and whoever they are.*

**Happy Mother's Day!**

~ Janet Harris

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## *Be Continually In Prayer For ...*

**Ellen Ward** who lives with multiple sclerosis every day.

**Joan Mauersberg**

**Patricia Stevens**

**Tammy Chatfield**

## *Announcements*

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN -  
JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES  
We need at least 15-20 pictures for H.S. and 2 pictures for college graduates  
All pictures are due by May 20th.  
Email pictures to: [soundroom@ncocfamily.org](mailto:soundroom@ncocfamily.org)

COMING SOON...

VBS WEEK - June 18 - 20th

V.B.S. Meeting Today after church.

Camp Week - July 15 - 21



## *Youth Announcements*

May 15th- Last day to sign up for a \$20 discount for Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp

May 18th- Game night at the Church from 6:30-9:30

May 25th- Wendy's Fundraiser at Maxtown from 5-8.

## **Wonderful Things Planned Long Ago** (A Lesson From Grandma & An Indigo Snake)

*Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. - Isaiah 25:1*

Long ago, God planned wonderful things, and in his perfect faithfulness he has given us his words to tell us about his plans to guide us and to redeem us and to pour out his grace on us. Long ago, God planned a wonderful thing, and in his perfect faithfulness Jesus died on the cross to show us God's unfailing love for us and to reconcile God's wayward sheep with him.

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:10).* And these are the wonderful things: not anything we do or have in this world, rather the eternal things God has prepared for us, the Spirit he gives us to help us understand his teachings, and how Jesus has swallowed up spiritual death and has opened the curtain to God's Most Holy Place where we can be with God -

*On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. - Isaiah 25:7-8*

When we were young, Grandma often took us to a children's zoo where we could feed and play with some of the gentler animals. My sister liked the indigo snakes, who had pretty, dark blue scales; they were large but harmless to humans. One time, we asked why Grandma didn't 'get to' play with the snakes, so the zookeeper told us they were just for children.

So the three of us insisted that Grandma should 'be able to' have a snake, and shortly she too had an indigo snake slithering around her neck. Yet when we told Mom about the 'good deed' we had done, she explained that Grandma (her mother) did not like snakes, and was terrified of them. At first, we were disappointed that we hadn't done 'something great'; yet after discussing it, we appreciated how Grandma cared for us enough to go through an unnecessary ordeal.

Likewise, God planned to love us long before we were born, and he bears with our ambitions and our misunderstandings and our false hopes. As Mom helped us understand that Grandma just liked being with us, so also God considers it wonderful just to dwell with us. Instead of trying to earn God's favor, rejoice in what God has done for us to show us how deep is his love for us -

*Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. - Isaiah 25:9*

God has done wonderful things we can barely grasp. We know so little and we can do so little; let us be glad for God's understanding and his mercy and the salvation he has brought us.

- Mark Garner