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Our Vision

To be a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

Pitman Road POST



Together between the Sundays!

Meet • Move • Make
Jesus into family a difference

THERE'S AN A.P.P. FOR THAT!

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

MOM'S IMPACT THE WORLD



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Preaching Minister

Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you. – Exodus 20:12

The first commandment that deals with how we relate with other people, as opposed to how we relate to God, is "honor your father and mother." It is also the only one that includes a positive promise for life. When we honor our mothers, we are blessed with a long and good life. It is entirely appropriate for followers of Jesus to honor their mothers all the time, but one

special day brings their work as our mothers to the forefront. Since we celebrate Mother's Day this month, I thought I would take a brief look at some moms who have greatly influenced the world.

The first one is someone not too well known. Mother Maria, or Saint Maria of Paris, is an Orthodox Church Saint. She married and divorced twice, lost three children to death, walked away from God, wrote poetry, became a nun, helped thousands of Russian refugees and Jews at the start of WWII, and died in a Nazi concentration camp. After losing her youngest daughter, her view of motherhood and life changed: "I saw a new meaning in life. To be a mother for all, for all who need maternal care, assistance or protection." Her life was messy and complicated, she smoked and drank alcohol, but our lives are many times the same way. Her "mothering" of so many people at a time of great chaos reflects what so often our moms do for us.

The second mom has a last name that some may recognize. Susanna Wesley dealt with poverty, illness, the death of nine children in infancy, and a difficult marriage while teaching ten children for twenty years of her life. She had a highly organized way of teaching, and greatly influenced her two sons: John, the founder of the Methodist church, and Charles, who wrote many of the hymns we are familiar with, such as, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Without her dedication to "just being a mom" to her kids, the world may not have

known the abolition of slavery, the end of child labor in England, and the establishment of multiple organizations to help the poor. She knew the struggle of motherhood, but never lost focus on her relationship with God: "Were I permitted to choose a state of life, or positively to ask of Thee anything in this world, I would humbly choose and beg that I might be placed in such a station wherein I might have daily bread with moderate care and that I might have more leisure to retire from the world without injuring those dependent on me."

Finally, the mother we all know had her young dreams shattered with a divine revelation. Mary, the mother of Jesus, did not anticipate marrying the man she loved with scandal under the surface. She did not anticipate giving birth in a stable away from her hometown. She did not envision running away and hiding as a refugee in Egypt to save the life of her baby boy. How much did Mary know about how the life of her son would end thirty years later? Mary dealt with extraordinary circumstances as a teenage mother to the expected Jewish Messiah, yet her faith in God never wavered. When given the news of her miraculous conception, she broke out into song, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For He took notice of His lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed." She would pass on that dynamic faith to her children. Moms play an impactful role as carriers of a generational legacy of faith.

If you are a mom, I hope the stories of these three women inspire you to be a better mother or encourage you in knowing that some of the most influential mothers in history struggled through challenging circumstances. Just by focusing on being a mom, you could impact many generations without knowing it. If you have a mother (if you're reading this, I assume you do), thank God for her. If she's still alive, honor her this month. We may not know what struggles our mothers endured (or maybe we do), but God expects us to honor our mothers, and for that reason alone, we should. Happy Mother's Day!

Quotes taken from *7 Women* by Eric Metaxas.

HOW TO AVOID DIVORCE AND HAVE A BETTER MARRIAGE



"Research shows that husbands and wives who read the Bible together on a regular basis have better marriages and a much lower divorce rate. When I suggest this to a couple, I almost never get pushback from them. I do get questions: "Where do we start?" and "How do we do that?" I asked those same questions early on in my marriage. At that time, there were no Bible apps available, but now there are many to choose from." - **Dr. Kim Kimberling**

Dan Cooper adds, "I have discovered in marriage counseling that, something as simple as a couple praying together out loud, can break down barriers and strengthen a marriage. Praying together connects hearts and deepens relationships."



LADIES RETREAT

Friday, May 6 - Saturday, May 7

Guest Speaker: Lydia Forkner. Cost: \$35/person. Girls 12 and under: \$10. Registration ends May 6.

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CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOP

Thursday, May 19 - Saturday, May 21

For elders, ministers, deacons, & ministry leaders. Cost is \$60/person. Registration ends May 19.

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FAMILY CAMP

Friday, May 27 - Sunday, May 29

For all ages. Cost is \$130. Children 4 and younger are free. Registration ends May 27.

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SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 28 from 10AM - 4PM

FREE & open to public. No reservations required.

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CAMP SONSHINE

Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5

Ages 8-18. Cost is FREE. Registration ends June 3.

Visit manatawny.org to register and for more information/details on each of these events.



Camp Manatawny needs 500+ summer volunteers again this year. If you would like to apply, go to:
www.manatawny.org/volunteerapplication



CONGRATULATIONS!

Andy and Donna Mychajlowycz are celebrating the birth of their first grandchild! **Tristan Thomas Cosgrove** was born on **Thursday, April 21, 2022** at 10:29AM weighing 8lbs 2oz. Baby and mom are doing great. Congratulations to Andy and Donna, and to mom and dad, Cassie and Kase Cosgrove! (In this picture, Tristan is wearing the same outfit that his mom wore when she came home from the hospital!)



"We are so grateful for all of the women who helped out with Christina's bridal shower. She and her family felt blessed to be shown such love by so many sweet ladies. Many thanks to all who participated, and to those who sent gifts, as well."
- **Brian and Cindy Holden**"

"Church, thank you for the prayers, cards, and hugs. It is amazing knowing that our loving church is just a phone call away, and you all always have our backs. Our Dad is now with our Father."
Love, Tim and Ladeana"

"Pitman Road Church of Christ, your kind expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by our family."
- **The Lawton Family**"



TEACHERS NEEDED

We have an opening for a **Kids for Christ** or **Junior Worship** teacher during sermon time in the month of May. Video lesson and activities are provided. Call or text **Robin Steward** at **856-264-9003** to volunteer. Thank you!





THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND HARD WORK!

Many thanks, to those who have been helping to make the outside grounds of our church building looking great!

First, some from Tuesday Men's Prayer Time and Women's Bible Study helped us get a head start. Then, we continued on Saturday, April 9th with an Outside Work Day. Flower beds were cleaned and weeded, and 13 yards of mulch was laid down, altogether!

We greatly appreciate all of the hard workers who helped make our flower beds look nice and fresh again, especially for Easter Sunday.

Our brother, Bud Britton, would be so proud!



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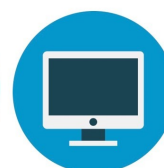
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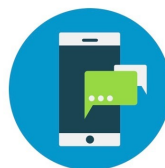
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