

Ash Avenue Baptist

IN MAY

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MAY 2009

- SATURDAY, MAY 2ND 9AM TO 2PM SINGLE PARENT FUN DAY AT AARON'S CREEK BAPTIST
- SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, 3PM-WMU ANNUAL MEETING AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
- THURSDAY, MAY 7TH-NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- SUNDAY, MAY 10TH-MOTHER'S DAY
- SATURDAY, MAY 16TH-ARMED FORCES DAY
- SUNDAY, MAY 17TH-7PM CHILDREN'S MUSICAL & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- MONDAY, MAY 25TH-MEMORIAL DAY

From Eure Pastor's Desk *by John D. Eure*

God literally designed mothers to be the gateway by which each child enters the world. That fact alone is enough for us to honor all moms. But the mother who follows the Lord Jesus creates fertile soil for her children to follow Him.

This summer, I'll celebrate 35 years as a *born again* follower. I remember at 8 years old, it was my mother who explained to me the scripture from *John 3* as Jesus explained to Nicodemus that one had to be born again to enter God's kingdom. After a few times of explanation, it finally made sense to me and I committed myself to following Jesus. I was blessed that both parents taught me that God wasn't a stranger.

Unfortunately, not everyone has fond memories of their mothers and many may now be experiencing a strained relationship.

Unfortunately, there are some mothers who neglect their children,

who abuse them, or simply resent having them.

Unfortunately, some readers may worry that your moms are spiritually lost and unprepared if they were to meet the Lord.

How do we celebrate these less-than-ideal mothers along with those who live honorably?



The fifth commandment in Exodus 20:12 reads, "Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Certainly, faithful, loving parents should be honored, however God's word makes no distinction

between honoring deserving or undeserving parents.

If you are struggling with issues regarding your parents, whether they are living or not, let me encourage you to honor them. Honor them without condoning their bad behavior or the emotional burden they placed on you. If for no other reason, be thankful God used them to give you life. Honor them not because it's easy, but because in Jesus there is the ability to forgive- which in turn leads us to peace. His Spirit enables us to forgive even those who should be the closest to us. Christ can transform lost mothers, just as He will for anyone.

And for the honorable moms, don't forget to show your gratitude for their investment in your life, especially for their role in leading you to the One who gives abundant and everlasting life.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



It's Bible School time at Ash Avenue Baptist!

Our VBS will be held from June 7th through June 11th, with supper each night at 5:30.

Classes from 6:30 to 8:45.

VBS Family Night Friday, June 12th at 6:30pm

Pre-register by May 17th and you will get a free t-shirt.

For more information check Welcome Center,

Contact our VBS Director, Faye Gainey, or call church office, 572-2006.

Sunday, **May 17th** at 7PM the Children's Choir of Ash Avenue Baptist Church presents the musical, "Ark-e-ology". You're invited to join us in encouraging the children, by your attendance.



Ice Cream Social follows the performance.

WMU

- Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00pm-**WMU Annual Meeting** at Bethel Baptist Church -Scottsburg, VA
- Monday, May 4th at 2:00pm- **Nonie Gravitt Meeting**
- Tuesday, May 5th at 10:00am-**Eva Saunders Meeting**
- Thursday, May 14th at 7:00pm-**Sisters Serving Christ**



Office Closed
Monday,
May 25th

MAY Ushers & Greeters



5/3	Jim Chandler, Jerry Crenshaw Fred Flinn Randy Hupp	5/17	Dennis Stewart Jimmy Allen Victor Crump Benny Smith
5/10	Randy Guill Wes Bosiger Tom Hahn Buddy Wilborn	5/24	Rick Brogden Wayne Bales Mike Harris Mike Laughorn
	5/31		Jim Chandler Jerry Crenshaw Fred Flinn



To *everyone* at Ash Avenue Baptist Church, Thanks so much for the many prayers, visits, and phone calls we received during Austin's hospital stay.

Continue to pray for us and especially Austin as he has a ways to go before being fully recovered.

Thanks again,
Nelson & Candee Pulliam



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

During the ending days of the Civil War, women's groups in the South decorated graves of their fallen loved ones and, in their honor, a hymn entitled "**Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping**", was written in 1867.

The first official observance was on **May 30, 1868**, when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

This year, Ash Avenue Baptist will have a Memorial Day observance during Morning Worship on **Sunday, May 24th**. If you have a loved one who died in the service of our country, or served in the military and is no longer with us, please bring a picture of that person to church **not later than Friday, May 22nd**. We will display these pictures in the sanctuary during Worship on May 24th.



Teresa Satterfield
3009 Cherry Hill Church Rd.
South Boston, VA 24592

Visit our booth at the **Heritage Festival** this weekend, at the fairgrounds.

Friday, May 1st: 5pm to 9pm
Saturday, May 2nd: 9am to 9pm
Sunday, May 3rd: 1pm to 5pm

Register for door prizes

During Worship in May

- 5/3 - Bill & Gayle Haley
- 5/10 - Mike & Andrea Sizemore
- 5/17 - Faye Clark & Tom Ward
- 5/24 - Hogan MacCarty & Jackie Carter
- 5/31 - Buddy & Diane Wilborn

Judy Meeler is the Acting Nursery Coordinator for Worship. Please contact her for any changes.



During Sunday School in May

- 5/3 - Tina Englebright & Sharon Brogden
- 5/10 - Judy Meeler & Becky Whitt
- 5/17 - Faye Beck & Faye Gainey
- 5/24 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead
- 5/31 - Judy Meeler & Janice Martin

If you find that you will not be able to be in the Sunday School Nursery on your scheduled date please call Cora Cliborne - 575-8100

ABC Offering Report as of: 4/28/09:

Budget offering received...\$65,560.54
 Budget offering needed...\$67,434.41
 Budget deficit.....(1,873.87)



Thursday, May 7th.
Call Dan River Baptist Association
572-2608
for breakfast reservations.



**Kristy Lacks
710 Magnolia Drive
South Boston, VA 24592**

**Gene & Kathy Comer
1180 Loftis Road
South Boston, VA 24592**

**Jami Hunt
1073 E. Oak Hill Drive
Halifax, VA 24558-3025**



In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community. She felt this was a cause that would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day".

In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday, to be observed each year on the second Sunday in May .

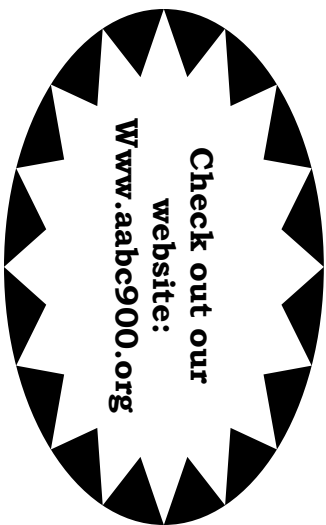
Happy Mother's Day!



**Properties Contacts for May
are Billy Hanks & Wes Bosiger**

**Deacons of the Month for May
are John Bosiger & Victor Crump**

**Need to use the church van this month?
If so, contact Buddy Wilborn for
availability.**



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