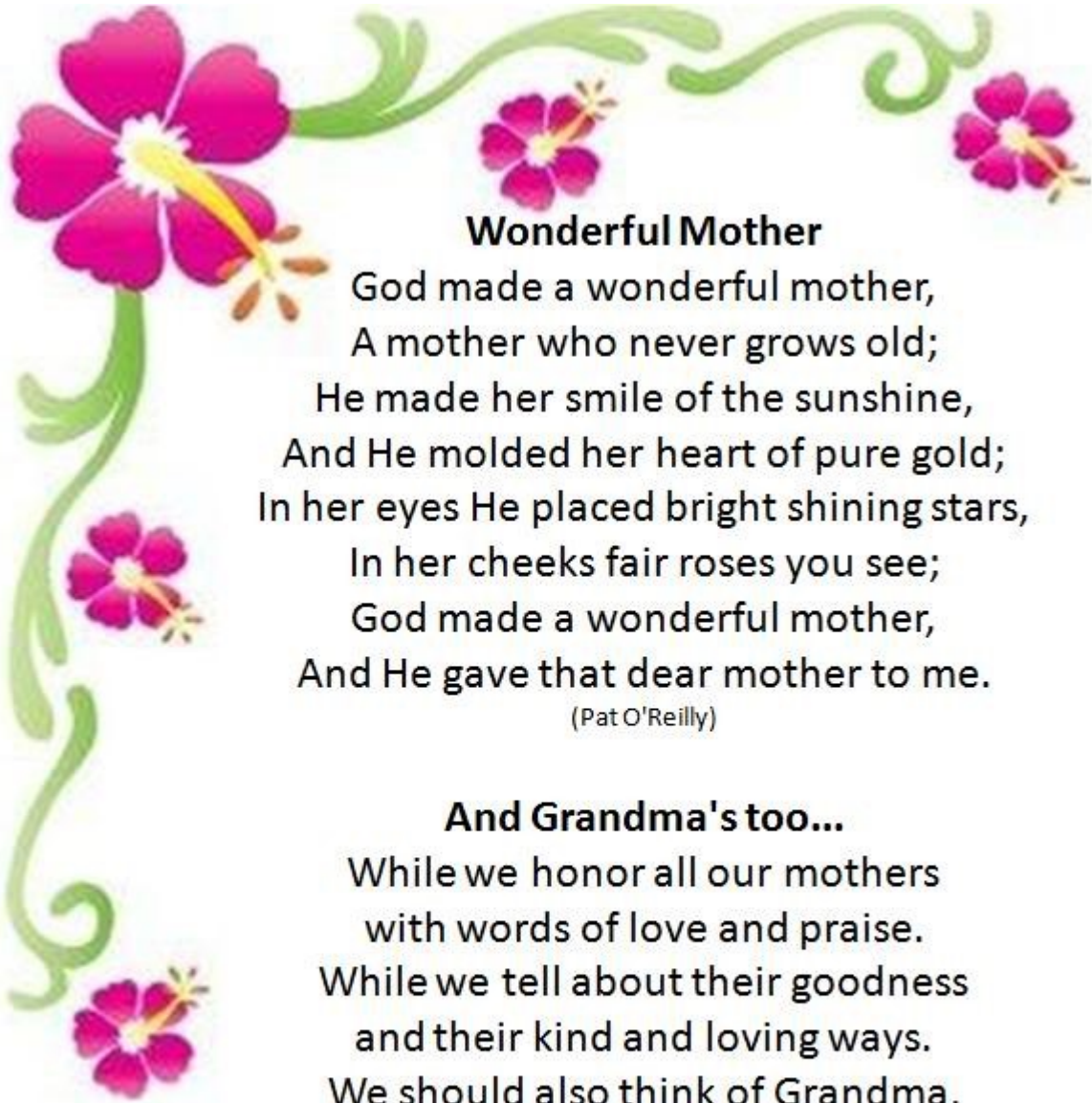


# Covenant Connections



COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NC

May 2025



## Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

## And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers  
with words of love and praise.  
While we tell about their goodness  
and their kind and loving ways.  
We should also think of Grandma,  
she's a mother too, you see....  
For she mothered my dear mother  
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown



- 1 Jim Brendle
- 4 Wesley Lowe
- 5 Brenda Johnson
- 12 Don Gibson
- 15 Margie Martin
- 18 Ann Dees
- 23 Cole McGinnis
- 23 Amberic Lowe
- 24 Sharon Brendle
- 24 Marcia Phillips
- 25 Abigail Fairfield
- 30 Buddy Johnson



- 13 Joseph & Leanne Flowers
- 23 Don & Sallie Gibson
- 28 Jim & Sharon Brendle

### April Worship Attendance & Giving

April 6	110	\$2,198
<i>(combined worship)</i>		
April 13	28	\$3,046
April 20	40	\$1,380
April 27	19	\$1,562

In the month of April we have received an additional \$230 to apply towards our loan debt. Total received \$9,700! God Bless you all!



### LOOKING AHEAD . . .

September 20th will be here before you know it! On that day we will be having our annual Craft Vendor Event. Many thanks go out to Pat Culver who heads up this event, there's a lot to do!

If you have any ideas that can help make this a success, talk to Pat! We are getting started with plans and getting the word out!



Thank you to Tony Wilson, Kids at Work and all who came helped out with the welcome dinner for the Ghost Peppers team and staff! The pasta bar went over well and they enjoyed it and appreciated all you did! We have season tickets (4) available for each home game. Games will be on the monthly calendar and you can reserve your tickets by signing up on the list located on the bulletin board or in the office. Teresa or Tammy can get your tickets for you in the office. Enjoy a game or two! It will be a good time!

# Covenant Prayer Corner

## Praise God!

**Buddy Johnson** - doing well! Recheck in a year following kidney surgery!

**Addie McElveen\*** - chemo treatments are almost done and she is tolerating them well and showing positive results!

## New/Updated Prayer Concerns

**Beverly Cole** - continue prayer for Beverly, daily strength, good days and bad days

**Laura McDonald** - has been in the hospital for a week and has been transferred to Belaire for rehab. Pray for Harvey, as this is difficult for him to be without her

**Mandi Merritt** - pray for her to be strong and lean on the Lord during this time of struggles and pray for Drew to be a strong support as well

**Ann Myers** (Kim Ramsey's mother) pray for healing

## Ongoing Prayer for Health

**Mildred McElveen**                      **Jeff & Lisa Casey\***

**Dean Atkinson**                        **Linda Raxter**

*\*Friends/family of members*

*Shout out to all the teachers! You made it through another year! We appreciate you!*

*Remember our teachers in prayer as they finish off these last few weeks!*

2 Corinthians 4:14 “Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us up with Jesus and present us with you to Himself.”

The resurrection of Christ brings hope! The late Emil Brunner once said, “What oxygen is for the lungs, such is hope for the meaning of human life.” As the human organism is dependent on a supply of oxygen, so humanity is dependent on its supply of hope. Yet today hopelessness and despair are everywhere. Peter, who himself was given to despair during the episode of Calvary, writes in a triumphant note, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again into a lovely hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”






There is hope that mistakes and sins can be forgiven. There is hope that we can have joy, peace, assurance and security in the midst of the despair of this age. There is hope that Christ is coming soon, this is what is called in Scripture “the Blessed Hope.” There is hope that there will come some day a new heaven and a new earth, and that the Kingdom of God will reign and triumph. Our hope is not in our own ability, or in our goodness, or in our physical strength. Our hope is instilled in us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

~ Day By Day with Billy Graham

All my hope is in Jesus, thank God that yesterday's gone. All my sins are forgiven, I've been washed by His blood! ~ Rebecca Brooks

*Thank you to Rebecca for sharing these wonderful messages with us each month!*

# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p><b>HAPPY</b>            May 21st            Gaston County Schools            last day of class!  <b>Last Day</b>            May 23rd - Graduation Day  <b>OF SCHOOL!</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 Women in Faith Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Praise Team No Hand Bells</p> 	<p>7</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>4:00 Kids at Work</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11</p> <p><i>Happy Mother's Day</i></p> <p>9:15 Council Mtg</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>Home Game 4 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 Praise Team No Hand Bells</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 Kids at Work</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Home Game 7 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Home Game 7 pm</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>3:00 Farewell Reception for David Christy At First UMC, Gastonia</p> <p>Home Game 4 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells</p> <p>Home Game 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Gaston County Schools Last Day!</p> <p>12:30 pm Home Game Double Header</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Have a great Summer Vacation! 4:00 Kids at Work</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Graduation Day 2025</p>  <p>Home Game 7 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 - 12:30 Community Lunch</p> <p>Home Game 7 pm</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>Home Game 4 pm</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Memorial Day Remember &amp; Honor</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 Praise Team No Hand Bells</p> <p>Home Game 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:30 pm Home Game</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00 Kids at Work</p> <p>Home Game 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



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*May 2025*



**Weekly Scheduled Activities**

**Sunday**

**10:30 am Join us for worship!**

9:30 am Promised Land Worship, held in the fellowship hall  
10:00 am Haitian Worship, held in the chapel

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Covenant Praise Team  
6:00 pm Joyful Noise Ringers

**Thursday**

4:00 - 7:00 pm Kids at Work

**COME  
WORSHIP**  
*with us!*

**Monthly Activities**

**First Monday**

10:30 am Covenant Women in Faith Circle Meeting

**Fourth Saturday of each month**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Community Lunch