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A Mother's Love is a Gift

There is no love, like a mother's love, no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most, a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache, and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over, a mother's love lives on...
through many generations, with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers, for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given, and the strength from up above.

-anonymous

Let us give thanks to God for the gift of our mothers. May their words of loving instruction be ever etched on our hearts and a comforting voice in our ear. Let us speak blessings over our mothers and exhort them, for they have sacrificed much to raise us up. Let us love our mothers well, showing kindness and grace to them in every season. Let us honor our mothers by walking in faith, hope and love all the days of our lives.

We love You moms and we thank God for each of You!



Proverbs 31:26

When she speaks,

her words are

wise,

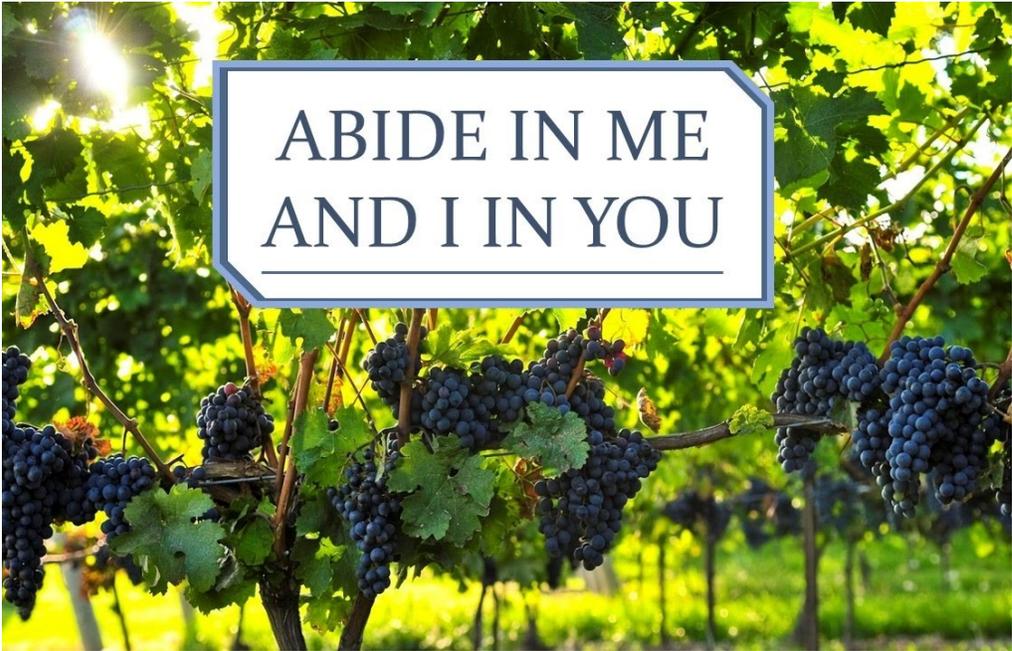
and she gives

instructions with

kindness.

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ABIDE IN ME AND I IN YOU

Abide in Christ

John 15:4-5 NKJV ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Let us remember Jesus is our life source and when we remain connected to Him, *abiding in Him*, there is an effortless and continuous flow of His power sustaining us in every way.

We are not meant to do life on our own. We are not designed to operate independently. We cannot sustain that and truly live. Striving in our own limited power will lead us to break down in multiple ways.

Jesus came that we might have life abundant in Him!

When you feel at times that you are reaching a breaking point, pause and ask yourself, “am I abiding in Christ?”

Jesus says in Matthew 11: 29-30 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Take my yoke** upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Let us not wait till we reach our breaking point to cry out for help from our Savior. Let us tune to His flow within us each day letting the Spirit be our guide in all ways. For in the Spirit there is life and peace.

Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. Let us abide in the One who gives us life and rest for our souls. Let us abide in our Prince of Peace.

Celebrating- May Birthdays

Carson Richardson	May 12
Bob Lentz	May 12
John Theel	May 26
Gary Pichler	May 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Carrie and Jr Abela	May 9
Julie and Pat Graham	May 23



**Village Wide
Rummage Sale
and Fundraiser!**

May 13-14th

Rio is holding their annual village wide rummage sale and Living Gospel Church will be participating.

All funds raised will go towards supporting people of Ukraine in their time of need.

If you have gently used items that you would like to donate please contact Dawn Keepes.

If you can assist either day with set up, manning donations received or take down, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Dawn know how you are able to help.

If you simply want to give a donation to help this cause, we will be receiving a love offering throughout May for Ukraine.

We will give through the WI Red Cross and they will forward it to partners in Ukraine.

Thank you and God bless you for your help and generosity to share hope!



Honoring our 2022 Seniors!

Isaiah 40:31 NIV *³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

We are so very proud of Brody Keepes, Raymond Ebert and Aubrey Benisch!

It has been a joy to watch you each grow from young children into accomplished, kind and service-hearted young adults.

Brody plans to attend Madison College in the fall and has been accepted into their Vet Tech program. He also plans on continuing to work at the UW Ag Farm in Arlington. Brody has earned many honors throughout his high school career including being a member of the National Honors Society, and most recently earning the Team First Award for the 2021-2022 season from the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. This was given for always putting his team and teammates first.

Raymond wants to get a job at the Feed Mill and will continue working the family farm. Raymond made the honor roll this year and earned a prestigious academic award from the Rio Community Club! We are also thrilled to have Raymond continue as a member of our church family!

Aubrey is working at Goodwill Industries and will continue with her job there following high school.

We pray you will each do great things in this world, that you stay humble, lead others with love and kindness and follow the Lord wherever He leads you. Seek Him first in all you do and He will make your paths straight. God bless you always and keep you safe in His care.

Jeremiah 29:11 *¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

Coming Events

Sat. May 7th– Ladies Breakfast and fellowship. 8 am. Sam Hawley's-312 Railroad St. Rio.

Sun. May 8th Special Mother's Day worship service. Invite a mom and let us honor her! Come and be honored as a mother in our church family.

Fri. May 13th and Sat. May 14th Rio Village Wide Garage Sales. Living Gospel Church will be holding a rummage sale to raise funds to send as a love offering to Ukraine. We can use helpers for both days and if you want to donate items contact Dawn Keepes

Mon. May 16th Ladies Prayer Group 9 am at church.

Taste and See the Lord is Good.

Wednesdays: 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship– **Come and join the fun! We have room! It's staying light out longer-come on out and deepen your faith and build friendships. Small groups are powerful ways to grow!**

Or create your own small group-*"Where 2 or 3 gather there I am"*

*May God bless you with greater understanding and wisdom as you
taste of Him in new ways this year.
Seek Him and find He is good!*

*Always Here to
Encourage You*

**Let us be in the habit
of meeting together.**

Is there something
troubling your heart?
Could you use someone
to talk to and pray with?

I am here for you. We are
not meant to shoulder our
burdens alone.

Email: pastor@
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Or via cell phone:
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***May God Bless You
and Make His Face
Shine Upon You.***

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