



# Yucca Breeze

THE UNITED CHURCHES, HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

## **Pastor's Pulpit:**

With May comes the dawning of life as springtime finally arrives for good. It is also the time to remember our own springtime of youth when the best thing that most of us experienced as children were the times spent at home with our moms. Their memory lasts a lifetime. Speaking of May ... may I share with you 23 good quotes concerning motherhood:



1. **Jill Churchill:** "There is no way to be the perfect mother but a million ways to be a good one."
2. **Barbara Kingsolver:** "Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws."
3. **Washington Irving:** "A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."
4. **Linda Wooten :** "Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had, and dealing with fears you didn't know existed."
5. **Maria Shriver:** "Having kids – the responsibility of rearing good, kind, ethical, responsible human beings – is the biggest job anyone can embark on."
6. **Erma Bombeck:** "It is not until you become a mother that your judgment slowly turns to compassion and understanding."
7. **Margan Harper Nichols:** "Tell the story of the mountain you climbed. Your words could become a page in someone else's survival guide."
8. **Robert Browning:** "Motherhood: All love begins and ends there."
9. **Ani Di Franco:** "Birth is the epicenter of women's power."
10. **Pamela S. Nadav:** "There is such a special sweetness in being able to participate in creation."
11. **Gilda Radner:** "Motherhood...is an act of infinite optimism."
12. **J.K. Rowling:** "Love as powerful as your mother's leaves its own mark... To have been loved so deeply... Will give us some protection forever."

- 13) **Jeffrey R. Holland:** “To all mothers in every circumstance, including those who struggle, I say, ‘Be peaceful. Believe in God and yourself. You are doing better than you think you are.’”
- 14) **Maya Angelou:** “To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow.”
- 15) **Jane Sellman:** “The phrase ‘working mother’ is redundant.”
- 16) **Oprah Winfrey:** “I believe the choice to become a mother is the choice to become one of the greatest spiritual teachers there is.”
- 17) **Honore de Balzac:** “The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will find forgiveness.”
- 18) **Coco Chanel:** “Women have always been the strong ones of the world.”
- 19) **President Barack Obama:** “My mother was the one constant in my life. When I think about my mom raising me alone when she was 20, and working and paying the bills, and, you know, trying to pursue your own dreams, I think is a feat that is unmatched.”
- 20) **Unknown:** “Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.”
- 21) Abraham Lincoln: “All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”
- 22) **Edwin Hubbell Chapin:** “No language can express the power, and beauty, and heroism, and majesty of a mother’s love.”
- 23) **Tina Fey:** “I think every working mom probably feels the same thing: You go through big chunks of time where you’re just thinking, ‘This is impossible—oh, this is impossible.’ And then you just keep going and keep going, and you sort of do the impossible.”

It’s been over a year now since I said “see you later” as my own mother slipped off her earthy garments and put on her heavenly garb. I still miss her ... although sometimes I can almost sense her nearness. For instance, when I came across this list of 23 quotes concerning motherhood, written by Leah Hall for Country Living magazine, a sweet soft voice reminded me that my mom’s birthday was also in May ... May 23rd!

*I wish I could turn back time  
 Not just by years, but decades  
 Right to the time I was a teenager  
 When you used to whine about my grades  
 I would do a lot of things differently  
 I would never have shown disrespect  
 I wouldn’t have tried to ignore you  
 I would have heeded your advice, so perfect  
 Mom, I know it is too late to say  
 All these things now  
 But I hope you are listening to all this  
 From the heavens above  
 I miss you  
 (Unknown)*

Fifth Sunday Keyboard Celebration  
This Sunday — April 30th

10:00 am  
In the Church Sanctuary

Our Fifth Sunday Music Celebration  
Will feature **KEYBOARD MUSIC EXTRAORDINAIRE**  
&  
**CONGREGATIONAL FAVORITE HYMNS**  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR ... MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!!

FOLLOWED BY:

**ALL CHURCH**



In the

Fellowship Hall

**BRING:**

**FOOD** to share  
(a main dish or salad or  
side or dessert)

Bring ... **YOURSELF**

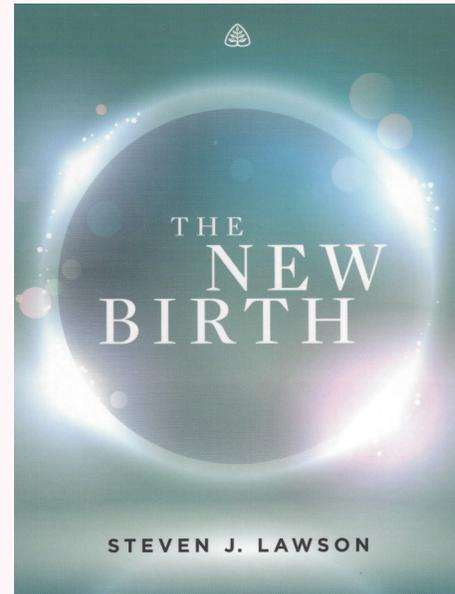
Bring a ... **FRIEND**

Bring a ... **SMILE!**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**New "Sensibles" Class**  
**Sunday Mornings**  
**Beginning May 21st**  
**8:30 am**  
**In The Fireside Room**  
**With Pastor David**  
**"THE NEW BIRTH"**  
**Steven J. Lawson**



***"Unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3***  
"Christians often describe themselves as "born again." While this phrase is familiar to many, people rarely explain what they mean when they use it. Unfortunately, talk of being "born again" often accompanies a man-centered understanding of salvation. In this teaching series, Dr. Steven J. Lawson will examine what Jesus said about the new birth in John 3 in order to recover a biblical understanding of what happens when a person is born again."



## **MAY MISSION EMPHASIS** **SUMMER BIBLE/CHURCH CAMP** **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Author Unknown

Our Mission Emphasis for the Month of May will be for our **Summer Bible/Church Camp Scholarships Fund**. Scholarships for Bible/Church camps are available through the Christian Education Team (at United Churches). The mission of Camp Scholarships supports the Gospel message to our youth and adults! Our Loose Change offering will be received on Sunday, May 14th and will go toward this mission. If you wish to give toward this fund, please indicate "Bible/Church Camp Scholarships" on the line designated for Missions on our giving envelopes.

Please see the poster located on the Mission Table in the Bethany Room for the 2023 Camp Schedule.



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

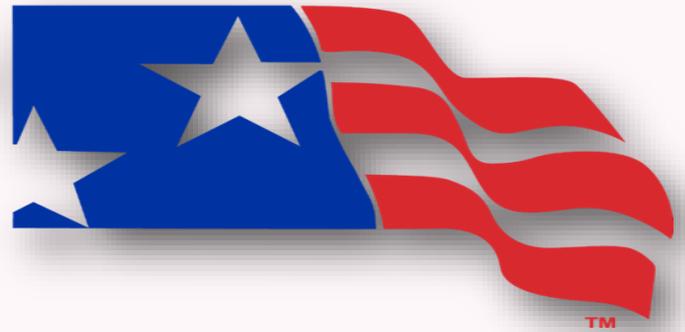


14 Mark & Carol Posthumus  
23 Ryan & Sandra Nichols

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3 Dean Cape            | 19 Jeanne Wyatt                  |
| 4 Kolbylee Kutz        | 20 Sharon Mower                  |
| 6 Katelin Wynia        | 20 Taylor Sun Bear               |
| 8 Pat Strauser         | 22 Peg Sperlich                  |
| 9 Jaime Cantu          | 22 Jill Evangelista              |
| 10 Nancy Nilsen        | 24 Summer Humbracht              |
| 14 Sally Park-Hageman  | 26 Randy Schur                   |
| 14 Calla Hanson        | 28 Leon Melstad                  |
| 15 Julianna White Face | 28 Tom Hofer                     |
| 15 Myrna Wilson        | 30 Alicia Evangelista (Anderson) |
| 16 Ginny Coates        |                                  |

*If your name is not included on the Birthdays and Anniversaries list and you would like it to be added, please contact the church office by email: [uc@gwtc.net](mailto:uc@gwtc.net) or call 745-5640.*

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



**Come Join Us**

**Thursday, May 4 — Centennial Park — 12:00 noon**

**Bring a chair and share in the fellowship  
Soup and Bread will be provided following the service**

**Conducted by the Hot Springs Ministerial Association**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the U. S. Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

*In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the  
United Churches Fellowship Hall.*

[www.hsministerial.org](http://www.hsministerial.org)

## THIS AND THAT

### **FOOD PANTRY CLIENT PROFILE:**

Number of Active Clients (Visited the pantry in 2023)=**238**; Single=**107**; Family=**131**; Veterans=**78** (included in sgl/fam count); New Sign Ups (since Jan 1 2023)=**35**; Average days open each month=**16**.

### **UNITED WOMEN:**

The United Women will meet on **Tuesday, May 16th** at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. We are continuing our study in the book of Psalms.

### **BASIC NEEDS & BEARLY USED BOUTIQUES — SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

The Basic Needs and Bearly Used boutiques will be open during the summer on the **second Saturday if the month from 10:00 am—12:00 noon. Saturdays open: May 15; June 10; July 8; August 12; September 9.**

## **AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM THURSDAYS / 4:00—6:00 PM**



Isaiah walked the streets naked as God had instructed (Isa: 20) to warn the city of impending doom. Ezekiel used many techniques to communicate God's message in visions and puns such as eating a scroll (Eze: 3), laying restrained on each side for an entire 430 days (Eze:4), and shaving his head and burning his hair (Eze:5). I cannot follow Ezekiel's or Isaiah's methods but I desire to fulfill Jesus' great commission (Mk:16:15) in a much simpler way.

Now that the basement room is available, our United Church youth group will be hosting a program on **Thursdays from 4pm-6pm**. This will be an afterschool community outreach to kids 13 years old and up outside our church family. They will share God's Word through games and fun activities. We already have a couple of arcade games available for fun during Sunday school. Why not share it with other kids during the week after they get out of school? This would be a safe "hang-out place" for kids. We will be serving "walking tacos" or any simple snack foods.

The program will be led by our teens with the supervision of 2 adults. Besides having free time for games and fun activities, a choice of discussion topics will include: life skills and any relevant issues. If you have any board games that you are not using, please send them our way. Would you please show support for our teens in their faith journey by volunteering just 2 hours a week?

**Thank you! Maris Smith (Christian Education Leader)**