

## Why, O Lord?

Sometimes I get overwhelmed with the trauma in our world. Distressing news seems to be all there is. Seemingly happy couples separate or divorce. Innocent children are molested or killed. Friends become enemies over the most trivial things. Good people are overcome with relentless diseases. Young people are enticed by the devil to give themselves up to lust without a fight. Suicide among teens is the number one killer. Brothers and sisters in Christ bicker and fuss and fight until a church is divided and impotent.

The frustration I feel from it all causes me to cry out with the psalmist, *“Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble”* (Psalm 10:1)? He goes on to say in the verses that follow that the wicked person seems to be the one who prospers. The causer of pain and suffering seems to be blessed most of all. He destroys the innocent and ambushes the helpless. He gets away with his fiendishness for so long that he says to himself, *“God has forgotten; He covers His face and never sees”* (Psalm 10:11).

But then the psalmist reminds himself and me that God will ultimately have the victory. He does see trouble and grief. He will *“break the arm of the wicked and evil man.”* He will *“call him to account for his wickedness. The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations will perish from His land. You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; You encourage them and listen to their cry”* (Psalm 10:14-17).

*“Why, O Lord?”* may never be answered. But one thing is for sure: God does not forsake those who serve him. The final victory will be theirs through Him. Discouragement will still come, but it only serves to sharpen and prepare us to accept the final victory. What a relief that will be!

—Jeff Gardner



## What Mom Took

Most often when we think of Mom,  
we think of what she's given  
The softness of a loving touch,  
a gentle guide for living,  
A nightly tip toe in a room,  
an understanding look  
But sometimes when I think of Mom...  
I think of what she took.  
She took a child and taught it  
how to live this life with pride.  
She took those kindergarten tears  
and kept them deep inside.  
She took the hands that longed to hold  
her child and not let go;  
Used them to push her child along  
the way, to thrive and grow.  
She took time to do some other things,  
like sew and clean and cook,  
And never thought to ask for thanks  
for all the things she took.

—Author Unknown

## Sermon Notes

### Pains and Payments of Childbirth

Genesis 3:14-16

Motherhood is a selfless choice which leads to sacrifice, suffering and sainthood. The pain of motherhood is overshadowed by the payments of motherhood. Notice three payments every mother receives.

- I. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. “The hand that R\_\_\_\_\_ the cradle R\_\_\_\_\_ the world” (William Ross Wallace).
  - B. Most spirituality P\_\_\_\_\_ by any P\_\_\_\_\_ came from mother.
  - C. The power of the influence of a godly mother can never be C\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. There is no L\_\_\_\_\_ to the P\_\_\_\_\_ of a mother through the lives of her children.
- II. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Patience can only be learned through S\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Mothers can be the most F\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
  - C. Patience is the first quality of G\_\_\_\_\_ U\_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - D. Growth in patience is why M\_\_\_\_\_ become such amazing G\_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. It takes the P\_\_\_\_\_ of a G\_\_\_\_\_ to fully enjoy children.
- III. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. A mother's W\_\_\_\_\_ can be most P\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The wisdom of M\_\_\_\_\_ has solved many of the P\_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

*Whether your mother is living or deceased, your allegiance to Jesus Christ will be the greatest payment of all.*

## Announcements

- ➔ **IF YOU HAVE A KEY FOB** to the magnetic door access system, that system is being replaced this week and your FOB will no longer work. The system will be complete by the end of the week. If you require a FOB for access, come to the office during regular hours **AFTER** the new system is installed to receive a replacement FOB.
- ➔ **\*\*ATTENTION\*\*** Beginning **TODAY** we will resume using the “KidCheck” system when your children go to Bible Class. It is imperative for safety and accountability that we all use this system and all children and volunteers must check in. If you currently have an account in the system you may go to <https://go.kidcheck.com/signin.aspx> to update your information. If you have never enrolled in the system, you may go to the same website to set up your account and enroll your children in the system.
- ➔ The Green Sheet Prayer List and May Birthday list is available at the Connection Point desk in the lobby.
- ➔ Remember our Community Cupboard Ministry! Items needed: shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, bar soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, any other items you can think of PLUS monetary donations.

### Deepest Condolences extended to:

Anita Oliver in the death of her papa, Carl Suzain, who passed away April 25, 2021. Funeral was last Monday in New Orleans.

### Dates To Remember:

- May 11 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- May 12 @ 8-10 AM Men’s Breakfast at Madison’s on 29th Street
- May 12 @ 4:30 PM Bible Class with Jimmy Lee
- May 12 @ 5:30-6:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal
- May 15 @ 2 PM - Wedding Shower for Nita Messer’s daughter and fiancé, Kaylee Bobelu and Gabriel Kracke. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.
- May 20 @ 2-5 PM Community Cupboard
- May 30 @ 2 PM Wedding Shower for Sam Day and Cara Cecil
- June 6-11 Camp Rock Creek Session; pick up registration forms at Connection Point
- June 14-16 Christian Service Center VBS
- June 20-24 Camp Zenith @ OC
- June 21-24 Day Camp Week 1
- July 12-15 Day Camp Week 2
- July 21-23 Vacation Bible School

## Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Welcome To Our  
**Sunday Morning  
 Family Worship**  
 May 9, 2021

## Order of Worship

Call To Worship .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Song #559, *The Joy of the Lord* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Song #97, *I Sing Praises* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Prayer .....Sam Day  
 Song #47, *Holy, Holy, Holy!* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Song #344, *Low in the Grave He Lay* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Communion Thoughts.....Tim Hempel  
 Scripture Reading, *Genesis 3:14-16*.....Colin Russell  
 Song #23, *Our God, He Is Alive* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Message .....Jeff Gardner  
 Song #902, *Nothing But the Blood* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Closing Announcements and Prayer .....Chris Dillinger  
 Song #239, *In Moments Like These*.....Ivan Gonzalez

## Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday		Saturday	
Worship	10:00 AM	Hispanic Women	5:00 PM
Classes	11:15 AM		
Hispanic Class	5:00 PM		
Wednesday			
Early Class	4:30 PM		
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM		
Thursday			
Ladies Class	Noon		

**Attended Nursery** from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call 405-672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.