



# "TIDINGS"



May 2011



**COMPASSION SUNDAY**  
**MAY 1**  
**start small / THINK BIG**



Sponsoring children in need is breaking the cycle of poverty. Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Founded by the Rev. Everett Swanson in 1952, Compassion began providing Korean War orphans with food, shelter, education and health care, as well as Christian training. Today, Compassion helps more than 1 million children in 26 countries. On Compassion Sunday we will focus on the Child Sponsorship Program. Come learn how you may become part of this ministry. Miracles still happen!

## **THE CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

As healthy children grow their needs change and grow with them. Each child needs the opportunity to explore and develop his or her own talents and learn how to dream. Child Sponsorship is a comprehensive program that connects one child with one sponsor, maximizing the child's potential for development and giving the sponsor a unique ministry - the holistic development of a specific child in need: spiritually, physically, economically and socially.

Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program is comprehensive, holistic and unique. It's dedicated to helping children find a path out of poverty through the love of Jesus Christ. By working with local churches, the Child Sponsorship Program offers educational opportunities, health care and health related instruction, nutrition, life skills training, and opportunities to hear about and respond to the gospel.

Essential to this program is the relationship between the child and his or her sponsor. The program connects one child with one sponsor to help the child achieve his or her God given potential. Through exchanged letters and prayer, children and their sponsors can develop a lasting relationship. As with any relationship the depth and extent of this connection is unique to the two individuals participating. Children around the world treasure the prayers and letters they receive from their sponsors. Some children choose specific careers because of this relationship and many are motivated to surpass their wildest dreams because someone across the globe cares, encourages and prays for them. In many cases the relationship between a child and his or her sponsor extends throughout the child's development. Of course, the relationship is mutually beneficial, because many times God uses children to teach adults in His own strategic way. (Compassion article continued on page 8).



**Newsletter of the Hillsboro First United Methodist Church**

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## **A LOOK AT MAY WORSHIP**

**8:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School**

**8:00 a.m. - Chapel in the Woods (starts May 8th)**

**9:00 a.m. - Traditional Service - Sanctuary**

**10:00 a.m. - Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m. - The Back Porch - Robison Hall**

- May 1 -** Message: The Great Commission: Missions  
Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20
- May 8 -** Message: The Sacrifice of a Mother (Hannah)  
Scripture: I Samuel 1
- May 15 -** Message: Heaven is a Wonderful Place  
Scripture: Revelation 21:22 - 22:5
- May 22 -** Message: John the Baptist  
Scripture: Matthew 11:7-15
- May 29 -** Message: Aldersgate  
Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

## **"MEMBERSHIP MATTERS" ... Pastor Derek**

Periodically, we at Hillsboro First offer an opportunity for people to join our church as members. This coming weekend, on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 p.m., we will be having our initial membership class. The class will be at the same time in Riber Hall for five consecutive weeks. Each class session will last approximately one and a half hours to two hours. To get to Riber Hall, park in our lot around back and go up the sets of stairs with the white railings. Riber is the room next to the small kitchen on the second floor.

Membership is not just getting your name in a dusty roll book kept in the church office. It isn't a ticket to heaven. It isn't like getting a credit card or joining AAA with a list of benefits attached to becoming a member.

### **Then why become a member?**

Becoming a member is making a public statement that this is where I belong. This is where I go to connect with God and others. This is the place I serve in ways that touch the world. When I become a member, I can be counted on to be there, through thick and thin.

Here at Hillsboro First, our membership course consists of a five-week experience that will help people discover more about their faith in Christ and deepen their relationships with others. We will talk about what Christians believe about Jesus, getting more out of reading and studying the Bible, discovering spiritual giftedness and possible ways to put our faith in action, and connecting to others in the church we might not have known. (Continued on next page).

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

### **Monday - Thursday**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### **Closed for Lunch**

12:00 - 1:00

### **Friday**

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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www.hillsboroyouth.org



## **TIDINGS**

Please submit articles to the church office by email or in person no later than the 20th of the month.

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**“MEMBERSHIP MATTERS”** (continued)

The membership course also helps people know where they can connect, like in the United Methodist Women’s group, or a Sunday School class, or a certain ministry team. The class will be light and fun, but it will also be very meaningful – **I promise**. If at the end of the five weeks those in the class decide to become members, we will have a time during a worship service where the congregation will be invited to pray for each person. Those who wish to join the church will take vows in the areas of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

If you are not a member of our church, I encourage you to consider coming this Sunday afternoon. If you can’t make it this particular Sunday, just come the next time and we’ll fill you in on what you missed. If you are a member but have a friend in church who isn’t, I encourage you to talk to them and tell them what being a member has meant to you. I’m looking forward to having a great class with those who wish to join!

Pastor Derek

**SPRING CLEANING TIME !**

Just like our homes, it is time to start cleaning the church. Have you left something at church and have searched high and low for it at home? Now is the time to come in and claim it and take it home. With the new and expanding ministries of our church, we are running out of storage room. All items that are not claimed, no longer used or in disrepair will either be disposed of or will be donated to the UMW Rummage Sale which will take place the first week of May. Note: Check out the coat racks to see if you left a coat or jacket!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Chris and Misty Alexander on the birth of their son, Graydon Dax on March 10, 2011. Graydon weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. The proud grandparents are Bill and Carleen Alexander.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

On April 10th, Raylee and Dawson Barnett were baptized at the 9:00 a.m. service. Their parents are Troy and Jill Barnett. **“Let the little children come to me for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs”.** Mark 10:14.

**REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS  
AT HOME**

Sally Barrere  
Joan DeHaas  
Mary Hiestand  
Herbert Hottle  
Paul and Janie Johnson  
Mary Levo  
Don McCoppin  
Janice Saunders  
Mary Wharton  
Katie Wilkin  
Jean Wilson

**REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN  
CARE FACILITIES**

**Heartland/Hillsboro** - Wanda Bridges and Jim Hapner

**Laurels/Hillsboro** - Kathy Bowman, Jean Head,  
John and JoAnne Walker

**Crestwood/Hillsboro** - Bill Conley

**Xenia** - Marjorie McCreight

**West Union** - Jean Sapp

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

We are a quarter of the way through the year and giving is 36%, or over \$20,000, ahead of our giving through March of 2010. Expenses through March are still tracking below the 2011 budget and when coupled with our receipts give us an YTD gain of almost \$9,300. To date our Shawnee Valley District apportionments and the Conference apportionments have been paid at 100% and 50% respectively of their targets which is what we had planned for 2011. Preliminary figures for April show that we are continuing to exceed our targeted weekly giving of \$5,500. Our optimism for 2011 continues and we have felt comfortable committing to several additional ministry programs that had been planned for the year. The recent modifications to Robison Hall to convert it to “The Back Porch” for our 11:00 a.m. service, and the purchase of a new curriculum for our children’s Sunday school to be implemented this summer and fall, are examples of “new” programs we are undertaking. In March two church members completed an audit/review of our 2008 and 2009 financial records and found no major concerns. Tom Watkins, Chair Finance Committee



### ACOLYTES

- 5/1 Steven Burton and Spencer Rudy
- 5/8 Jessica Lerch and Faye Wooden
- 5/15 Ty Alexander and Jacob Lerch
- 5/22 Allie Branscome and Chloe Harless
- 5/29 Steven Burton and Micah Pinney



### LITURGIST

- 5/1 Pat Meranda
- 5/8 Donna Armstrong
- 5/15 Amy Vance
- 5/22 Steve Vance
- 5/29 Linda Russell



### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 5/1 Kenny and Dee Dee Harless
- 5/8 Betty Powell
- 5/15 Waldo and Judy Ferguson
- 5/22
- 5/29



### SCRIPTURE READING - 9:00 AM

- 5/1 Anita Foley
- 5/8 Nancy Burton
- 5/15 Carleen Alexander
- 5/22 Opal Armstrong
- 5/29 Linda Russell



### CARE & CONCERN

Betty Powell: 393-2172



### USHERS

John Graves (Captain), Bill Alexander, Kevin Greer, Pat Meranda, Steve Vance



### COFFEE/HOSPITALITY

- 5/1 Compassion International
- 5/8 Jill Reffner and Jill Yochum
- 5/15 Kathy and Brittany Rhoads
- 5/22 Tom and Martha Watkins
- 5/29 Dan and Kristin Walker

### SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Shampoo is the collection item for Samaritan Outreach for May. Collection boxes are in Hiestand Hall for all of our donation items.



### COMMUNION STEWARDS

- 5/1 Dee Dee Harless and Lisa Oglesby

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact the people listed below if you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities on this page:

### HOME COMMUNION

- 5/1 Waldo and Judy Ferguson
- Mike and Mary Ellen McCarty
- Joe and Ruth West

Acolytes	Leslie Lerch	288-9808
Altar Flowers	Church Office	393-2981
Care and Concern	Suzanne Devore	288-2352
Greeters	Ruth West	764-1176
Greeters/Chapel Woods	Jolene Walker	393-4716
Home Communion	Donna Summers	393-9676
Hospitality - 9 am	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Hospitality - 11 am	Warren Bridges	695-0053
Liturgist	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Nursery	Suzanne Devore	288-2352
Our Daily Bread	Anna Spilker	402-4543
Saturday Soup/Sand.	Anna Spilker	402-4543
Scripture Readers	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Ushers	Ruth West	764-1176



### GREETERS

- 5/1 Glenn and Opal Armstrong, Jane Graves
- 5/8 Nola Streeter, Jane Graves
- 5/15 Tom and Martha Watkins, Jane Graves
- 5/22 Joe and Ruth West, Jane Graves
- 5/29 Pat Roads, Jane Graves



### GREETERS - CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

- 5/8 Ray and Jolene Walker
- 5/15 Duane and Irene Michael
- 5/22 Virgil and Mary Gibler
- 5/29 Russ and Mary Potts

### THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who has donated items for the Back Porch contemporary service. God bless you!

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5/2 Catherine Pinney
- 5/3 Ron Tillis
- 5/5 Margaret Anderson
- 5/5 Craig Edgington
- 5/5 James Ferrell II
- 5/5 Chloe Harless
- 5/5 Kennedy Harless
- 5/8 Lee Ann Tolle
- 5/9 Emily Renee Ferrell
- 5/9 Mike McCarty
- 5/9 Dugan Wood
- 5/11 Betty Powell
- 5/11 McKenzie Seeling
- 5/13 Ron Current
- 5/15 Debra Evans
- 5/16 Mary Barger
- 5/16 Jonathan Edgington
- 5/16 Brian Ferrell
- 5/16 Tammy Ferrell
- 5/17 Susan Shell
- 5/18 Sharon Burnett
- 5/18 Janice Saunders
- 5/22 Stephanie Dunseith
- 5/23 Nicholas Lewis
- 5/24 Corrine Erickson
- 5/24 Larry Martin
- 5/24 Robbie Miller
- 5/27 Haley Bonecutter
- 5/28 Chad Runyon
- 5/30 Joe Foley
- 5/30 Blake Tira
- 5/31 Tom Watkins



**THANK YOU**

I am continuing to heal at home from my injuries received in the wreck on March 11th. I wish to thank all of those who have helped Suzanne and me with prayers, visits, and gifts during this tribulation in our lives. James 5:16 tells us that "the effectual, fervent, prayers of the righteous availeth much." The many prayers of concern that have been offered for us is availing much. I can surely feel them. I'm healing by God's grace, at His pace, and to His will. By His stripes I am healed! All praise and thanksgiving to Him. May God continue to bless you too, as He is us. YBIC, Gary Hopkins

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Brian Frost for fixing the roller on one of the antique chairs in the front hall.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

**JUNE 5 - 9**

West Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside

**JUNE 15 - 18**

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**JUNE 20 - 24**

Kamp Dovetail - Celebrating 30 years!

**JUNE 30**

Matthew West Concert - Festival of the Bells  
We, along with other local churches, are supporting Matthew West with our Easter offering.

**MAY**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5/1 Kevin and Jaime Bonecutte
- 5/10 David and Lois Williams
- 5/16 Christopher and Erica Kenny
- 5/24 Bob and Sandy Barger
- 5/25 Bob and Dorothy Hodson
- 5/28 Bill and Carleen Alexander



**THANK YOU**

Dear HFUMC Family and Friends: Thank you everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls I received while in the hospital and at home recuperating. They were all a big lift to me. Thanks again and God Bless. Joe West

**JULY 11**

Vacation Bible School at Hillsboro First

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School is July 11-15 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome to join us for an Island Adventure with snacks, games, crafts and worship. Island Odyssey VBS 2011 links biblical island stories with the culture of popular island vacation spots. This Bible and Arts program provides opportunity for persons of all ages to know Jesus and desire the spread of the Gospel all over the world. Come and learn more about the Bible in a fun way. Past 5th grade? Don't worry. There is a place for everyone at Vacation Bible School! Come help be a group leader, make snacks, lead games, tell a story or lead worship. Plan now to attend.



**MAY 1 - SUNDAY**  
**DINNER THEATRE**  
**5:30 PM**

The Friendship Company has been busy preparing for their annual Spring presentation and would like to invite everyone to their production of the musical, "Lifesong" in Robison Hall on Sunday evening, May 1st. The youth will serve dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by the musical at 6:30 p.m. In this musical, several children are put to the test on a tropical island as they not only find the true leader inside each of them, but also learn to lead like Jesus. The excited leaders bring each of their gifts as "the mystery voice" challenges and evaluates them through the quest. The musical includes several songs made popular by the Contemporary Christian group, Casting Crowns. Come support our youth and enjoy a fun evening of good food, fellowship, and entertainment.



**MAY 7 - SATURDAY**  
**MOTHER/DAUGHTER**  
**BANQUET - 6:30 PM**

Mark your calendar for the Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 7th. This year's banquet will be in remembrance of Sue Ferrell. Enjoy a wonderful evening with your mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt or friend at this annual banquet. We have a lot of special entertainment this year. The doors of Robison Hall will open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy great food, prizes and fellowship. The cost for adults is \$13, children ages 5 to 10 is \$3, and children newborn to 4 years old are free. Tickets will be on sale between church services in Hiestand Hall on May 1st. Tickets are also available from the church office. The last day to purchase a ticket is Monday, May 2nd. Tickets must be paid for when the reservation is made.



**MAY 3 - TUESDAY**  
**OUR DAILY BREAD**

The first Tuesday of every month is HFUMC day at Our Daily Bread. Each month we need eight to nine desserts. Please call Peggy Edwards if you would like to sign up to donate a dessert.



**MAY 3 - TUESDAY**  
**7:00 PM - FRIENDLY**  
**HELPERS CIRCLE**

The Friendly Helpers Circle will meet on May 3rd at the church. Hostesses for the evening are Emilie Dunnagan and Judy Ferguson.



**MAY 5 AND 6**  
**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**  
**UMW ANNUAL**  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

Enjoy work, laughter, fellowship and good food together. Your items can be brought in on May 2nd and 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on May 4th from 8:00 a.m. until noon. We need workers on all days, especially on Wednesday. Even if you can only help out for an hour or two, that's great! There is something for everyone to do. Most of the jobs are "sit down" jobs. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is pot luck. Paper and plastic bags are needed! The sales dates are Thursday, May 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday, May 6th from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**MAY 7 - SATURDAY - NOON**  
**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

"Living our Friendship, Passing on the Key" is the theme for May Friendship Day, a Church Women United celebration. We will meet Saturday, May 7th at noon. The place will be Fall Creek Friends Church and we will be honoring Gloria Flannery as Valiant Woman. A Fellowship of the Least Coin will be collected. Everyone is invited. For more information call Debbie Burns at 393-8070.



**MAY 8 - SUNDAY - 8:00 AM**  
**CHAPEL IN THE WOODS**

Join us on "Opening Day" as we celebrate the beginning of our 51st year at Chapel in the Woods. **Did you know** that for the last several years Ray and Jolene Walker have spent many hours at the chapel doing "yard work"? They have volunteered again this year. Ray and Jolene cut the grass, clear the paths, rake leaves, pick up twigs, sweep the bridges and repair the benches when needed. They also unlock the gate for chapel rentals such as weddings or special events, and return to the chapel after the special event to inspect the property and approve the return of the rental deposit. The Walkers also take the attendance pads and the Sunday bulletins to the chapel, turn in to the church office the offering that is collected each Sunday, and arrange for greeters each week. Thank you Ray and Jolene! **Did you know** that in 2010 Jean Head donated a flower arrangement every Sunday to be given away at Chapel in the Woods? Thank you Jean! (continued on next page).

## CHAPEL (continued)

**Did you know** that Charlie Griffith, Tom and Maggi Horst, Nathan Kelch, Ryan Kelch, Howard Rudy and Kent Yochum have all helped with the sound system over the past few years? Thank you Charlie, Tom, Maggi, Nathan, Ryan, Howard and Kent! **Did you know** that every Sunday since the late 1990's Cindy Eigel has transported a portable keyboard to the chapel to accompany hymns, put the keyboard back in her car and made it to church by 9:00 a.m. to play the organ in the sanctuary? Thank you Cindy! **Did you know** that volunteers provide special music (a wide variety of talent) each week? The chapel welcomes anyone who would like to share their talent. Call Cindy Eigel at 393-2569 to sign up! **Did you know** that communion is served at the chapel? Last year Maureen Wood was the communion steward at the chapel and she has agreed to do it again this year. Thank you Maureen! **Did you know** that Rocky Fork Lake celebrates "Christmas in July" and the chapel celebrates this too? This year it will be held on the weekend of July 22 - 24. **Did you know** that if we have bad weather on Sunday morning you can check our church's website to see if the chapel service is cancelled?

**THANK YOU!** We thank the following people who made a commitment to serve the Lord at Chapel in the Woods in 2010: **GREETERS:** Fred and Michele Beery; Terry and Bonnie Britton; Earl and Sharon Burnett; Mike and Emilie Dunnagan; Don, Suanne and David Edwards; Virgil and Mary Gibler; Tom and Maggi Horst; Brent, Jill, Andrea and Wesley Kelch; Jerry and Susan Kirk; Duane and Irene Michael; Russ and Liddy Newman; Russ and Mary Potts; Josh and Adrienne Rudy; Sam and Judy Rudy; Ray and Jolene Walker; Jeff and Maureen Wood; Will, Linda and Faye Wooden. **MUSICIANS:** Donna Armstrong, Ron Current, Christine Eigel, Laura Eigel, Waldo Ferguson, Aubrey Griego, Eric Larson, Tonya Larson, Brittany Rhoads, Sam Rudy, Maggie Beth Schmidt, Mary Ann Shreve and Faye Wooden.

Note: If your name or someone that you know has been accidentally omitted from this chapel article, please contact me or notify the church office. We want to recognize you! Thank you. Jill Reffner

## MAY 8 - SUNDAY - 10:00 AM LOVE DARE BIBLE STUDY

Beginning May 8<sup>th</sup> a Love Dare Bible study will begin in the parlor during Sunday School hour. Anyone interested please email Kristy@gotforgiveness.org or

call Kristy Williams at 937-402-8415 so she can order a book for you. The cost is \$9.00. The principles you will learn can be used for any relationship, although the book focuses on marriage. After the initial group meeting, we will kick off the study with an extended meeting to accommodate time for the movie "Fireproof" the second week of class.

## MAY 22 - BIKE SUNDAY



Plan now to attend the first annual Bike Sunday on May 22nd sponsored by our church. Bring your appetite to a "hog roast" following the 11:00 a.m. Back Porch service. The ride will take place after lunch. Contact Chris Hopkins at 402-7941 for information.

## MAY 27 - FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

### WEE CARE GRADUATION



Wee Care Preschool will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Robison Hall. Please join us to congratulate families and children on their accomplishment of completing preschool.

## MAY 29 - SUNDAY - 9:00 AM GRADUATION SUNDAY



Plan to attend the 9:00 a.m. service on May 29th as we honor our high school and college graduates.

## SOMETHING TO PONDER



Simon Peter and Andrew were fisherman. What did they do for vacation - take a week off to go accounting?

When the disciples went out to eat, would they always insist on a table for twelve, or did they sometimes have to split up into two groups of six, or possibly three groups of four?

When we were kids, why were the least comfortable, least flattering, least favorite clothes we owned our "church clothes?"

Why didn't Noah just swat his two mosquitoes?

Did the biblical prophets get tired of friends constantly asking if the weekend weather would be nice for a picnic?



## **DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SPONSORSHIP**

Child sponsorship leads to a lifetime of learning. It's a powerful approach to Christian child development, providing children with a broader view of the world and educating sponsors about the political and economic realities sponsored children face. This relationship provides both children and sponsors with a concrete example of how God works around the world.

Learning for Life focuses on a child's life from school age until program completion, aiming to prepare each sponsored child with the skills and knowledge required to assume adulthood, including those activities that will make the community a better place to live. We focus on preparing children to:

- Follow Jesus Christ in faith and deed as part of their spiritual training.
- Support themselves and share with others in need as part of their economic training.
- Be responsible members of their family, church, community and nation as part of their social training.
- Maintain their own physical well-being.

The knowledge and skills gained through these various activities contribute to the quality of life children experience throughout their whole lives. It all starts with one person taking the time to sponsor one child.

### **THE CHILD SURVIVAL PROGRAM**

The Child Survival Program (CSP) is designed to rescue, nurture and teach young children. This early childhood intervention program began in 2003 to offer a holistic approach to expectant mothers, caregivers and young, vulnerable children — helping save lives and teaching healthy development. The program is an outreach run by Compassion's Christian church partners around the world.

The Child Survival Program offers critical support and tools so that Christians associated with the local church in the developing world can reach out to their neighbors and provide appropriate, tangible and spiritual love in the name of Jesus. Each relationship is unique. The church provides critical interventions such as nutritious food and medical assistance. Mothers and caregivers learn how to create a safe home environment and provide the essential developmental opportunities

needed to raise happy, healthy children with bright futures. The families also receive spiritual disciplining so they can develop a dynamic lifelong relationship with Christ. Children are stronger, caregivers are more confident, and families and communities benefit from their newly discovered physical, emotional and spiritual strength.

Sunday, May 29 we will take a closer look at the Child Survival Program. You will have an opportunity to partner with this program through a special offering that day.

### **CARE BEFORE AND AFTER BIRTH**



Since infant mortality is extremely high in some parts of the world, the first priority in promoting effective child development is to ensure that children survive the early years when they are most vulnerable to disease and malnutrition. That means educating the mother or primary caregiver, before and after

her child is born, about providing critical care during the earliest years. They are provided education in these areas:

- Growth Monitoring — steady growth is a good sign of adequate nutrition.
- Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) — restores fluids lost to diarrhea.
- Breast-feeding — promotes infant growth, facilitates bonding with the mother, and reduces incidence of illness.
- Immunization — an effective way to reduce or eliminate many diseases that cause childhood death and disability.
- Female Literacy — the mother's level of education is directly tied to child survival.
- Food — food or supplements fight off malnourishment.
- Family Planning — greater spacing between births allows the mother's body to be better prepared for the rigors of pregnancy and to provide greater attention to each child's needs.

What's more, recent research in child development is clear: The first five years are a crucial period in the development of a child and this development directly affects the quality of adult life. Brain development is almost wholly completed by age 2 and malnutrition rates peak at around 24 months of age. This implies the need for early interventions concerning: (continued next page)



## **COMPASSION** **(continued)**

- Health/nutrition.
- Fine/gross motor development.
- Cognitive stimulation.
- Socialization programs.
- Exposure to Christian teaching and the gospel.

This research suggests that it is crucial for Compassion to affect the lives of younger children during this crucial two year window of development. Our Child Survival Program works — and pays big dividends as a child grows older.

## **THE LEADERSHIP** **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

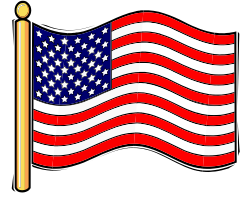
Each year, thousands of students graduate from Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program with their lives vastly improved. Among them are young leaders who aspire to continue their education and training. Compassion's Leadership Development Program identifies these top students and gives them an opportunity to attend university and receive Christian leadership training, providing tuition as well as funds for additional university expenses.

Students completing the program become successful teachers, doctors, engineers, lawyers, businesspeople and pastors, among other professions. These students must do more with less, every day, as they aggressively pursue God's plan for their life. They emerge as Christian leaders, poised to serve and bring hope for the future to their impoverished families, communities and nations.

The Leadership Development Program, like the Child Sponsorship Program, also connects one sponsor to one student in a one-to-one relationship. Sponsors can have a strategic impact in the life of their students by offering expertise and encouragement from across the globe through letter writing. Many students are inspired to succeed beyond what they thought possible because of the words and care their sponsor offers.

Our Leadership Development student, Ezhumalai, is in his 3rd year of nursing school in Bangalore, India. He is doing well with his studies, and sends us frequent letters conveying his gratitude to us and telling us he is praying for us.

## **MEMORIAL DAY**



Memorial Day, which falls on the last Monday of May, commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the American military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

*The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.*

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia.; Richmond, Virginia.; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania.; and Carbondale, Illinois. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). (continued on next page).

## MEMORIAL DAY (continued)

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo, which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866, because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.

Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

*We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.*

She then conceived an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and coworkers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael, and when she returned to France, she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. Also, it is customary for the president or vice president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have. Memorial Day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have. Let us use this Memorial Day as a time to remember all persons, ancestors and forefathers, who have created the world we live in today. It is a day to thank and pay tribute to those who have died to create what we now enjoy. (Source: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com))



## SUSANNA WESLEY - MOTHER OF METHODISM

*"Help me, Lord, to remember that religion is not to be confined to the church, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that every where I am in Thy Presence."*  
Susanna Wesley



It is only fitting that on Mother's Day, we honor and remember Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism. Susanna Annesley Wesley was the youngest of twenty five children born to the family of Dr. Samuel Annesley, a well known minister of the time. Susanna Wesley and her husband Samuel, also a minister, had nineteen children in the first nineteen years of marriage. Ten lived past infancy.

Susanna Wesley was an extraordinary woman devoted to God and her family. Her faith in God allowed the family to survive and face the grief, hardship, and poverty that filled their lives. Her conquering of adversity is still a great inspiration to us all today. She drew her inner strength from her belief in God. She took it beyond the church and integrated it into her daily family life.

Her husband, Samuel Wesley, was a controversial religious and political figure of the time. The Wesley family was subject to much ridicule and in some instances the target of malicious acts because they were known as "dissenters" – people who disagreed with the King's and the church's politics and failure to care for those in need. Their children were mocked, the family crops destroyed, and it was suspected that the rectory was burned due to his beliefs. Samuel himself was committed to "Debtor's Prison" for a period of time by a parishioner demanding payment.

During these the very harshest of times, Susanna was committed to caring for her family the best way possible. Although resources were very limited, she started a daily school for her children. She said her primary purpose was the spiritual development of her children and "the saving of their souls." Academic education was important but never took priority over instruction in God's Word. "Each day before class, she set aside an hour to herself for Scripture reading and prayer, and then led them all in singing psalms."

As a caring mother, she set aside a "special time" with each of her children. Those were "bonding" times when each child was free to discuss whatever they wanted and she would offer her "motherly advice and consul." These weekly private appointments for encouragement could be called "quality time" today. She developed faith, fear of God, and resiliency in each child.

One historical scholar described the Wesley children as "a cluster of bright, vehement, argumentative boys and girls, living by a clean and high code, and on the plainest fare; but drilled to soft tones, to pretty formal courtesies; with learning as an ideal, duty as an atmosphere and fear of God as law." This bond and sense of faith Susanna established with each of her children empowered John and Charles Wesley to go forth in confidence, their character strengthened by their mother.

Samuel Wesley, her husband, wrote this to his children, "With deep admiration, you know what you owe to one of the best of mothers, above all (for) the wholesome and sweet motherly advice and counsel which she has often given you to fear God..." So profound was the influence of Susanna Wesley upon her son, John Wesley, that she has been called "The Mother of Methodism". (Author: Ronald M. Higashi, Executive Director of the Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu, Hawaii). Copied from umc.org.

## THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY



Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not conceived and fine-tuned in the boardroom of Hallmark. The earliest tributes to mothers date back to the annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to Rhea, the mother of many deities, and to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods, Cybele. Christians celebrated this festival on the fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of Mary, mother of Christ. By a religious order, the holiday, in the 1600's, was later expanded in its scope to include all mothers, and named as the Mothering Sunday.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch. (continued on next page).

## **MOTHER'S DAY (continued)**

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church", the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church. With the passage of time, the practice of this fantastic tradition ceased slowly. The English colonists settled in America discontinued the tradition of Mothering Sunday because of lack of time.

In the United States, Mother's Day was loosely inspired by the British day and was first suggested after the American Civil War by social activist Julia Ward Howe. Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic, was horrified by the carnage of the Civil War and the Franco Prussian War and so, in 1870, she tried to issue a manifesto for peace at international peace conferences in London and Paris (it was much like the later Mother's Day Peace Proclamation). During the Franco Prussian war in the 1870s, Julia began a one woman peace crusade and made an impassioned "appeal to womanhood" to rise against war. She believed mothers bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else.

She composed in Boston a powerful plea that same year (generally considered to be the original Mothers' Day proclamation), translated it into several languages, and distributed it widely. In 1872, she went to London to promote an international Woman's Peace Congress. She began promoting the idea of a "Mother's Day for Peace" to be celebrated on June 2, honoring peace, motherhood and womanhood. In Boston, Massachusetts, she initiated a Mothers' Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June, a practice that was to be established as an annual event and practiced for at least 10 years. The day was, however, mainly intended as a call to unite women against war. It was due to her efforts that in 1873, women in 18 cities in America held a Mother's Day for Peace gathering. Howe rigorously championed the cause of official celebration of Mother's Day and declaration of official holiday on the day. She held meetings every year in Boston on Mother's Peace Day and took care that the day was well-observed. The celebrations died out when she turned her efforts to working for peace and women's rights in other ways. Howe failed in her attempt to get the formal recognition of a Mother's Day for Peace. Her remarkable contribution in the establishment of Mother's Day, however, remains in the fact that she organized a Mother's Day dedicated to peace. It is a landmark in the

history of Mother's Day in the sense that this was to be the precursor to the modern Mother's Day celebrations. To acknowledge Howe's achievements a stamp was issued in her honor in 1988.

It should be well to remember that Howe's idea was influenced by Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker who, starting in 1858, had attempted to improve sanitation through what she called "Mothers Friendship Day". At a time when most women devoted their time solely on their family and homes, Jarvis was working to assist in the healing of the nation after the Civil War. She organized women throughout the Civil War to work for better sanitary conditions for both sides and in 1868 she began work to reconcile Union and Confederate neighbors. Ann was instrumental in saving thousands of lives by teaching women in her Mothers Friendship Clubs the basics of nursing and sanitation which she had learned from her famous physician brother James Reeves, M.D.

It was Jarvis' daughter, Anna Jarvis, who finally succeeded in introducing Mother's Day in the sense as we celebrate it today. Anna graduated from the Female Seminary in Wheeling and taught in Grafton for a while. Later she moved to Philadelphia with her family. Anna had spent many years looking after her ailing mother. This is why she preferred to remain a spinster. When her mother died in Philadelphia on May 9, 1905, Anna missed her greatly. So did her sister Elsinore whom she looked after as well. Anna felt children often neglected to appreciate their mother enough while the mother was still alive. Now, she intended to start a Mother's Day, as an honoring of the mothers.

In 1907, two years after her mother's death, Anna Jarvis disclosed her intention to her friends who supported her cause wholeheartedly. So supported by her friends, Anna decided to dedicate her life to her mother's cause and to establish Mother's Day to "honor mothers, living and dead." She started the campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. With her friends, she started a letter writing campaign to urge ministers, businessmen and congressmen in declaring a national Mother's Day holiday. Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. She hoped Mother's Day would increase respect for parents and strengthen family bonds.

As a result of her efforts the first mother's day was observed on May 10, 1908, by a church service honoring (continued on next page).

## MOTHER'S DAY (continued)

the late Mrs. Reese Jarvis, in the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where she spent 20 years taking Sunday school classes. Grafton is the home to the International Mother's Day Shrine. Another service was also conducted on the same date in Philadelphia where Mrs. Jarvis died, leaving her two daughters Anna and Elsinore. So it was more of a homage service for Mrs. Reeves Jarvis than a general one conducted in honor of motherhood. Nevertheless, this set the stage for the later Mother's Day observances held in the honor of motherhood.

It was here in the first observance that the carnations were introduced by Miss Jarvis. Large jars of white carnations were set about the platform where the service was conducted. At the end of the service one of these white carnations was given to each person present as a souvenir of Mother's Day. All this was done because the late elder Jarvis was fond of carnations.

Following this, it gained a widespread popularity across the nation. The Mother's Day International Association came into being on December 12, 1912, to promote and encourage meaningful observances of the event. Starting in 1912, Mother's day began to be officially declared a holiday by some states.

The House of Representatives in May 1913 unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the President, his cabinet, the members of both Houses and all officials of the federal government to wear a white carnation on Mother's Day. On May 7, 1914, a resolution providing that the second Sunday in May be designated Mother's Day was introduced by Representative James T. Heflin of Alabama and Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas. It passed both Houses and on May 9, 1914, Anna's dream came true. President Woodrow Wilson made the first official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May. He asked Americans to give a public expression of reverence to mothers through the celebration of Mother's Day:

*"Now, Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the said Joint Resolution, do hereby direct the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings and do invite the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."*

Nine years after the first official Mother's Day, commercialization of the U.S. holiday became so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become. She believed that the day's sentiment was being sacrificed at the expense of greed and profit. While honored for her part in the growth of the holiday, Anna Jarvis' life was miserable. As the observance of Mother's Day enjoyed increasing popularity, new dimensions came to be added to it. In 1923 she filed a lawsuit to stop a Mother's Day festival, and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a convention selling carnations for a war mother's group. Before her death in 1948, Jarvis is said to have confessed that she regretted ever starting the mother's day tradition.

In 1934 Postmaster General James A. Farley announced a stamp to commemorate Mother's Day. The stamp featured the famous painting "Arrangement in Grey and Black". The painting was a portrait of the mother of James Abbott McNeill Whistler, an English artist. It was brought in to the United States as part of an exhibit in the year 1934.

Mother's Day continues to this day to be one of the most commercially successful U.S. occasions. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States. The occasion is now celebrated not so much with flags as with gifts, cards, hugs, thank yous and other tokens of affection. While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day on different days and at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May. In some countries, the appreciation lasts for two days. Today, Mother's Day is a day honoring mothers. It is the day when you acknowledge your mothers contribution in your life and pay a tribute to her.

### **Definition: com-pas-sion** (*kuhm-pash-uhn*)

A feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.



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**FORREST GUMP**  
**GOES TO HEAVEN**



The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, so Forrest approaches the gatekeeper. St. Peter said, "Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven."

Forrest responds, "It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was."

St. Peter continued, "Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions. First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T? Second: How many seconds are there in a year? Third: What is God's first name?"

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers". Forrest replied, "Well, the first one, which two days in the week begins with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow." The Saint's eyes opened wide

and he exclaimed, "Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer.

How about the next one?" asked St. Peter. "How many seconds in a year? Now that one is harder," replied Forrest, but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve." Astounded, St. Peter said, "Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?" Forrest replied, "Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd ... " "Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind but I will have to give you credit for that one, too.

Let us go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name"? "Sure," Forrest replied, "it's Andy." "Andy?" exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St. Peter. "Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?" "Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forrest replied. "I learnt it from the song, "ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN." St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: "Run Forrest, Run." !

Give me a sense of humor, Lord. Give me the ability to understand a clean joke and to get some humor out of life!

**SIGNS FROM GOD**

As seen on billboards, church lawn signs  
and bulletin boards nationwide.

“A LOT OF KNEELING WILL KEEP  
YOU IN GOOD STANDING.”  
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PLAN AHEAD. REMEMBER, IT  
WASN'T RAINING WHEN NOAH  
BUILT THE ARK.

OUR CHURCH IS A GIFT FROM  
GOD, BUT ASSEMBLY  
IS REQUIRED.

## **FOR THE CHILDREN**

**By . . . Lois Anne Williams**

### **The Treasure Hunt . . . Part 5**

The Sunday School class listened to a Bible story then sang some songs. Mrs. Nye prayed. Then she asked, "Did you find a treasure this week?" "Lots of them," Peter answered. "Yeah, a bunch of them," Jeff added. Everyone nodded excitedly. "What did you find?" asked Mrs. Nye. Peter and Jeff looked at each other and smiled because they had worked on their hunt together. Peter spoke first. "Jeff and I looked outdoors when our families went on a picnic together. We saw the blue sky, white clouds and some fish in the lake." Jeff added, "We saw several species of trees and birds, and we saw a deer. We brought a pinecone and an acorn today."

Annie showed Mrs. Nye her red rose. Joe held up a picture of a fox. "I took this photo from our back deck. This fox was in the field behind our house." Kate also had a photo she had taken. It showed a large stream with a tall waterfall and some rapids. Sara held up her poster with treasures attached to it in the order of the six colors of the rainbow. "My dad and I had a great time as I hunted for these," she said. It was special fun because Dad was with me. When I told him about the display I wanted to make, he cut the wood square and covered it for me."

"That's good, Sara. I can tell that you had an extra good time doing this part of the hunt because your dad helped." "Mother told me the Bible story about Noah and the rainbow, and the promise God made to him. When Mother and I saw a rainbow in the sky one day last week, I thought about finding things God has made in those colors. Dad told me he will see if he can come to church with us someday soon and he said that's a rainbow promise." Mrs. Nye smiled with a nod. "We look forward to greeting him and helping him feel welcomed."

"My parents said you can keep my display here if you like," Sara said. All of the children said they could leave theirs too. "Good," said Mrs. Nye, "We'll circle all of your treasures around Sara's poster and have a wonderful display of the gifts God has provided for us to enjoy." "That's a good idea." Joe said.

"Do we have a clue for this week?" several asked. "Yes, you do," Mrs. Nye assured them as she handed each person a folded piece of paper that they opened to read. All that was on each paper was a drawing of several musical notes. They looked at their teacher, shook their

heads and shrugged their shoulders. "Shall I tell you what those mean?" Mrs. Nye asked. "Yes," they cheered.

"God has given us the gift of music. This week can you choose some piece of music that you like and bring some type of report on it to class next week?" The room was silent as everyone thought for a moment. Then several of the children said, "Yes."

Soon everyone was agreeing that they would think about this clue and find a gift of music they enjoyed. They were chattering excitedly as they left their classroom and hurried to meet their parents for the worship service. When Sara met her mother she showed her the clue. The service was beginning so Sara said, "I'll tell you and Dad about it. I hope you can both help me hunt." (to be continued).

## **OBITUARY**

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

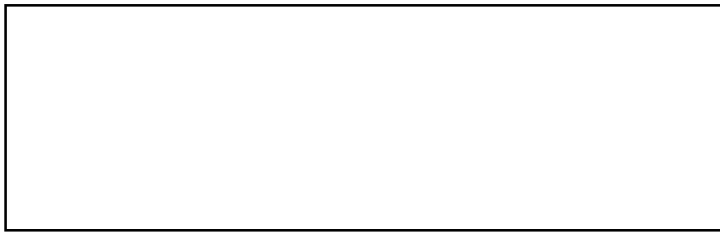
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I watched the flag pass by one day.

It fluttered in the breeze.

A young Marine saluted it,

And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform

So young, so tall, so proud,

With hair cut square and eyes alert

He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him

Had fallen through the years.

How many died on foreign soil?

How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?

How many died at sea?

How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?

No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,

When everything was still

I listened to the bugler play

And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times

That taps had meant "Amen,"

When a flag had draped a coffin

Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,

Of the mothers and the wives,

Of fathers, sons and husbands

With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard

At the bottom of the sea

Of unmarked graves in Arlington.

No, freedom isn't free.