

When a mommy hugs her children  
She plants a seed of love  
And all her wonderful kisses  
Come from God above.

When a mommy laughs and giggles  
She plants a seed of joy  
Like when she tickles your funny bone  
Or plays with your favorite toy

When a mommy tucks you in at night  
She plants a seed of peace  
She prays for God to bless you  
With a sweet and restful sleep

When a mommy asks you to wait for things  
A seed of patience is what she sows  
For all the really good things in life  
Take some time to grow

When a mommy makes your favorite food  
She plants a seed so kind  
She knows when chicken soup is good for you  
Or when you have cookies on your mind

When a mommy washes all your clothes  
Seeds of goodness she plants  
She works so hard to scrub and scrub  
So you will have clean shirts and pants

When a mommy takes care of you all day  
Faithfulness is the seed she sows  
She makes sure you have all you need  
Like lots of good food and shoes on your toes

When a mommy rocks you in her arms  
A gentle seed is planted deep  
Sometimes she'll sing you a little song  
While in her arms you cry or sleep

When a mommy tells you, "No, no, no."  
She plants a seed of self-control  
For she knows not all things are good for you  
So make sure you listen to what you're told

But the greatest seed that a mommy plants  
Is the seed of God's great love  
She wants you to know him just like she does  
So that one day you both will live in Heaven  
above.

**I Love You and God Does Too!**

Brushy church of Christ  
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**The Brushy Beacon**  
"Let Christ Live in You in 2022"  
**May 8, 2022**

**Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Study	9:00
Sunday Morning Service	10:00
Sunday Evening Service	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

**The church of Christ at Brushy**

<b>Elders</b>		<b>Deacons</b>	
Ricky Atkinson	Paul Johnston	Terry Banks	
James Atkinson	Kevin Johnston	Justin Atkinson	
Tony Duncan		Caleb Truett	
<b>Preacher:</b> Kevin Johnston			

**Every Mother's Day is a First** By Adam Faughn

For some, today is their first Mother's Day as a mother. They just had their first child, so today is special in that way.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day as a grandmother. They are seeing their own daughter hold a precious child for her first Mother's Day.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day as a mother of two (or three or...). They are getting extra kisses and hugs (and a well-deserved extra cup of coffee).

For some, today is their first Mother's Day without their mother living. So, today will be bittersweet.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day with an estranged relationship with their mom or child. There might be a phone call, but it will not be easy.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day since losing a child. There will be memories and, likely, some tears.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day with a child a long distance away geographically. It might be the first one where they are not physically in the same place.

For some, today is their first Mother's Day with a child back in the same area; thus, the first they can spend together in a long time.

We could go on, but markers on our calendar, like Mother's Day, are reminders of how each year contains firsts. Some are happy. Some are hard. Others are simply reflections of the normal passage of time. Each, though, is part of the tapestry of life, and mothers are an invaluable part of that picture. God thought that mothers were so important that He gave every human being ever born a mother. A true godly mother, though, is rare. Today, no matter what "first" you are going through, if you are striving to be a godly mother, we honor and thank you. Reflect on why this Mother's Day is a "first," and use it as an opportunity to be grateful for what is good and learn from what might be a struggle.

To every mother, we say "Happy Mother's Day," but to those who are striving to be godly and righteous, we say a heartfelt and gracious "thank you."





# Family News and Notes



**Visitors** If you are visiting with us today, we want to hear from you. We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out a Visitor card and leave it in your seat.

**Area Wide Singing** We will host the Area Wide Singing on May 13, 2022, at 7 p.m. We ask that you please bring finger foods for this event. We will be eating after the singing around 9 p.m. We do not have a menu, but ask that you sign a list in the back if you plan to attend and bring finger foods. There are usually lots of visitors at this event. We hope you will make plans to attend!

**Wednesday Night Adult Summer Series...** will begin on Wednesday, May 25, with Todd Parsley speaking. He will be here on June 22, July 27, and August 24. We hope you'll make plans to attend!

**Special 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** Andy Baker will be here to speak on Sunday, May 29. We will have a potluck meal and 1 P.M. Early Evening Service. Please be praying, planning, and preparing for this day. More Details to follow.

**4 Weeks to Vacation Bible School** We are looking forward to our Vacation Bible School on June 5-8. Don Hinson will be the Adult Auditorium Speaker and Mike Kelley will be the Teen/Young Adult Speaker. All other classes will be taught by Brushy's Own Bible Class Teachers! We will be studying about Noah all week, Sunday – Wednesday Night. We will have regular Bible Classes & Worship on Sunday Morning with VBS beginning on Sunday Night, June 5. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

\*We will Kick off our VBS on Sunday, June 5, at 5:30 P.M. with food, fun, games, and live animals! More details will follow soon!

**A Happy Birthday to...** Kim Atkinson...May 9

## Vacation Bible School Makes an Eternal Difference By Becky Johanson

In 1936, when Walter Moseley Jr. was 9 years old, he lived in a South Dallas neighborhood where he played with a group of boys. The boys were best friends and did everything together — except attend church. Walter, one of the youngest boys, was the only one who spent Sunday mornings learning about Jesus and the heroes of the Bible. Each Sunday morning, Walter walked the three blocks to church past the elementary playground where his friends played football. He endured their taunts and teasing and walked on, embarrassed but stoic. Continued on page 3...

## Upcoming Events

- \*Friday, May 13 ~ Brushy Hosts the Area Wide Gospel Singing at 7 P.M. Finger Foods at 9 P.M.
- \*Wednesday, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24~ Summer Series with Todd Parsley Speaking at 7 P.M.
- \*Sunday, May 29 ~ Special 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday with Andy Baker Speaking
- \*Sunday, June 5-8 ~ Our Vacation Bible School Begins with Don Hinson & Mike Kelley
- \*Wednesday, June 15, 22, 29 & July 6, 13, 27~ Youth Summer Series – More Details to Follow Soon

## For the Record ...

Sunday Morning Bible Class	47	Sunday Morning Worship	78
Sunday Evening Worship	55	Wednesday Evening Bible Study	33
Contribution		\$1985	

# Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

**Walter Gilbert** is continuing to deal with cancer.

**Travis Irwin** is continuing with radiation treatments. This is to try to improve his breathing issues.

**Michael McCann** husband of Nancy's Coworker, will have a bone marrow transplant on June 13.

**Kevin Lawson** nephew in law of Cindy Atkinson, is continuing to improve and may come home soon.

**Frances Qualls** Aunt of Tessa Tucker, is in the Life Care Center in Centerville for therapy.

**Everett Ricky Kelly** is in Vanderbilt Hospital and waiting to be moved to a rehabilitation facility.

**Roco Pierce** is dealing with cancer.

**Larry Nunes** uncle of Dean Nunes, is in the hospital with 50% organ function and some improvement.

## Continuing Prayer Requests

Dealing w/Cancer			Special Request	
Daniel Spears	David Dansby	Scottie Simmons	Dwayne Johnston	Jeff Lynn
Aaron Bell	Ricky Kelly	Deborah Brazil	Fred Bowman	William Kirby
Brandon Payeur	Glen Herrington	Ryan Horton	LC Bowen	Salvadore Barbalinardo

## Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Dickson Nursing Home... Larry Donaldson    Lewis County Nursing Home: Lee Freese

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families right.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders – Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Our Elders and Deacons who oversee, care for, serve, and feed us spiritually.

## Vacation Bible School Makes an Eternal Difference By Becky Johanson

Continued from page 2... He figured they were giving him a hard time for fun, but it was still painful. "Those boys learned about Jesus, and that means everything to me when I think about how their lives played out." The summer after he turned 10, Walter walked the same route back from his church's Vacation Bible School one Monday. In his hand he carried a figurine he had painted at VBS. It was a gift for his mother. When his friends spotted him, they raced to meet him and asked what he had. He told them. One of the boys wistfully said that he wished he could paint a figurine for his mother. Walter assured him and all the others that if they came to VBS, they would get to make all sorts of things. They were hooked. For the next four days, Walter and his friends attended VBS together. Guided by a sweet, grandmotherly "church lady," they made all sorts of wonderful keepsakes from bits and pieces of yarn and paper, paint and glue. Eventually, Walter's friends — all of them — started coming to church on Sunday mornings. By the time they had reached their mid-teens, each one had embraced the message of the Gospel. They grew up, and, as World War II raged overseas, each one entered the service as he turned 17. One friend died in Italy in 1944 at Salerno, another on Iwo Jima in 1945. Several more were wounded. Walter became a radar operator and was eventually sent to Hawaii at the close of the war.

"Thank you to every person who has ever helped with VBS. May God bless you for your tireless work in the struggle to protect young souls from a world of sin and hopelessness and to put them on the path to peace in this world and heaven in the next. Many decades later, Walter recalled this little band of boys and the amazing power of a little painted figurine he took home to his mother that summer day. He expressed how grateful he was to those who worked to make VBS memorable for a bunch of kids the church people didn't even know. "Those boys learned about Jesus," he said, "and that means everything to me when I think about how their lives played out." Article came from the Christian Chronical Article Archives