

I am really enjoying this Newsletter series on great quotes. With spring springing, I thought that I would give you three famous quotes all dealing with the same thing...a subject which brings about growth in the kingdom, and one which we as the church need to take seriously.

One of the quotes is from the great pastor and theologian, Charles Spurgeon. One is from the great evangelist, Billy Graham. And one is from author, pastor and theologian, Francis Chan.

Let's see if you can figure out what the topic is this spring...

Spurgeon said, "Every Christian is either a Missionary or an imposter."

Graham said, "The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and the hopeless."

And Chan said, "Every Christian is like manure – spread them out and they help everything grow better."

Have you figured it out?

This month, I want to talk with you about Evangelism. I know that is like a Christian cuss word to many. I know that if you publish a book dealing with evangelism, it will be on the bargain shelf by its second day. For some reason, Evangelism has become scary. I think it is because of how the church has presented itself to the world when trying to do evangelism.

Let me explain – Billy Graham was an evangelist. The word is in his job title. He travelled the globe sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world...and people came in droves to hear his message! I bet that there are many people within our congregation who would say that their faith has been impacted by Rev. Graham in powerful ways. If evangelism is so scary, why is it that hundreds upon thousands would gather to hear Mr. Graham talk about Jesus?

Spurgeon understood the necessity of every Christian to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. Thus, his quote. Christ called us, his church, on a co-mission with him. A co-mission to reach people in our spheres of influence, people in our schools, people at our universities, people at our workplace, people in our neighborhood, people in our retirement living centers, people we interact with at lunch, sporting events, or even the grocery store, for the Kingdom of God.

We are called to share Jesus everywhere we go.

Some have said, "Well, Pastor Rob, that is your job...you are the pastor." I agree. And I try to do that each and every place I go. But it is also my job to equip you to do the same and then encourage you to go out and share Jesus. As Francis Chan said, "We are like manure...we help everything grow better." All those people we come in contact with, as we share the Gospel with them, it fertilizes their faith, so it might grow, or it might be planted for the first time.

That is why I am excited to invite each of you that is interested to join me on Saturday, May 20, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm to go through an evangelism training class. We will discuss the topic, do some self-reflection on the life cycle of our church, and we will explore the tool which the EPC is encouraging its churches to use in discovering how to turn regular conversations into spiritual conversations, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. It will be a fun morning full of laughter, challenges, and learning together as a church family.

Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, May 17 at 4:00 pm. We will have some breakfast snacks available. Lunch will be on your own.

We are missionaries with consecrated feet, who are used by God like manure – to help the gospel go out and grow within the heart and life of others. Join us on this exciting journey to reach the 48% of Henderson County who are unchurched and in need of the Love and Hope of Jesus.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Rob













SESSION HIGHLIGHTS • APRIL 17, 2023

The complete minutes of session meetings are posted on the Session Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall as soon as they are approved.

Session met with 10 of 12 elders; Deacon Maureen DiRienzo; and Pastor Charles moderating. Session welcomed the nine new members and a small child received by the congregation: Stacy Barret and Paxton Keever by profession of faith and adult baptism, and Travis Ginn by profession of faith and reaffirmation of baptism; By infant baptism Ross and Nicole Behuniak's son Luca. And by letters of transfer: Bobby and Gayle Currier; Michael and Susan Slingluff, and Hugh and Sally Hursey.

Deacon Maureen DiRienzo reported on the many good works of the Deacons, including the note writing of the deacons to members in two new areas. Two members were also reported in the hospital this week. This report was followed by a roundtable of prayer for the work of the Deacons and for those in need in the congregation.

Pastor Charles Reed led a brief study of our current book Church Unique.

Facilities and Finance Committees did not meet this month. However, Treasurer Larry Mobley had submitted a contract laying out criteria for our Endowment Funds.

Personnel Committee requested the postponement of the final approval of the "HPC Policies and Procedures Manual" until next month so the final draft could be disseminated and thoroughly reviewed before approval.

Discipleship Ministry reported that the 160 half-hour reading slots for Week of Reading Through the Bible (April 24-29) had been totally filled through Thursday and only 18 half-hour slots were still in need of readers on Friday and Saturday.

Member Life Ministry reported on how well the refreshments were going for the two Fellowship Times and that even with the large number at the 11:00 am service on Easter the supplies had multiplied like the loaves and fishes.

The **Local Outreach Committee** requested approval of a one-time gift to Living Hope Church in Mills River to encourage this relatively new church plant and its pastor, Daniel Hill. \$2200 from the Local Outreach Designated Fund will pay rent for their facility for one month.

The **Worship Ministry** did not meet this month, but reported that everything is running smoothly with the experienced guidance of our longtime Worship Director Gayle Stepp.

Elder Commissioners to the Presbytery meeting April 28-29 at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte were unanimously elected as: Pam Van Tassel and Robert Wallace. Robert was also elected as a commissioner to the General Assembly in Colorado.

Elders from the Class of 2025 selected the co-chair of the officer Nominating Committee from their class. Doug DiRienzo agreed to serve and thus to serve as the chair next year.

> -Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk

Deacon's Meeting - May 8, 2:30 pm Session Meeting - May 15, 6:30 pm

WORSHIP WITH US!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP Sunday, 9 am Fellowship Hall

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Sunday, 11 am

in the Sanctuary or

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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. —Psalms 122:1

UPDATE DEADLINE

Deadline for the UPDATE is the <u>21st of each month</u>. If you have information or articles for the June UPDATE, please get them to us by May 21.

You can leave written copy/photos in the church office or send them electronically to the office

UPDATE

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HPC Children



Upcoming Summer Events

Let'as kick off summer together with a family potluck picnic! Food, fun, and fellowship at Jackson Park, Shelter 4 on Friday, June 9 from 5:30-8 pm! WAHOO for summer vacation!

HPC Kids

Hey kids! Join us each Wednesday in June & July for some wild and wacky FUN!

More details to come...



In May

Join us Sunday mornings as we look at sharing God's love with others. We will dive into learning all about what it looks like to live like we believe God is with us! Sundays, 11-12 p in Room #112



Summer!

Ready to GROW in your faith? Thirsty for God's Word? Let's dig into the Bible together on Thursdays in June & July!



CHOIR and HANDBELL/HANDCHIME CHOIRS

- Wed. 3:00 Handbell Choir Handbells will resume on July 12
- Wed. 4:00 Choir Choir rehearsals resume on May 31

New Choir Members are always WELCOME. Those interested in joining may call Gayle at 692-3211 Ext. 6

or just come to the Choir Room on Wednesday at 4 pm.

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON OR VIA LIVE STREAMING

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> Videos of past services are available on our website and on Facebook.



WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Please join us for our May **Women in Ministry** program on Monday, May 8 at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be completing our Bible Study of Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God*, led by Pat Johnson. We will be doing Lesson 7, "The Sword of the Spirit."

9:45 Fellowship & Refreshments 10:00 Welcome and Devotions 10:15 Bible Study Lesson: "The Sword of the Spirit"

The Leadership Team will meet at 8:45.

All women of the church are welcomed. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, and bible study.

This month we will be collecting school supplies for Bruce Drysdale Elementary, Upward Elementary, Edneyville Elementary and Creative Beginnings Preschool.

Below is a list of suggested items:

For Creative Beginnings Preschool:

- Thin expo markers (dry erase)
- Glue sticks (purple Elmer's)
- Stickers
- Tissue paper in various colors
- Washi tape
- Large buttons of various colors
- Construction paper
- Double sided tape
- Cotton balls
- Plain white paper plates
- Individual play dough cans



For elementary schools:

- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Pencils and pencil cases
- Colored pencils
- erasers
- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- stickers
- rulers
- construction paper
- notebooks and notebook paper
- plastic bins for supplies

Mother's Day Thoughts from Scripture-

Proverbs 1:8-9: "Pay close attention, my child, to your father's wise words and never forget your mother's instructions. For their insight will bring you success, adorning you with grace-filled thoughts and giving you reins to guide your decisions."





It's never too early for Operation Christmas Child!



There are some important dates for you to know for Operation Christmas Child mission work.

- July 16 & November 12
 Pennies for Shoeboxes
- November 11
 Pack-A-Box Party
- November 13–21 Collection Week

The focus in May is stuffed animals and small toys

It is never too early to start shopping for items for OCC shoeboxes. As you see great buys on small toys, hygienic items, hats, flip-flops or other items routinely put in these shoeboxes, please purchase them as you are able.

Inspiration .



Thirty years ago, Samaritans Purse began delivering shoeboxes and the message of the Gospel to remote and impoverished communities. Gift-filled shoeboxes have been delivered to children in 175 countries and territories in that time. This year the 200 million box was delivered to a child in Ukraine. It was delivered by a young lady, Elizabeth Groff, who had received a shoebox when she was in an orphanage in Ukraine some years ago. She was adopted by an American family and now they pack shoeboxes together. Elizabeth recalls how she felt after receiving the gift. "I felt alone. I felt lost. That is where Jesus met me. He showed me that He loved and cared for me through a simple gift-through a shoebox."

THANKS TO ALL FOR A SUCCESSFUL APRIL RUMMAGE SALE!



A special thank you to all who donated items for the Rummage Sale and to all the volunteers that helped! Approximately \$2470 was made. Proceeds will be divided equally between Operation Christmas Child and Creative Beginnings Preschool.



... from The Message:

Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God's Law and Prophets and this is what you get.

—Matthew 7:12

Creative Beginnings



As we near the end of our preschool year and we reflect on



the past 9 months we can see how wonderfully we have been blessed. This year has been a remarkable year of growth for our little ones, the teachers, the program and myself. I want to express my appreciation for the love and support that the Church commu-

nity has shown CBCP.

We started the year with the blessing of fresh paint and classroom clean ups by some hard working folks. We had a wonderful show of support for our new Christmas shop fundraiser. Be sure to pop back in again in December as we will have more crafty goodness to share. All year we have been blessed with wonderful guest readers who the children adore. Our Easter giving tree was a success with our class-

room wish list items, the scholarship program and CBCP support fund. Thank you for your generosity, prayers and support.

We would like to invite you to our Graduation program May 25th in the sanctuary at 11am. Where you can



see these wonderful little gifts from God sing his praises. And the fun will continue into the summer with our summer art program. For two weeks in July children can paint, sculpt, listen to poetry and classical music. Space is still available so if you know of a family that would be interested please send them my way.

-Katrina

... Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. — Matthew 19:14 (KJV)

The Trinity Bible

Adult Sunday School in the Trinity Bible Study Class continues all the way into July with classes in the Gospel of Mark, Titus, Hosea, Romans, and James. We meet each Sunday morning upstairs in Room 210 at 9:30 am.



Our class schedule and audio recordings of previous classes are on the church website under Ministries / Adult Ministry Classes.

You are welcome to join us on any Sunday; you don't need to wait for the start of a new book.



What exactly is this ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers have gone through 50 hours of training in providing Christian care so that they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say.

Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists, rather they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times of life.

Confidentiality is a top priority for Stephen Ministers. You do not need to be concerned that other people will discover what you talk about with your Stephen Minister.

Our new training class of Stephen Ministers is going very well, and we will soon be blessed with additional caregivers to effectively meet the needs of our growing congregation.

If you are going through a difficult time in your life and could use a caring friend, please call Caryl Mobley. She will be happy to line up a Stephen Minister for you.

An additional option if you need immediate care, stop by the Parlor after our 11 o'clock Sunday service and have a short one-on-one visit with a Stephen Minister to help you through a difficult situation.

Local Outreach Committee

GNC Completes Winter and Spring Sessions

Our Good News Club team completed 12 weeks of meetings at both Edneyville and Upward Elementary schools January 26–April 20. The Upward club met on Tuesdays in a kindergarten classroom. Attendance ranged from 4–10 children weekly. Despite the small numbers, we invested in four children who were already saved and planted seed in the remaining children who listened quietly but were not ready to receive Christ.

The Thursday club at Edneyville, ranging from 15–25 students, met in a hallway alcove but then

moved to the school library. We saw two salvations – both were 1st grade boys, ironically named Easton and Weston!

Many children came back for counseling after the invitation was given at the conclusion of the Bible story. Some asked questions, others wanted prayer. Pressley, a 1st grade girl, returned weekly because she wanted to 'know more about Jesus.' With each encounter, we pray for their tender hearts to be prepared to surrender to the Holy Spirit. We had

children in both schools who brought their Bibles and looked up the Bible verses or story passage. We handed out a daily devotional each week and some children returned their completed work to receive a candy reward. Blakeleigh, a 5th grader, was very a mature Christian. She helped lead in group prayer and acted as a role model in the Edneyville club.

Our team learned some things during these sessions. First, less is better than more. By scheduling fewer activities, we spent more time reinforcing Bible verse memory and prayer. Second, always make time for some <u>fun</u> activity! And last, parent communication is so appreciated. As team leader, I emailed or called several parents to discuss their child's involvement in club. The parents loved hearing us brag on their kids! We also made a greater effort to communicate our gratitude to the staff and administration. The result—they want GNC back again next year!

Thank you HPC for your prayers and support. Child Evangelism Fellowship will continue to share the gospel in different venues throughout the summer. Continue to keep us in your prayers and look for articles in future updates!

> —Jan Demirgian Club leader









Good News Club leaders Eileen and Jane lead children in club activities at Edneyville and Upward Elementary schools.

Rescue Mission Benefit • May 13 at HPC

Saturday, May 13, at 6 pm, two local groups organized and directed by Tom Drick will present a concert in the sanctuary of Hender-



sonville Presbyterian Church entitled "Peace, Love, and Music." Blue Ridge Bones, consisting of 15 Trombone players will accompany Voices of Blue Ridge, a group of 47 singers, highlighting music from the sixties, while dressed in attire from that era. It is a ninetyminute program, FREE to the public.

Any donations will go to the Hendersonville Rescue Mission

Visit our Website: www.HendersonvillePC.org

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Jean Austin **Beverly Barstow** Jeanie Beinert Donna Dalton Nadine Dillon Reva Dixon Jauhnell Durham Len and Ruth Dykstra Ed and Marilyn Frenier Marge Hever Bob Hollis **Charlie Horne Ginger Houlton** Susan Kemp Ian MacGregor Rosie Pardue Nancy Payne Joanne and Don Radman Joyce and Fred Schoch Ed Smith Geri Sorrell Dave and Carol Stewart Bette Lee Taylor Jo Tyler Heidi Weicker Paul and Anita Weinert

Other family and friends: Carol Broyles granddaughter Kristin and niece Katie Teresa Compton's friend Sally McGuinn Donna Dalton's grandson Ryan Jane Dooley's sister Madison Barton Annette Pfister's mother Dick and Eva House's friends: Evelyn Douglas, Brent Holler, Charlene Harris, neighbors' grandson, Allan Howard Larry and Tanya Jones' son Brian and friends Bobby Gardner, Anita Rozell Lauren MacGregor's nephew Jeffrey Moore Cheri Matthews' stepdad and mom, Dwight and Linda Sledge Betty Muller's granddaughter Chelsey Mossberg Nancy Payne's son Chris Glenn Richardson's friends Jeff and Renee Wuff, Bill O'Connel and **Brian James** Peggy Richardson's friends Debbie O'Hare and Roger and Brenda Peters Joyce and Fred Schoch's daughter Kathy Ziprik Lynnette and Tim Stark's daughter Wendy and Lynnette's mother Dale and Linda Stephens' friend's toddler Hudson, neighbor Laura Bette Lee Taylor's daughter Kristin

Pray for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to being a Godly nation.



The Bashores' grandson George in the UK Chris and Beth Matthews' son Nick and wife Alaura in SC, their son Pete and wife Laura in AZ, and son Sam in VA

Mother's Day Thoughts from Scripture—

Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."



Hospital Visitation Schedule

May 07	Victor Lyman	828-553-7430
May 14	Priscilla Haynes	772-979-2624
May 21	Tanya Jones	828-692-8678
May 28	Jane Dooley	203-970-7890

Thanks to all involved in hospital visitation

Let's show our love to our shut-ins with cards, prayers and visits.

Nadine Dillon

Accordius Health 200 Heritage Circle Hendersonville, NC 29891

Dona Mennella The Bridge at Lake Pointe Landing 334 Thompson Street Hendersonville, NC 28792

Rosie Pardue Wesley Court Assisted Living 916 Wesley Court Boiling Springs, SC 29316

Marilyn Stark

The Laurels of Hendersonville 290 Clear Creek Road Hendersonville, NC 28792

Jo Tyler The Bridge at Lake Pointe Landing 334 Thompson Street Hendersonville, NC 28792

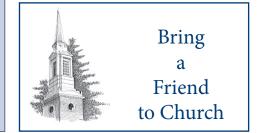
Contact

Judy Van Wagoner for prayer concerns



at judyvanwag@gmail.com, or 713-582-5114, or call the church office at 692-3211. * HPC Prays* is the new prayer chain.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. —Gal. 6:2



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Who wouldn't like to know more about the daily lives of the apostles who were close to Jesus and the beginning of the church? There are several historical fiction books that you should take a close look at for your spring reading. Maybe you are going to the beach or have a long airplane ride ahead of you, take along a quality book from our library and enjoy the time well spent.

Authors Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins have written the fictional series called the <u>Jesus Chronicles</u>. John's Story tells about the disciple who was the last eyewitness to Jesus glory. We feel the creation of the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation and the profound meaning in those books.

Another gripping story is <u>Mark's Story</u>. This book depicts the last day of Jesus life before crucifixion and the danger his believers faced. Their bravery and passion laid the foundation for the Christian church we know today.

<u>Luke's Story</u> is the authors' newest book, where we follow Luke as he rises from Greek slave to university–educated physician. He follows Saul, a competitor and role model, through the conversion and redemption of Saul into Paul. Luke never met Jesus nor did he witness miracles, but rather had a belief built on the power of faith.

Finally I'll recommend two amazing books about women from Bible times. <u>The Red Tent</u> is the story told by Dinah, Jacob's only daughter among 12 brothers. It tells of the traditions and turmoil of ancient womanhood, the world of the red tent. This book gives a new view of biblical women's society.

<u>The Queen of Sheba</u> tells the life of Queen Bilqis and her quest to meet Solomon and her travels to Israel. Her background is Ethiopian and Egyptian. The splendor of Solomon's realm is amazing to her, and she finds faith and powerful love that she can match in him. This book, by Roberta Kells Dorr, is one of a trilogy Mother's Day Thoughts from Soripture -



Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

Proverbs 31:26: "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:28–29: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

and is a riveting tale indeed. Find these books and many more in our Biography section.

Carolyn Baker, Librarian

CELEBRATING COMMUNION COMMUNION We will share Communion together at Sunday services on May 7 and June 4.

		MAY BIRTHDAYS
	1	Shannon Stevens
	2	Bill Campbell, Bill Neuenschwander
	5	Scott Perry
	11	Barbara Norris
	12	Taylor Mcclelland, Rosie Pardue
	14	Terry Crawford
	15	Kathie Hunter
	16	Gil Broyles
	17	Clay Haskins
	19	Martha Guice
	21	Carolyn Cavallone
	22	Maureen DiRienzo, Fran Ohlsen
	24	Aileen McClelland
	25	Dick House
	29	Ruth Bodey, Nadine Dillon
	31	Eloise Murray
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MEMBER LIFE UPDATE





IT'S BACK! JOY FELLOWSHIP!

We are excited to announce our next outing and hope you'll join us! On Friday, June 9, we will tour our own HENDERSON COUNTY HERITAGE

MUSEUM in the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, where there is much to see and learn about the rich history of our community.

You'll enjoy exhibits such as The Civil War Room, The Saluda Grade Train, The Ridge of Zirconia to Edneyville and much more. We can also visit the gift shop for Henderson County gifts.

Sara Emel and Barbara Greene, HPC members and museum docents, will be on hand to guide us along the hour-long tour. For those who need a little extra assistance, there is a handicap entrance available.

After the tour, we will be bused to Laurel Park to have lunch at Sol Y Luna.

Signup sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall or you can call the church office to register

Our schedule is as follows:

10:15 a.m. - Meet in the church parking lot
10:30 a.m. - Church Bus leaves for museum
(Cars will take overflow)
11:00 - 12:00 - Tour museum
12:15 p.m. - Lunch at Sol Y Luna
2:00 p.m. - Back at church parking lot

AND a BIG THANK YOU...

The Member Life Committee wants to thank Darlene Davey for 6 years of planning wonderful daytrips for Joy Fellowship! Darlene is stepping down, but our committee will continue to try to fill her shoes.





The coming of the train played a huge role in shaping the destiny of Henderson County.





More than the history of the Civil War, this display is about the people who lived it. See what the soldiers wore (did those boots have wooden soles?!); how they camped; what they wrote home about. . . You will see how those who came here long ago survived the rigors of this beautiful but difficult terrain to build the community we call home today.





Enjoy a delicious lunch at Sol y Luna in Laurel Park

PLAN TO JOIN US! STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT BIG ADVENTURE





The Great Commission

After His resurrection Jesus commanded his disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Designated Fund for Missionary Care and Local Missions

In September of 2013 the Endowment for Mission Support was created to replace the no longer available Lovett Fund. Each year a small portion of the proceeds of this fund is reinvested to continue growing the fund. The majority of the proceeds are evenly divided between the Missionary Care Designated Fund and the Local Church Missions Fund. The only source of monies now for missionary transportation costs, shortfalls; or special needs not covered by the church's annual Benevolence support, is from the Missionary Care Designated Fund. When Henderson County organizations our church supports through Local Missions are in need of extra monies for their support, the only source is the Local Missions Designated Fund.

This is a reminder that, should you want to give to either of these accounts, please write your check to the church and on the bottom state either "For Missionary Care DF" or "For Local Missions DF," or "For the Mission Endowment."

Both committees thank you.



MISSIONARY CARE COMMITTEE

MINDY HENSON RELIANT MISSION UKRAINE

Just by looking at a photo of a Mindy, you would never know the pain Mindy Henson shares with her beloved people of Ukraine. In 2022 when the Ukrainian war escalated, Mindy's sending organization, Reliant Ministries, requested



she and other missionaries evacuate Kyiv. Mindy returned to the States to live in Missouri, setting up a ministry office in a friend's basement apartment. Mindy joined the Ukraine Relief Fund, to become part of a small team that sends money, coordinates projects, and has on-line communications with Ukrainians displaced by the war. In her past newsletters, Mindy has described how some of those donations have been used. Donations have helped support families who have lost jobs and homes because of the war. A local congregation was provided with supplies to rebuild and remodel a building for refugees forced to flee their homes (a ministry project Mindy's husband David started to assist displaced refugees). Other money was used to purchase portable power stations for two pastors whose house churches lost power from continual Russian bombing. The power stations enabled these pastors to maintain weekly Bible Studies and broadcast a weekly YouTube message throughout the Ukraine. Financial assistance has also been given to local believers, living in the dangerous conditions themselves, to provide food, clothing, and loving supervision for a group of young orphan children while they await evacuation to a safer environment. It's amazing to think about all that Mindy is helping to orchestrate.

In her April newsletter, Mindy wrote about her 3 weeks visit to Ukraine. In March she visited villages and people that Reliant Ministries had been helping. During one visit to a village, she saw loss in every home. She shared that she knelt beside a grieving widow named Olga, who had lost her sick husband in January because no doctor was available over the holidays. As they shared tears together, Mindy realized that David's death had given her a place with 'those who mourn.'

She also returned to her hometown of Kyiv to reconnect with dear friends. She visited David's grave on the 5th anniversary of his homegoing. But her most difficult challenge of the trip was sorting through possessions at the apartment she and David had shared. Friends laughed and cried with her as she decided what to keep and what to give away.

Please continue to pray for Mindy and the people of Ukraine.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns."



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Some things you may not know about this important day!

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within five years virtually every



Anna Jarvis

state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. Pres. Woodrow Wilson Anna made it a national holiday. Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one's mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honour became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, and, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being.

Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopaedia. "Mother's Day". Encyclopedia Britannica, 4 Dec. 2022, https://www.britannica.com/topic/Mothers-Day. Accessed 29 April 2023.