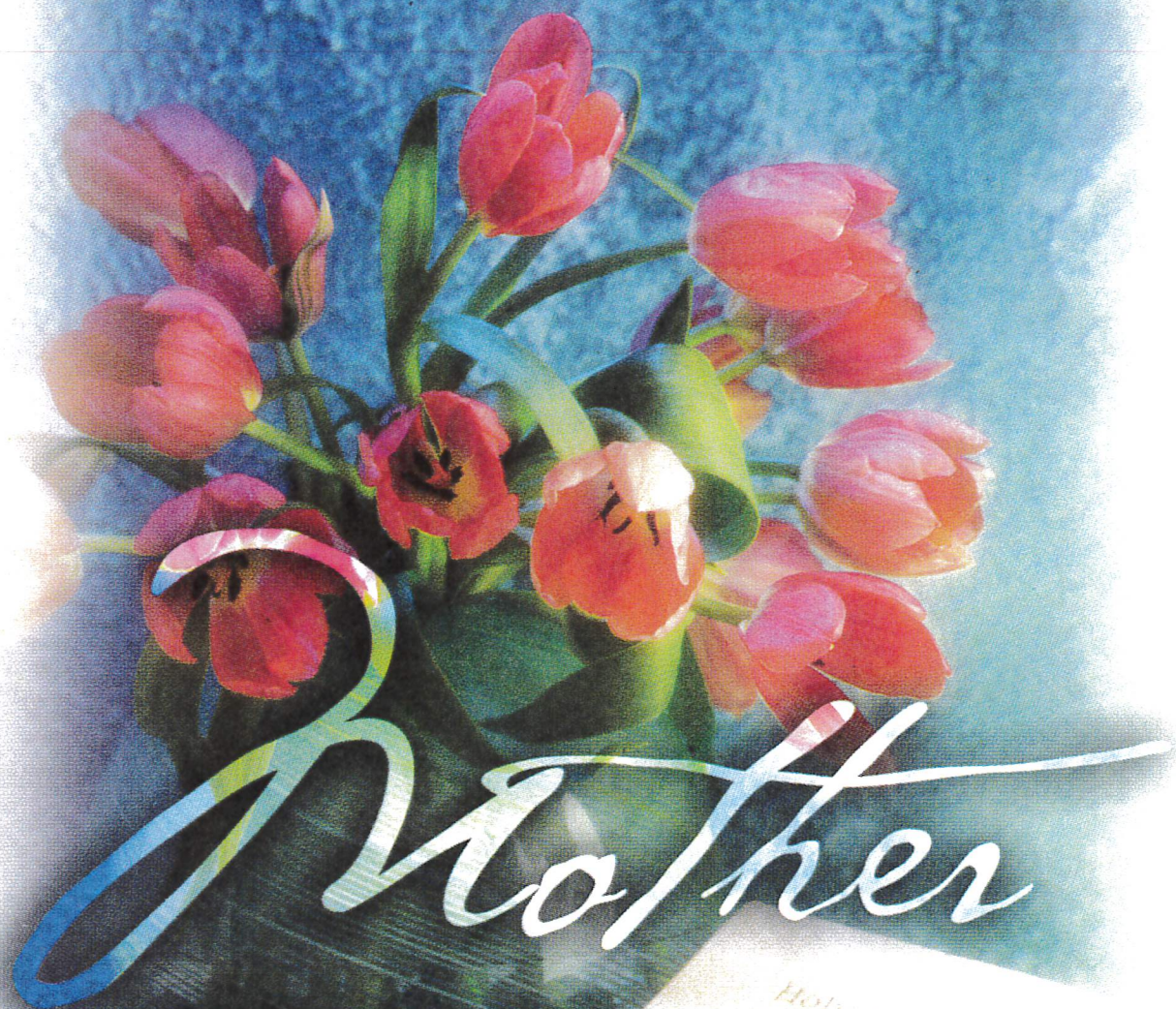


BLESSED IS THE



Mother

WHO TURNS TO GOD
IN PRAISE

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Worship Service – 10:15 am

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May 10, 2026

Happy Mother’s Day!

PRELUDE: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Robert Lau

WELCOME

HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymnal #2

HYMN: “O Give Us Homes” Hymnal #512

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” David Paxton

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 31:25-29

SERMON: “Mothers”

The Elders: Ted Coon, Pat Offenbacher, Charles Chevront

HYMN: “For the Beauty of the Earth” Hymnal #49

BENEDICTION: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Hymnal #209
(First verse.)

Serving You This Week:

Speakers: Elders Ted Coon, Pat Offenbacher, Charles Chevront
Organist Charles Chevront
Secretary Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Mike Lautzenheiser, Missionary James Reynolds, Tom Clutter, Connie Ryan, Rob Hyter, Tiffany Smith, Shelia Coon, Christian, Don Snook, Mike Butler, Tessa Money, Remy Hefner, Marisha Collier, Kameyan Campos, Charles (Jill's Dad), Karen, Anna, Don, Ruth Ann Russell, Lucas and Emma, Carole Chevront, Connie Ryan, Paul and Melissa Busick and their prison ministry, the family of Carla Bailey, family of Tom Clutter, Randall Allen, Jr., Grant Lewis.

Life Situations: Please pray for healing for the above-mentioned individuals. Pray for families impacted by violent acts. Pray for wisdom, godliness and safety for our country's leaders, law enforcement and armed forces. Pray for a quick end to the current conflict in Iran.

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
(Romans 12:12)*

Shut-In of the Week: Tom Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send him a card and pray for him. His address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, Room #209A, Lima, Ohio, 45805.

Trivia: Which Apostle advised early Christians to stop thinking like children? (*1 Cor. 14:20*)

- a) Peter b) Paul c) John d) Matthew
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Pondering: "The church does not determine what the Bible teaches. It is the Bible that determines what the Church must teach."

Charles Spurgeon, 1834-1892

ANNOUNCEMENTS



For May, **CUP** (Churches United Pantry) is asking for deodorant. If you can help with a donation, it would be much appreciated. You can place your donations on the shelf near the elevator marked **CUP**. Thank you.

Ladies Aid – Please remember to save your Chief’s receipts, “Our Family” bar codes and house brand products. The Ladies get a percentage of the total amount of the receipts turned in. This can help fund future projects. Thanks for your help.

The **Men’s Brotherhood Breakfast** is May 16 at 8:30 AM here at the church, downstairs in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Come and join the men’s breakfast for good food and fellowship.

Graduate Recognition is Sunday, June 7, 2026, during the worship service. We are proud of our graduates! Please feel free to invite family and friends.



Our next **Gathering Meal** is June 7, 2026, following the worship service downstairs in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share and join us for good food and fellowship. All are invited.



If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please visit their website at limamission.org. They have a list of needs which I don’t have room to list here. But, when you go to the grocery store, you can pick up a few of these items if you want to help. You can also give money or help serve meals. The number for the meal ministry is 567-242-5601 or email cferguson@limamission.org.

Two Temples

By Hattie Rose Hall



A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and columns and arches,
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said, as they saw its beauty,
“It shall never know decay;
Great is thy skill, O Builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye.”

A mother builded a temple
With loving and infinite care;
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the mother builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder’s temple,
Crumpled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the mother builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child’s immortal soul.

