

The Lakeview Lamp

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

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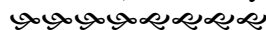
"This Is Still the Lord's Day"

Larry Ray Hafley, written in 2002

Let no one think that my dear Mom was not pleased and grateful for being remembered on Mother's Day. For a couple of weeks after Mother's Day, she would proudly display the cards that my brothers and I had sent her (She also received Mother's Day cards from those whom she had loved and nurtured and who thought of her as a "second Mother."). Of course, I always called her, thanked her, and praised her. She was humbly grateful for the good wishes and expressions of love. However, after a few minutes she would remind me that, "This is still the Lord's day," and that we ought to be serving, honoring, and praising Him; "because this is just another day invented by men."

That was my Mom. And this is my first Mother's Day without her. Unashamedly, I confess that Mother's Day cards and displays in the stores have brought tears to my eyes. This year, I cannot look for the "perfect card," the one that truly and tenderly expresses the love and appreciation I have for her. This year, I cannot tell her how much she meant to me and how much I loved her. But that will not stop me from honoring her. And I shall do it in the way that she would want me to. I shall do it by remembering that, "This is still the Lord's day."

Yes, this is the day upon which we remember and "*show the Lord's death till he come*" (**1 Cor. 11:23-26**). This is the day upon which He rose from the dead (**Lk. 24:1, 13, 21, 29, 46**). Accordingly, as the Spirit has directed us, we shall "*break bread*," and also "*lay by in store*" upon this day, His day, "*the first day of the week*" (**Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2**). Thank you, Mom, for the reminder.



Preacher's point — I once saw a statistic that listed Mother's Day as the third most attended day of worship. Why would that be so? Why would those same people not assemble for worship on *every* first day of the week? Do they not have as much love for Christ as they have for their mother? Christ says, "*He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me*" (**Matt 10:37**). Remember that it is not Mom but Christ who died for us and will judge us in the end (**2 Cor 5:10**).

My Mother

Jane Taylor

Who fed me from her gentle breast –
And hushed me in her arms to rest,
And on my cheek sweet kisses pressed?
– My mother.

When sleep forsook my open eye,
Who was it sung sweet lullaby,
And rocked me that I should not cry?
– My mother.

Who sat and watched my infant head,
When sleeping in my cradle bed,
And tears of sweet affection shed?
– My mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry,
Who gazed upon my heavy eye,
And wept for fear that I should die?
– My mother.

Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the part to make it well?
– My mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray,
To love God's holy word and day,
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?
– My mother.

And can I ever cease to be,
Affectionate and kind to thee,
Who wast so very kind to me
– My mother.

Oh, no, the thought I cannot bear;
And if God please my life to spare,
I hope I shall reward thy care
– My mother.

When thou art feeble, old, and gray;
My healthy arm shall be thy stay;
And I will soothe thy pains away
– My mother.

And when I see thee hang thy head,
'Twill be my turn to watch thy bed,
And tears of sweet affection shed
– My mother.



“But we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.” – 1 Thes 2:7

“Her children arise and call her blessed.” – Prov 31:28

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.” – Psalm 89:14

Family News

Elmo Ferrell continues to have back and leg pain.

Barry Fultz, who used to be a member here, has fibromas in his neck and lumbar region that are causing him much pain. The ones in the neck have invaded the spinal canal. They will monitor to see how fast the fibromas are growing. Thankfully, fibromas typically grow very slowly. You can see updates regarding the Fultzs at: caringbridge.com/visit/nathanandsandlyn

Sandra Hunt continues to have great pain in her right shoulder and arm. The pain is probably the result of several health problems and hard to treat.

John Jenkins, Robert's father, has lung cancer. He continues to receive chemotherapy. He remains weak and is not eating very well.

Al Johnson, Bob's father, is having some health problems (mini-strokes).

Pat Jordan, Brian Neighbour's aunt, has advanced cancer. She is not doing well and her organs have begun to shut down.

Jennifer Lindzy, Fran Pickens' 33-year-old granddaughter, has cancer. She continues to receive very strong chemotherapy. She is weak and her immune system is down. She is now in room # 6115 at Baptist hospital (no visitors).

Allen Malone has arrived safely in Vietnam.

There is a new report from **Fred Newman** (Slovakia) in the back.

Helen Pye, who used to be a member here, passed away on Tuesday. Her funeral was Friday.

Oliver Sinz, a neighbor of the Nicholson who has visited here, is having a stint placed in his brain this Friday.

Ame White was doing fairly well yesterday. **Angela** continues to recover from surgery. She is getting better, but is still somewhat restricted regarding activity. She returns to the doctor late this week.

Robert Wray has cataracts. He has severe eyesight problems.

Michael Zoladz, Joyce Werner's nephew, passed away Monday night. He was 46 and is survived by his wife and twin 17-year-old sons. He lived in IN. He is being cremated. A memorial service is planned for this Saturday.

Out of town, traveling, or visiting: **Robert** and **Candy Jenkins** (gone in AM, here in PM); **Doris Johnson**; **Allen Malone** (Vietnam); **Lyda Plank** (FL).

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"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thes 5:16-18).