



Memorial Messenger

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Greetings:

Congratulations! You have voted to call Reverend John Hill as pastor of MBC, hopefully for many years. You have gone from a pastor who is old, and probably pastoring his last church, to one who is young and beginning his first pastorate. I personally believe it is a good decision and this church will experience great growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and work with you for more than six years. There have been some challenges, as well as some wonderful times of rejoicing. Gerry says that MBC is "icing on the cake" of all of our years of pastoring. Thank you for making these years special. Thank you for every prayer you prayed for us, for serving faithfully with us, for generous contributions to the church, and for being a friendly, loving, congregation. I am glad I did not ask for 2 years off. (See Charles McNabb)

I am grateful, and I know you are, for the Pastor Search Committee who labored diligently for almost two years. Thank you folks for continuing to press on when the search became tiring and long. Thank you for sacrifices you made to make sure you followed God and got it right.

Most of all thank God for leading and blessing every step of life. Pray for Pastor John and Maggie and for Gerry and myself as we seek God's leadership.

May God Bless,
Harold G. Ball

Happy Mother's Day!

*She is clothed with strength and dignity,
she can laugh at the days to come.*

Proverbs 31:25



Donations

April 2017	Designated Giving	Acct	Memory
04/02/17	Harry Harman	Bldg Fund	Tina Hunt
04/09/17	Gladys Coggins Fran Smith Patricia Whitehead JoAnn Romine Sherrie Smith	Bldg Fund Annie Armstrong Annie Armstrong Annie Armstrong Annie Armstrong	
04/16/17	Harold & Gerry Ball Mary Branam Nan Eakin Betty Hux	Annie Armstrong Annie Armstrong Annie Armstrong Bldg Fund	
04/23/17	Josh & Celeste Collins Ralph and Ernestine Ball Glen & Gail Bradley Jack & Janet Collins	Bldg Fund Annie Armstrong Annie Armstrong GA's	



Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38



And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said "I need a Caretaker" SO God made a mother.

God said, "I need someone willing to put others before themselves. Someone who will work hard to buy food, to cook a dinner, to clean the

table and to make sure her children have had enough before themselves. And sit down to a cold meal, while looking around to her family happily enjoying what she made" So God made a mother.

"I need someone who is strong willed and strong minded, but kind-hearted enough to heal a child's wounds and wipe away tears. Somebody to watch over, advise and lead by example." So God made a mother.

God said, "I need somebody who will help with science fair projects, and when they don't receive the blue ribbon say 'maybe next year.' I need somebody who will stay up all night to sooth a crying baby, and not complain when it's already Tuesday and they've slept five hours all week. Someone who will watch a child's first steps, cheer at all soccer games, pick out prom dresses and dry her eyes as she sends her baby off to college." So God made a mother.

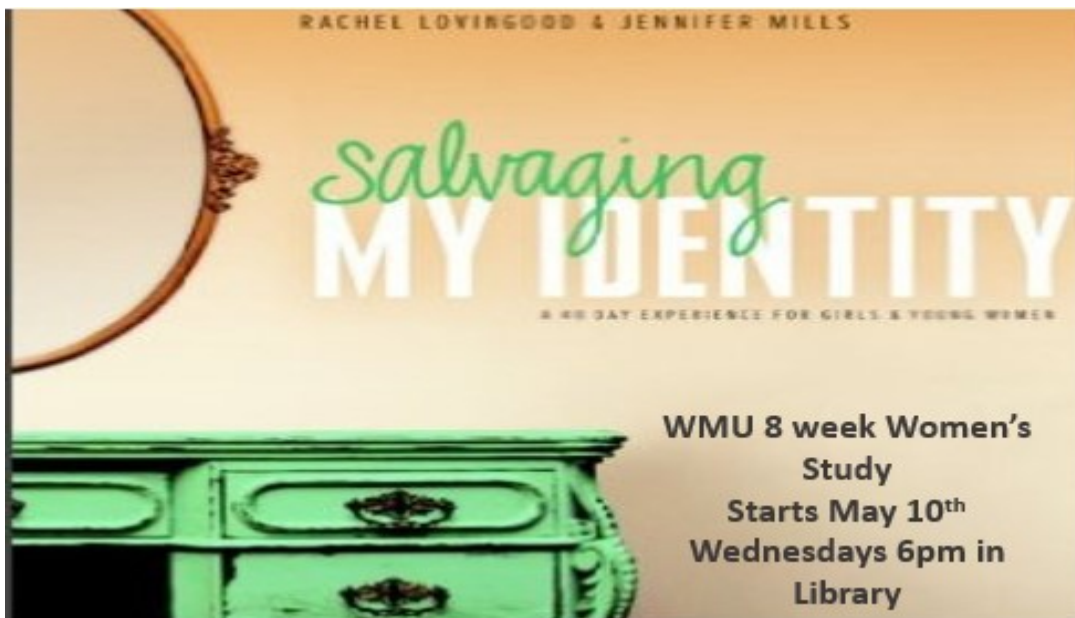
God had to have somebody willing to show her child the ropes, instill values and morals, and discipline with kindness yet firmness. Someone to nurture and encourage. So God made a mother.

God said, "I need someone strong enough to love a child and then set them free to be their own. Someone who will celebrate small accomplishments and teach important lessons. I need someone to protect her young and hold a home together." So God made a mother.

"Somebody who'd bale together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply with smiling eyes, when her child says she wants to be mother 'just like mom someday.'" So God made a mother.

Paul Harvey

What's Happening at MBC



May 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ruth Williams	2	3 6pm – Prayer Group, WMU, RA's & GA's 7pm Choir Practice	4 Rachel Mathers	5	6
7 Deacons Meeting 5pm Business Meeting 6pm	8 Ralph Ball Shanan Holt	9	10 6pm – Prayer Group, WMU, RA's & GA's 7pm Choir Practice	11	12 Terry Hux	13
14 Mothers Day NO Evening Service YJ Parks	15	16	17 6pm – Prayer Group, WMU, RA's & GA's 7pm Choir Practice	18 Steve & Angie Hudson	19	20
21 Terry Ball Roy McManus AM Graduation Recognition 5pm Church Council Mtg PM Common Bond Quartet Singing YAH Dessert Social	22	23	24 6pm – Prayer Group, WMU, RA's & GA's 7pm Choir Practice	25	26	27 Gail Bradley Thomas Medford JR
28 Shirley Mooneyhan NO Evening Service	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31	Notes:		

Nursery

May

07 Sara Morrow & Debbie Vick
14 Amber Shelton & Celeste Collins
21 Ashley & Justin Ball
28 Amanda Holt & Wanda Ball

Children's Church

May

07 Vicky & Mitch Turner
14 Frances & Jim Shelley
21 Barbara Williamson & Tommy Medford
28 Janet & Jack Collins

Journaling

May

07 Sherry Smith
14 Vickie Belcher
21 Charlene Jones
28 Barbara Williamson

Bunny's Kids

May

07 Vicky Turner
14 Charles McNabb
21 Amanda Holt
28 Terry Ball

Sound Team

May

07 Kim Wilson
14 Bob Nash
21 Julie Munsey
28 Ray Anthony

Sunday Night Worship

May

07 Nick Holt
14 No Service
21 Common Bond Quartet
28 No Service

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