

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

BY: DAVID OLMOS

Balancing structure and discipline with the fun and excitement of being a child can be challenging as a parent. When you see your child playing and imagining themselves as pirates or princesses in a sea full of monsters or a tall castle in the woods, it's essential to teach them right from wrong and follow the rules, but often" It's gut reaction flows from our lips when we yell, "STOP JUMPING!" These moments are precious, and as our children grow older, we cherish them all the more. We know that someday, they will stop pretending to be pirates or freezing us with their magic powers, so we want to savor these moments for as long as possible.

As parents, we all must accept that a day will come when our children won't need us to tuck them in at night anymore when they stop jumping off the couch with their paper wands in hand. However, that doesn't mean we can't enjoy playing with them while they're still young. I know this day is coming as a parent because it came for me as a child. I remember the days when I used to play with Ninja Turtles and snuggle with my mom, but before I knew it, I had "grown-up." I often wonder how my mother felt that day. As Mother's Day approaches, I want to thank all moms out there for their sacrifices for their families and spiritual communities. As a son, I know firsthand how much love and dedication go into raising a child. So to my mom, Thank You! And to all the mothers in this congregation, thank you for

everything you do! I hope you enjoy this Mother's Day poem that perfectly sums up my appreciation for all you do. May God bless you today and always.

"Dear Mother"

By Herman Vymislicky

I'm writing you to tell you that I love you, something I hardly ever do. I never tell you enough how much I love you and it's something I must do.

I need to let you know mother how much you really mean to me so I'm telling you now you mean the world to me. I need to thank you for all you do for me.

Your unconditional love toward me means a lot to me. You've never turned your back on me and

I know it's something you'll never do. Anytime I need someone to talk to you're always there to help me through. And anytime I need a favor you always seem to be there, too. There's nothing in this world that I could do To pay you back for all you do.

When God gave me to you, that's the best thing he could ever do, so this poem is dedicated to you because I don't know how else to say Thank You.

YOUTH GROUP

SIGN UP

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FOYER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A TEEN DEVO!

We **NEED** volunteers to drive the bus to Jabberwacky this summer. If you are able to help, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.



Camp Bandina

June 2-8 for 6th-12th graders.
Camper fee: \$180
Additional camper (same family): \$160
Pre-camper fee: \$50
Register at:
www.bandina-cecilhutsonsession.com

Free Goods Giveaway 8/3/2024

We are collecting for our 2nd Annual Free Goods Giveaway. Donations can be placed in the cradle-roll room.



THANK YOU!

Thank you all teachers for all you do for our kids and congregation! We appreciate all your time and effort and love you all! You are a special gift to us ALL.
Love, The Clarys

There will be a men's Bible study this Thursday 5/9/24, continuing Romans 9.

Men's
Bible Study

A small graphic of an open Bible with yellow pages and a blue cover.

India could use your continued support in sponsorship of student preachers enrolled in preaching school. If you would like to support a student the cost is:

- \$50 per month to support an in-person student
- \$20 per month to support and online student

Please give payments to any elder or office staff.



Please Pray

Kyle Teat is undergoing radiation treatment for skin cancer on his leg... Sue Barnes, aunt of Mandie Faycosh, has been moved to a nursing home for rehabilitation.