

Lives of Fragrance

2 Corinthians 4:14-17

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A Bouquet of Mothers

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God created the first woman, Eve, thereby not only bestowing a helpmeet upon Adam, but also ensuring the perpetuation of the human race through Eve's motherhood. A woman becomes a mother by physically bearing a child or through the legal process of adoption; learning to be a good mother continues for a lifetime. God uses the challenges of motherhood to teach us many lessons and to produce the fruit of the Spirit in us. Many of us have also been blessed by women who have extended motherly, nurturing love to us, despite not possessing the title of mother.

God helps us to understand how we become a child of God by telling us it is both a new birth and an adoption (1 Peter 1:23, John 3:3-8, Romans 8:15). As you celebrate Mother's Day, praise God for His grace, which brought you into His family, and thank Him for the mother, mother-in-law, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers with whom you have been blessed.

These TBC ladies have graciously shared memories of their mothers, whose lives fragrantly displayed God's grace and love. Enjoy reading these sweet recollections!

Marilyn Lowery shares a memory about her mother, lat Neong. "When I lived in China, my father was sick and needed medicine. My mother took me and went to pick up medication, walking a long distance. As we were walking, we could hear the sound of wild beasts surrounding us. Mother started to sing praises to God and I sang, too. As I sang, my heart was filled with courage and peace. Mother taught me that God is with me always, even in the darkness with wild animals surrounding me."

Song: *Isn't He Wonderful!*

Scripture: Isaiah 41:10

What's New

May 12th

Mother's Day

June 8th

TBC Bridal Shower for Victoria Perkins, June 8th, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Barb Rader's home: 3310 E 99th St., Tulsa. RSVP by May 31st to Linda Cosgrove, text 918-640-3201 Wedding Registry: <https://www.theknot.com/us/victoria-perkins-and-trey-terronex-jun-2024>

June 22nd

Women's Cleaning Day. Ladies, come and enjoy a time of fellowship while cleaning, sorting, and organizing at TBC! Lunch will be included.

Debbie Breeden shares about her mother, Mary: She is the BEST!!! She is a survivor, disciplined, student of the Word, kind, wise, an encourager, musician, a definite prayer warrior, and thoughtful through and through! Born-a-new early in her marriage and now at 93 years old, we have seen more godly character qualities emerge that will be a testimony to the next generation —she has made sure that her 9 great-grandchildren have a red-letter edition Bible so that they will know the TRUTH! During the pending death of our father 25 years ago, the word HOPE became real to her! Hebrews 6:19 says it plainly, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure!" The song-writer of one of her favorite hymns wrote, "My HOPE is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness!" She is definitely "finishing strong" as she boldly lives out her faith to those around her in her Assisted Living home! Though our bodies fail, HOPE remains!

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.'"

Proverbs 31:28-29

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From Leslie McGowan, sharing about her mother, Dot: The chorus of Dot's favorite hymn is, "He walks with me, He talks with me, And He tells me I am His Own, And the joy we share ...". That joy she shared with Jesus *In the Garden* overflowed into her everyday life. Mom was a loving, dedicated, vivacious, serving, and friendly woman who loved life. Thank you, God, for the gift of my mother.

Pat Scott has precious memories of her mother, Billie Jeanette. "My mother was always faithful at church. She had a beautiful voice and led the church choir. Her favorite song was *In the Garden*, which begins with the words, 'I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.'"

From Tracy Shiew: One memory I have with my mom, Fay, was visiting the elderly in nursing homes. One man enjoyed her egg salad. Every time we would visit, she would make it for him. Mom loved others well, even the neglected. As a child, I saw the joy of the Lord be her strength as she chose to serve in uncomfortable situations.

From Mollie Weaver: My mother, Eula Marie, was widowed at a young age. She worked hard to take care of us kids and loved us well. Mother was faithful in church and loved hymns and the Word of God. In the last nine years of her life, she lived with me. She listened to audiobooks and the Bible, since she had loss of vision due to macular degeneration. Mother lived to be 100 years old; the night she passed into Heaven, I sang her favorite hymn, *In the Garden*, to her.

From Sharon Riggs: My mother's name is Margaret. That is my middle name, and also my granddaughter's middle name. Mother's favorite hymn was *In the Garden*. She loved to sing it, but she also lived it. At each of our homes, she planted a rose garden. Nearby she would have her quiet times and coffee with Jesus. I never liked coffee and I can't seem to grow roses, but I love my quiet mornings with Jesus.

"You are as much serving God in looking after your own children, training them up in God's fear, minding the house, and making your household a church for God as you would be if you had been called to lead an army to battle for the Lord of hosts."

Charles H. Spurgeon

Recipes

Sharon Riggs shares a favorite recipe from her mother, Margaret.

Chocolate Dessert

- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. pecans, chopped
- 1 stick margarine, softened
- 2 c. powdered sugar, or as needed
- 1 c. cool whip light
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 oz. instant chocolate pudding
- 1 oz instant vanilla pudding, small
- 3 c. milk
- 2 c. cool whip light
- ½ c. pecans, chopped
- ½ c. semisweet baking chocolate

Crust: Mix flour, chopped pecans, and margarine. Pat into a 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350° for 20 min. Cool. First layer: Mix powdered sugar, cool whip, vanilla, and cream cheese. Pour over cooled crust. 2nd layer: Mix puddings and milk until thickened. Pour over cheese layer. 3rd layer: Spread remainder of cool whip over top and garnish with chopped pecans and shaved chocolate. Chill.

Correction:

The recipe for Peach Cream Cheese Pie which was shared in the April issue had two errors. The amount of sugar to mix with the vanilla pudding and flour, etc. should have been ¼ c. The second error was that a line of instruction was omitted. Please insert this sentence into the recipe instructions. "Mix together cream cheese, ½ c. sugar, and 3 T of reserved peach juice." before "Carefully spread..." We regret these errors and hope that you will have good success in making this delicious recipe!

Planning Ahead

September 13-14th

Plan to join us for the Women's Retreat at New Life Ranch, Cove location, in September! We will hear from an amazing speaker and have opportunities for fellowship while we learn together.

December 7th

The TBC Women's Christmas Brunch has become a special tradition at TBC. Put this on your calendar and plan to attend!

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