

WELCOME HOME

Our vision: Experience and share the love of Jesus.

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:5 NIV

HONORING MOTHERS

Happy Mother's Day! Your love, patience and unending prayer for your children is changing the world. Thank you for all you've given. **We celebrate you today.**

YOUTH SUNDAY

Congratulations to the recipient of this year's Sarah Wilson Award, **Michael DeWolf** for his dedication in youth and tech ministries. Congratulations to graduating Seniors!

YOUTH CAMP

Help send our youth kids to summer camp, July 15-19, to have a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Donate in the beach buckets at the back of the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Super Sunday School and Youth Sunday School will **take a break** for the summer. Their last day is **Sunday, May 19**. Enjoy services with the whole family.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

All Seniors are invited to join this monthly meeting for snacks, singing and **an encouraging time of sharing**. **Friday, May 17 at 10:00 AM** in Expansion. Bring a friend!

SUMMER BASH

CommPres Youth invites **Middle & High School students** to kick off the summer with a party. Food and too much fun. **Wednesday, May 29 from 6-9:00 PM**.

Check out the Connection Center. Find out what's happening with the Youth programs and summer activities.



Celebrating Mothers and Youth today.

Remember to have fun!

May 12, 2019

Hymns 215 & 624

services

Sun 8:00 am Traditional
Sun 9:30 am Contemporary
Sun 11:11 am Blended
Sun 6:00 pm Encounter
Thur 7:30 pm Contemporary

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A Note from the Pastor

Rev Dr William A Lewis

A grandfather arrived at his daughter's house ready to dive into his favorite activity of the week: playing with his grandson. Jeremy was sitting in his playpen. "Pa Pa!" he shouted. The older man reached down and swooped his grandson up into his arms. Just as they began to play, however, Jeremy's mother walked into the room. "Dad, I'm so sorry, but Jeremy has crossed too many lines today. This is his time out. He needs to go back into his play pen for a while longer." With that she gently took Jeremy out of her father's arms and placed him back in the confined space and left the room.

Jeremy stood confused and asked, "Pa Pa, play with me?" The grandfather felt trapped between competing priorities: loving his grandson while still honoring the boundaries of his daughter. What could he do?

One option remained. He climbed into the play pen, taking a little boy's restrictions upon himself.

That is the very heart of the Jesus story. God's Son came into our context, we who have crossed way too many lines, way too many times. God took our restrictions upon Himself. He got down into the junk of our lives. Jesus experienced the thorns that stab human flesh, the distress of being gravely misunderstood and the dark drama of hearing the father say "no" to His impassioned prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Why would Jesus do this? He did it for us so that we would never doubt that He knows what it feels like to face whatever we're going to face this week. He assures us that in the thick of everything, He'll be with us.

No love in this world is greater



than a Mother's Love

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