



Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele. But the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.'

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

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Good News... Imagine That...

By Pastor Ken Studer

My grandson, Mercer, who is six, recently showed his creative side. He decided that he would like to build a fort. So he used pillows, a blanket and a sheet for materials.

The fort was built on the staircase. The pillows were the walls of the fort. The sheet was for the roof and the blanket was the floor. There was more to it than that, but you get the picture.

When he was finished he went next door to get his friend to play with him. They both enjoyed playing in the fort. It lasted for more than an hour. What an imagination!

Young children often play "house." They pretend that they are grown ups. Barbies and other toys add to the enjoyment of kids. Not everything is video games.

But kids aren't alone in using their imaginations. Thomas Edison imagined a light bulb, Henry Ford imagined automobiles coming off an assembly line. NASA engineers imagined astronauts going to the moon. What about you? Did you ever imagine what it would be like to win the lottery?

Imagination is a good thing. Some people have a "vivid imagination." I've decided to be more childlike and imagine things.

Can you imagine what it would be like to really imagine God as your loving Father?

Glory belongs to God, whose power is at work in us. By this power He can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20 GW

Sometimes we hear people say, "I can't even imagine that." In other words, it is mind-boggling or so extraordinary that it is difficult to comprehend.

The Bible indicates that that is what eternal life is like.

But as Scripture says: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9 GWT

The Good News is that what God has done for us is better than we can even imagine.



Is temporarily suspended. Watch for announcements to discover when it will resume.

General Conference Session Postponed

Ted Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, recently announced that the 61st General Conference session scheduled for May 20-25, 2021 in Indianapolis has been postponed until June 6-10, 2022. The rescheduled session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. The session was postponed due to the COVID virus. Next year members are encouraged to watch the General Conference session via live-streaming.



Billy Graham challenged Congress and the President to pass a law for an annual National Day of Prayer in 1952. Since then, every first Thursday in May has been celebrated as NDP. This year the date is May 6, 2021.



May Worship Schedule

On the first Sabbath this month, Uriel Herinirina will be our speaker. Then Pastor Ken begins a 3-part sermon series entitled "The Secret Sauce."

05-01 Guest Speaker: Uriel Herinirina

05-08 The Secret Sauce, Part 1—Cross

05-15 The Secret Sauce, Part 2— Commitment

05-22 The Secret Sauce, Part 3—Community

May Birthdays

Sue Chang	May 01	Judy Chung	May 17
Ricardo Graf	May 01	Bryan Do	May 17
Curtis Pai	May 01	Andrew Lagos	May 17
Jie Yu	May 01	Margaret Lopez	May 17
Jayanthi Ravindran	May 03	Johnathan Gopen	May 18
Christopher Cornforth	May 04	Al Jr. Martinez	May 18
L. Allan Martin	May 04	An Crisca Fleming	May 19
Scott Roberts	May 04	Larry Byfield	May 20
Roger Lang	May 05	Stephanie Pelletier	May 20
Gamaliel Chavez	May 06	Andrew Clark	May 21
Janene Chrispens	May 06	Amy Evans	May 22
Justin Schulze	May 06	Samuel Giles	May 22
Tonya Jones	May 07	Ron Hebert	May 22
Ankita Nelsen	May 08	Sydney Madolora	May 22
Emma Varela	May 08	Gisela Riffel	May 22
Wanda Anderson	May 09	Cristina Clarke	May 23
Brett Byfield	May 09	Susan Cowdrey	May 23
Edwin Clark	May 09	Larry Fleming	May 23
Vanessa Clark	May 11	Jeff Horne	May 23
Scott Dinges	May 11	Vivian Pedzy	May 23
Linda Moyer	May 11	Sophia Chun	May 24
Eric Rangel	May 11	Harry Miller	May 24
Nathan Gopen	May 12	Tony Moore	May 24
Maria L. Joya	May 12	Stephanie Mensah	May 25
Joo Lee	May 12	Ian Thompson	May 26
Marc Morin	May 14	Nathanael Buhrke	May 27
Nasser Nasralla	May 14	Suzanne Conner	May 29
Linda Astrero	May 15	Samuel Dompas	May 29
Nothani Bryant	May 15	Nicolas Dunn	May 29
Kimberly Ramos	May 15	Lindsay Moyer	May 29
Nicholas Vence	May 15	Laura Carrillo	May 30
Herawaty Dompas	May 16	Marinos Sideris	May 30