



My Parents...

One of the greatest gifts I have received from God were my parents! A Good Christian Home, (I was raised as a Baptist with Dad as a Deacon and Mom a Deaconess)...they were committed to each other and us. Patriotic, industrious, pretty fearless and open to adventure and possibilities! My Mother, Marion, graduated from both Business College and Nurses Training. My Father, Bill, was a gifted Machinist who could design and build almost anything. Both honorably discharged from the US Army. Entrepreneurs through and through. They created several successful businesses.

My whole life was full of surprises. They believed in our National Parks and there wasn't a single Park we didn't go to as long as you could drive it from Friday night to Monday morning. As a child I remember waking in the night in the back of the car with a wild burro breathing on me through the window. We camped and hiked and swam and rowed and paddled just about the entire Western US. What a time we had! I remember coming home from high school and they had read an article in the newspaper about families that were moving to the Galapagos Islands to grow coffee. (We had a boat and sailed all the time to Catalina Island.) We almost went too! I remember the Midget Kitchen...it went up for sale across the street from a large high school. It was close enough to home that we could have walked to work!! We stood on the sidewalk in the dark and fantasized. It would have been a mistake though....oh, well.

I'm seventy-nine years old and it amazes me that twenty-seven years ago my parents embraced my dream to move to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. We bought wooded land here, sat at the dining room table and planned a house for all of us, sold our homes, boxed up everything and moved, each driving our own car in a caravan across the country. They were the same age I am now!! (Wow! Fearless!!!) We were a frustrated when we got here since the house was still being built, but that didn't stop them from working on the woods. Mom bought my Dad his first chainsaw from Shore Saw when it became clear we needed more heavy equipment. He was 80 years old and I never saw him happier. We got books from the library about felling trees to keep from killing ourselves. What an Adventure!

How Blessed I Am to Have Had My Parents! I pray that all kids should feel that way about theirs, no matter how modest their circumstances. It's the spirit of adventure and a belief in a God that wants the best for you! Pray! Then go Boldly wearing the Full Armor!



Here's What's Coming Up:







- ◆ Sundays—Sunday School at 9:45 am.
Worship Service at 11am
- ◆ Thursdays—Ladies Bible Study 10 am
- ◆ Every Other Saturday— Crafty Bunch 10 am
- ◆ May 10th— Mother's Day
- ◆ May 16th— Armed Forces Day
- ◆ May 25th— Memorial Day
- ◆ May 31st— The Lord's Supper
& Covered Dish Supper
- ◆ June 14th— Flag Day
- ◆ June 21st— Father's Day
& First Day of Summer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Crafty Bunch 10a 
3 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a	4	5	6 Prayer Mtg 6p	7 Ladies Bible Study 10a	8	9
10 Mother's Day! Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a 	11	12	13 Prayer Mtg 6p	14 Ladies Bible Study 10a	15	16 Armed Forces Day Crafty Bunch 10 a 
17 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a	18 Impact Hunger Deliveries Noon—1pm	19	20 Prayer Mtg 6p	21 Ladies Bible Study 10a	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a	25 MEMORIAL DAY 	26	27 Prayer Mtg 6p	28 Ladies Bible Study 10a	29	30 Crafty Bunch 10a 
31 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service 11a The Lord's Supper Covered Dish Supper 						

JUNE 2026

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Note From Pastor



This is a note from LMW, Leadership Ministry Worldwide. Think about it and give thanks to a God who loved us so much that He sent His Son as our sacrifice for Our Sin.

Ephesians 2:8-9 We are saved

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works lest any man should boast.

We are saved by God and by God alone. This is the major stress of this passage.

Saved by God's grace (v.8)

You are saved by God's grace. Grace means the favor and kindness of God, but there is a uniqueness about God's favor and kindness. His favor and kindness are given *despite the fact that it is undeserved and unmerited*. God has done a thing unheard of among the people of the earth: God has given His grace to us...

- despite our cursing Him
- despite our rejecting Him
- despite our rebelling against Him
- despite our hostility toward Him
- despite our denial of Him
- despite our neglect of Him
- despite our half-hearted commitment to Him
- despite our worship of religion instead of Him
- despite our false worship
- despite our idolatrous worship
- despite our transgressions
- despite our sins

Grace is giving, but it is given to people who do not deserve the gift. What is the gift that God has given? Jesus Christ. God has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. He did not have to give His Son. God could have wiped us from the face of the earth and doomed us forever. We deserve it, but this is God's grace. God is full of mercy and love and kindness—by His very nature, He is full of these glorious qualities. Therefore, God was *bound* to shower His grace upon us. God was bound to send His Son to save us. Contrary to common thought, God is not off someplace in the distance, far removed from us, disinterested and unconcerned with out

sufferings and death. God is gracious, full of mercy, love, and kindness for us; therefore, He has reached out through His Son Jesus Christ to help us. How?

⇒ By giving His Son to die *for us*. When Jesus Christ hung upon the cross, He was *taking our sins* upon Himself and bearing the punishment for our sins. We had committed high treason against God: rejected and rebelled against Him. The penalty for high treason is death; we are condemned to die. But Christ took our penalty and condemnation upon Himself. He died for us—in our place, in our stead, as our substitute. This is what Scripture means when it says that Christ died *for us*.

For while we were weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:6) * “powerless” * “ungodly”

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8) * “sinners”

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. (Romans 5:10) “enemies”

Note that none of us deserves the sacrificial love of Christ.

Food For Thought.....Pastor Miller

The Baptism of Gloria Wompierski



No Water Heater? No Problem! Congratulations Gloria!

*May 31st
Following
Worship...*



Please Join Us
As We
Celebrate Both!



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**Standard Hours of Worship
& Meetings**

Sunday Morning
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am