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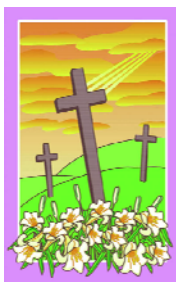


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Everyone
Everywhere



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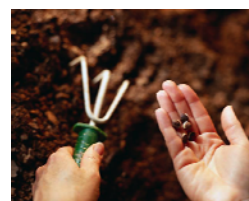
Bob's Beliefs

Well, I think spring has sprung. Mother Nature is not teasing us anymore with 60-70 degrees one day and then snow and 30 degrees the next. As of this writing, it has been decent weather, so good that the farmers are in their fields cultivating and planting while others are planting their gardens. This brings me to the subject for this month's article. - **the planting of seeds.** I heard broadcasts on the radio about this twice in one day so it must be the one that is meant to be.

We all plant seeds to have a plant grow; once we plant that seed we don't know what is happening to that seed while it is underground. but then it begins to break the ground and a beautiful plant starts to grow - just the same way God plants a seed in us. In the parable of the Sower: Luke 8:11 Jesus says, "Now the parable is this; The seed is the word of God..." God plants a seed in us and we don't know what is going to happen until He lets it be planted, and then on His time He lets it start to break ground and grow in us. Just like the seeds that are planted in the ground. God will let the seed in us grow and bloom in His own time.

One type of seed that is planted for many is when they become parents. When you find out you are going to have a child, you have no idea what will happen for the next 18 years, but a reward is the graduation of your child. By the end of this month, parents will see their child be graduated from high school or college. This can be a scary time but also a very exciting time for the graduates. These graduates will begin planting their own seeds. So, I want to congratulate all graduates but also their parents on a job well done. So, congratulations class of 2016, may you go out and plant your seeds in the Lord, and see what God has planned for you.

DeColores,
Bob Brown



Maurice's Musings

As I write this article I am recovering from cataract surgery on one eye (surgery on the other eye is scheduled for May 10th). I know several family members and friends who have undergone cataract surgery. The change is phenomenal. I can see things I haven't seen in years, if ever!

No more glasses or contact lenses to fuss with, after the second surgery. I started wearing glasses in the 6th grade, when I was 11 years old. Ten years later I started wearing contact lenses, and have worn them for almost 45 years. I won't know how to behave (be careful what you are thinking!) without an aid to see.

I am reminded of John's words in Revelation 21: *"Then I saw a new heaven and new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more ...⁴ He will wipe away every tear*

from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

Our God is a God of second chances. Jesus opened the eyes of the blind, healed, the lame, and cured all kinds of diseases. Throughout the Bible we see God forgiving sins and giving His people another chance. Look at King David, or the prodigal son, for an example.

God is ready, willing and able to give you, and me, a fresh start, whether with new vision (physical or spiritual) or dealing with a bad habit, or even starting a good habit, like regular exercise or Bible study. With God's help you can see life differently. Accept God's amazing grace and get a new lookout on life, on earth and for eternity.

Pastor Maurice



Mother's Day

Mother's Day in the United States is annually held on the second Sunday of May. It celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures. Many people give gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.

The origins of Mother's Day are attributed to different people. Many believe that two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States. Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be held in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

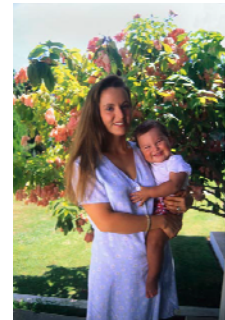
In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. Her campaign was later financially supported by John Wanamaker, a clothing merchant from Philadelphia.

In 1908, she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's

Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day has become a day that focuses on generally recognizing mothers' and mother figures' roles. Mother's Day has also become an increasingly important event for businesses in recent years. This is particularly true of restaurants and businesses manufacturing and selling cards and gift items.

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***Mark your calendar:

The Christian music group **Building 429** will be in Hillsboro for a free concert on Thursday evening, June 30th at 9:00 pm. It will be up-town on the streets, so bring a lawn chair. It is part of Hillsboro's "Festival of the Bells." A free-will offering will be received.

Remember our Veterans on
Memorial Day.



Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 191

Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:

www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

See you at the **GATHERING**
May 9 - 7 p.m.
Singing - 6:45 p.m.
Bring a snack to share
during fellowship time!

The next scheduled Women's Walk

WOMEN'S WALK # 96

Is scheduled for June 23 - 26

Pray

Be a sponsor

Sign up to work

Clean a bathroom

Help cook a meal

Make *agape*

Write an encouraging note

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Rainee Angles Jobey Lucas Jill Nunnbry

Dawna Jo Kiesling David Waits Abi Lykins

Lynnette Shanton Connie Harper Daisy Gill

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin (Carla) Martin

Rhoden family in Pike County and situation

Jason Salyers Cathy Snowball Ron Spendlove

The Tara Cole Nagle family

unspoken requests friends' dilemmas

relationships with God and family

Students, teachers, and administration
in education system