



**MOM,
MADE IN THE
IMAGE OF GOD**

Hillside Highlights

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Family resemblances make for an interesting discussion. Where do your looks come from? Do you have your mother's nose, your father's eyes, or your grandmother's shape? Genetics are passed from generation to generation.

Common traits reveal themselves and cause people to say, "You remind me of your mother." Your traits go beyond generational genetics. They go back much farther than the family tree you may have been able to generate. In fact, you are a reflection of God.

Mother's Day is this weekend, a celebration of moms everywhere! We're looking at Genesis 1:26-31 from the NIV Mom's Devotional Bible... **You Look Like God:**

"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." - Genesis 1:27.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." - Psalms 139:13

"...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." - Colossians 3:10

A mother tends to define herself most easily in terms of externals: I am a mom. I am a wife. I am a daughter. I am a graduate. I am a teacher. I am a volunteer. I am what I do. I am what others need me to be. I am what I accomplish.

While these descriptions may be true, they are incomplete. They overlook the vital fact that we are made, inside and out, by God. We are created in His image and for His purposes.

When we gaze into the mirror of God's Word, we find that God has stamped on our being a reflection of His character, His essence, His being. That is not to say we are mini-gods in any sense. But just as children reflect the physical, mental, and personality traits of their parents, and even adopted children can share the mannerisms and habits of their families, so we who are fashioned by God to manifest elements of His character in our beings.

Who are you, Mom?

Genesis 1 and 2 spell it out. **You are God's image-bearer** (see Genesis 1:26-27). God expresses His being through both genders, male and female.

You are a co-laborer with all of God's people in His world (see Genesis 1:28-31). When you live in the fullness of who you are, you show your children, your family, and your world a full and accurate picture of your God.

So there, Mom. Take the definition of who you are from how God made you. You are a unique being fashioned after the God of the universe – inside and out!

Think about this: How often do you define yourself by the negatives? Who you aren't, what you haven't accomplished, what you aren't doing. How might this negative definition of yourself affect your mood as well as your daily choices? How might it impact others around you? Switch your sight to God's view of you and get ready for great changes!



Tonight

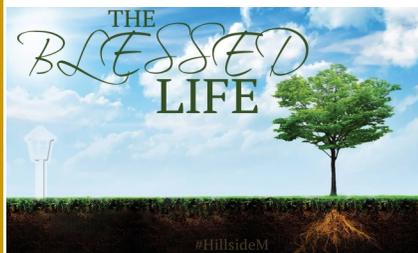
Guys, our spring "Main Event" is **tonight**, 6-9pm! Hope to see you there!

This Sunday!

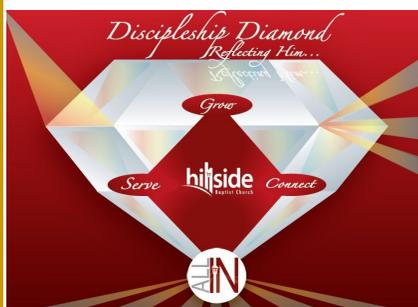
Hillside would like to wish all moms a very happy Mother's Day. For all you do and who you are, we say thanks. Why not make your Mother's Day extra special by joining us for a really fantastic celebration of moms? The whole family will enjoy a fresh dose of laughter, wisdom, and inspiration through the service. You don't want to miss hearing "The Voice" Next Gen Choir as well as "The Talk" (a panel of Hillside moms from various stages of life sharing thoughts with their host Pastor Dave – plus you can text in your questions). You won't want to miss it!



Pastor Jerry resumes "The Blessed Life" series on May 18th. Have you been remembering to read and reflect upon the book? It would be great to have read through chapter 9 by next Sunday. If you haven't received your complimentary copy of "The Blessed Life" book, no worries. You can pick one at the Welcome Center on Sunday.



Upcoming Opportunities to Connect - Grow - Serve



► **Managing Our Finances God's Way** hosted by Terry MacPherson began on Sunday but it's not too late to participate. Join the others for the remaining weeks at 9:15am in the HYM Café **OR** May 25th & June 1st (2 weeks) 6:00 – 9:00pm, hosted by Joel Welch.

► **"The Indestructible Marriage"** first evening was on Monday night. You can still come out for any of the 3 remaining sessions (May 12, 26 & June 2). The cost is \$10 per couple per week includes Child Care and supper (Pizza, Salad, and Dessert for adults).

► **"Finding Your SERVE"** is a class designed to help you explore your spiritual gifts, talents and passion and how you can serve in your sweet spot at Hillside. This class will be hosted by Pastor Dave on Sun. May 25 @ 9:15am in the Study.

► **"Developing HABITS"** is an opportunity to develop core spiritual practices so that they become habits. This class will be hosted by Pastor John Weiler on Sun. May 25 @ 11am in the Study.

You can sign up for any of these events or request more information by emailing info@hillsideomoncton.org.

Dad & Kids, this might be just the Mother's Day gift you've been looking for. Tickets are available to be purchased online at <http://jasonandcharmaine.ticketleap.com/divine-ladies-night-out-may-22/> or in the lobby on Sunday! This ladies night out, on Thursday, May 22nd @ 7pm will feature the music of Jason & Charmaine Grace Brown. The cost is \$15 each before May 16th and \$20 after or at the door!



Did you know that 14 of our youth will be spending their summer as staff at Camp Wildwood and are part of the Raise a Wage program? A number of fundraisers are planned to help Camp be able to provide some wages for these students. The first event is a bottle drive, so please save your recyclable bottles & cans, etc. and bring to the church on the May 24th between 10am and 2pm. if you would like to have them picked up please contact cw.hbc.raiseawage@gmail.com.

- Tonight — Band of Brothers "Main Event" 6pm
- Fri/Sat. — Springforth Weekend for High School & Middle School Youth
- Mon. — Monday Morning Bible Study 9:30am
— "Indestructible Marriage" Course 6pm
- Tue. — Mom2Mom Closing Banquet 6pm
- Wed. — Power UP!

