

Dermot's Story

Dermot McCann forgot his lines in a Sunday school play. Luckily his mother was in the front row especially to prompt him.

She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Dermot's memory was completely blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, 'I am the light of the world.'

Dermot beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice announced, 'My mother is the light of the world.'

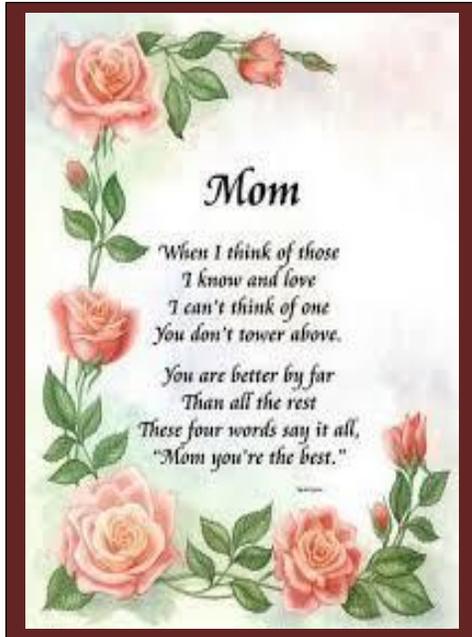


GETTING CONNECTED

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If you're the mother of a small child, then you know...

- A 3-year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words 'uh oh', it's already too late.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy. (It will, however, make cats dizzy.)
- Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
- Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.



Mothers teach us many things including...

- Religion - "You better pray that comes out of the carpet!"
 - Time Travel - "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
 - Foresight - "Make sure you're wearing clean underwear, you never know when you may be in an accident."
 - Contortionism - "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- Most of all, my mother taught me about JUSTICE - "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you".**



"Don't knock the weather: nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while." ~ Kin Hubbard

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!

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In My Garden

In my garden, filled with flowers,
I sit in quiet prayer
And, as I look around me,
I see God everywhere.
He's in the fragrant roses,
In glorious array.
Their perfume lingers in the air
And takes my breath away.
A gentle breeze is blowing.
Sunshine warms my face.
How near to God I feel,
In this enchanting place.
I see His hand in everything,
Sweet gifts sent from above.
My soul knows only peace,
As I rest, here, in His love.

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SMILE!

Your Heavenly Father really
loves YOU!



22243 Allan Road (@Adelaide Road) South of Mt Brydges

Join us each Sunday for Worship...

3 p.m. worship and praise



"It has been a hard fought and miraculous journey since my stroke two years ago. I have gained a greater understanding of God's grace and how quickly events can change us." ~ Randy Travis

The Generation Gap(s)

People born before 1946 were called **The Greatest Generation**.

People born between 1946 and 1964 are called **The Baby Boomers**.

People born between 1965 and 1979 are called **Generation X**.

And people born after 1980 are called - **Generation Y**.

Why do we pronounce this last group Generation wh"Y"?

- **Y** should I get a job?
- **Y** should I leave home and get my own place?
- **Y** should I get a car when I can use yours?
- **Y** should I clean my room?
- **Y** should I wash my own clothes?
- **Y** should I buy any food?



"The millennials are testing much better since we changed true/false to like/dislike."



Something to Think About...

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him." [John 13:15-16]

Whether today you're engaged in the workplace or retired, whether you live in a small community or in the thorough fair of a metropolitan center, I expect you've heard the term "political correctness" used at some point – perhaps even against something you've said or done. Who knows, this newsletter may even become subject to the scrutiny of political correctness. No one seems to know what it is until somehow we venture into the realm of some violation of its rules. Admittedly, the basis of political correctness is admirable. The seeking to hold to what is right and proper and considerate of others is always a worthy endeavor. At its core, I believe, is a desire to identify wrongs long permitted, and an intention to make things better.

However, the politically correct mindset brings with it the opportunity for error. This is not a new problem. The casualties have piled up for centuries. In the time when Jesus walked on earth, opening the doors to the kingdom of heaven and showing us the way of his Father, he was met with political correctness. The Pharisees of his day expected him to behave a certain way, say certain things, and respect the order that was established. As in modern times, such political correctness falls short of its goal to elevate humanity because the people who push for it miss the point – we all are sinners. In fact as someone recently reminded me – we're all hypocrites! We each suffer from visual acuity in the way we see our world; we're imperfect, still, to use a big Christian word, being "sanctified". It's a life-long process for all of us. Whether, then we profess political correctness, religious dogma, or some other reflection of how things must be, we must recognize it's no better, no more perfect, than those who place themselves upon some pedestal of judgment to indict the rest of us.

Jesus' response would be for us to be "on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees" [Matthew 16:11] in our midst referring to teachings that profess goodness while heaping up demands for correctness and rituals impossible to comply with. One of the major complaints non-believers level against Christianity is that the churches are full of hypocrites. An old sign comes to mind – it says, "If you find a perfect church, don't enter because it won't be". It suggests the moment we (being imperfect) join a church it ceases to be perfect. Jesus actually had much to say about hypocrisy, of demonstrating the pretense of virtuous character, moral or religious beliefs or principles, which we don't really possess. In Matthew 23, Jesus goes into great detail of what such hypocrisy looks like. That type of behaviour is certainly evident today when our politically correct "state" is focused more on the sins of others than on their own sins. Hypocrisy seems unavoidable with the centralized influence that has marked modern culture. Like the Pharisees and Sadducees of biblical times, those who push for this modern variety of Pharisaism insist everyone must be made to conform, even if, as leaders, they themselves still struggle from the same evil motivations in their own lives. Where is mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and understanding? Where is the recognition that every one of us needs to be set free from the bondage of sin, rescued from the seas of despair that comes with being fallen creatures, returning to a merciful God through His grace in the loving sacrifice of his Son Jesus Christ?

For there to be true correctness in our behaviour with one another, we must abide by a standard that is greater than ourselves, absolute and unchanging. While it may be right to correct the thoughts, words and deeds previously held, we must refrain from dogmatically forming new edicts for what is common and correct as a knee-jerk response against the past. Christ offers truth balanced by mercy and compassion. We should and *must* applaud doing right in each and every situation but let us do so through the lens of God's Word and the direction of his Holy Spirit. It's the only way that love can be thrust into the societal debate. The Scriptures give us that answer and direct us in the way to go. We must step into our culture's battle over language, thoughts and ideas with a gospel of truth and love from the inside out. We must confront our own sin with the gospel so that we can then help others. Political correctness' core weakness is it is being run by those who, like us, impose their standard on others without connecting that standard to God's and to critical reflection of their own hearts. Conversely, if we abandon compassion, then our hearts fail to reflect our own limitations; fail to show the Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the only means by which this problem can truly be remedied. Let us therefore always strive first to bless.

Mark Your Calendars...

Sunday, May 1st – Communion

Love: God's Calling Card continues

Mondays – Bible Study on Minor Prophets continues @ Parkhouse

Sunday May 8th – **Mother's Day**

Sunday May 22nd – New Series:

**Hot Potatoes for the
21st Century Church**

(May 22 – June 26)