

First Update

A Pastor's Post

For about the first 15 years of my ministry, I hesitated to preach Mother's Day sermons. I suppose I found most of the Mother's Day preaching I'd heard overly sentimental or a deification of mothers. However, as I have grown older (and hopefully wiser), I have begun preaching on the subject of motherhood on Mother's Day.

One of the reasons for my change of heart, is the abundance of women who are held up as wonderful examples of motherhood in the Bible. One of these mothers is Eunice, who was the mother of Timothy. She is mentioned by name in 2 Timothy 1. Her name comes from two Greek words that mean "a good rule" or "a good victory."

Paul, writing to her son Timothy, says *I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in...your mother Eunice.* Her faith was sincere. She wasn't playing a role when it came to her walk with Jesus.

In Acts 16, we're told that Paul went to Lystra and there he met Timothy. We're told Timothy's mother was *a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek* (v. 1). She had married outside the faith and Timothy's father didn't want him circumcised. But she nevertheless raised her son to love and fear God.

In raising Timothy, Eunice taught him the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:14-15 says, *as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation.* Eunice taught Timothy the Bible as a child. Mothers, don't underestimate what your child is capable of learning.

In Christ,

Chris Ruwaldt

Falls Creek

July 17-22, 2017

Registration \$125
Until May 21st

The Parent/Camper Meeting is
July 12th. Attendance is required.

Regular Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School: 9:15

Worship: 10:30

Worship Choir 2:00

Tuesday

WOM/Brown Bag Bible Study: 12:00

Wednesday

(until 5/3) Wednesday Night Supper 5:00
(until 5/3) Adult Bible Study / TeamKid / Youth 6:00

Wednesday Night Activities

Will conclude on
May 3, 2017

VBS is Coming!!

June 18: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
June 19 - 22: 9:00 AM - Noon

For students completing
Pre-K through 6th Grade.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12:00 WOM	3 Wednesday Night Activities End	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6 NWOSU Graduation
7 1:00 Deacons	8	9 6:30 Stewardship	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 6:30 Properties	17	18 Last day of School	19 6:00 Alva High School Graduation	20 9:00 Craft Day
21 End \$125 Falls Creek Registration	22 Begin \$175 Falls Creek Registration (through July 16th)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	30	31			

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We exist to glorify God
as we worship and
make disciples of all nations.

NWOSU Graduation

Saturday, May 6th

**Alva High School
Commencement**

Friday, May 19th
6:00 PM