

MY MOTHER'S MOTHER DIED BEFORE I WAS BORN and as a child, I heard over and over again what a wonderful woman she was: "You would have loved your grandma. She was so much fun." Not knowing first-hand what I was missing, I didn't think much about it until I witnessed my mother interacting with my own children. Then I began to think about what might have been.

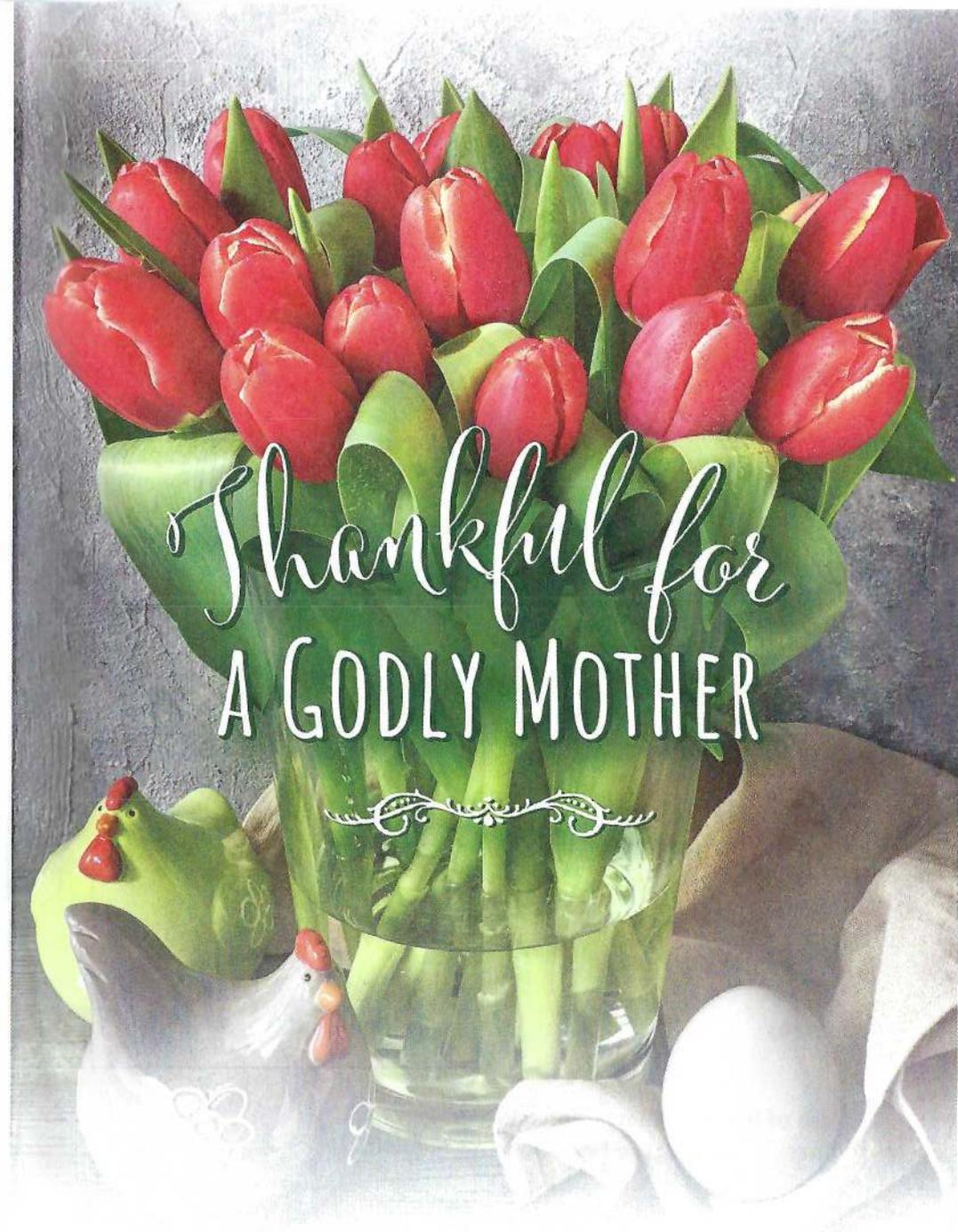
My grandmother's legacy is captured briefly in her obituary. Her first husband died and left her a widow with a small child when she was 23. She remarried and had three more children. But she "had been ill, at many various times, always bearing up with a courage that was unusual. Since her last serious operation two years ago, she has been steadily failing, until Sunday afternoon, January 12, 1936, the grim disease, cancer, had finished its work and her earthly sufferings were ended.

"She was converted in 1908 and since then her life has been that of a consecrated Christian. God was to her a very personal friend . . . She was a member of her church and the Ladies Aid, and here she gave freely and unselfishly the best of her ability and talents as long as she was physically able. She was a devoted wife and mother and her home life was a prayer life. Hers was a sunny, cheerful disposition, which radiated warmth and won for her many true and lasting friends who will long cherish her memory. That she was soon to depart from this world she well knew and often spoke to her family and friends of her approaching death as merely a voyage with Christ as her pilot, and she had no fear."

The pastor at Grandma's funeral spoke on Philippians 2:12-17, which includes these words: ". . . It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure . . . ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." Her life cut short at age 55, I missed it all, except for the cheerfulness and faith in God I observed in her children.

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Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16th Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

May 9, 2022

Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #207 We have Come to Join in Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn #185 Jesus Loves Me

Hymn #186 Be Glorified

Offertory Prayer

Michelle Miller

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

How Great Thou Art

"Happy Mother's Day Choir"

Sermon:

Reverend Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #219 Surely the Presence

Pastor Don Mauldin

352-262-5349

Happy Mother's Day!

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for May is the Arbor House. Arbor House provides affordable housing in a communal setting to working mothers with children. There are 13 rooms available for rent, where residents get their own room, but share bathrooms, kitchen, and living room with other tenants. Each family works with a case manager to design a plan to move to self-sufficiency.

May has 5 Sundays so we will be collecting paper goods and toiletries for Pine Grove. Pine Grove Apartments offer studio and one bedroom apartments for people 62 and older with low incomes.

Blessed is the Mother

Who can hold onto her children while letting them go

Who puts a tranquil home ahead of an immaculate house

Who knows a kind act will be remembered longer than an easy word

Who really believes prayer changes things

Whose faith in the future sweetens the present

Whose Bible never needs dusting

Whose sense of humor is alive and well