

# DMF Annual Mother's Day Celebration: A Day of Honor, Faith & Influence

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**Event Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2026

**Hosted by:** Distant Members Fellowship (DMF)

## Event Overview

The 2026 Annual Mother's Day Celebration, observed by the Distant Members Fellowship (DMF), opened with an atmosphere of deep reverence and joy. The annual event recognizes and honors mothers for their time, spiritual gifts, personal sacrifices, and unwavering service to the organization's mission and vision. Serving as the Emcee for the program, Fth. Kullie Kennedy guided the proceedings with grace and warmth, maintaining a meaningful tempo for the gathering. The invocation and spiritual grounding for the celebration were led by the fellowship's Chaplain, Rev. G. Morris K. Jarkloh, who ushered attendees into a space of prayer and thanksgiving.

## Program Highlights & Worship

The fellowship was lifted into worship by Brother Cedrick Reeves, who delivered a soulful and steady rendition of the hymn *"Faith of Our Mothers"*. The musical selection set a profound tone for the room, echoing the historic courage of women standing firm through immense trials.

The Highlight: "If You Forget My Name, Call Me DMF Mother"

A defining moment of the celebration was the presentation of a rich, reflective poem written by the President of the DMF, Dartor Bolo. The piece beautifully articulated the diverse and critical roles mothers fulfill within the organization, celebrating their leadership, hospitality, fundraising efforts, sacrifices, and spiritual strength.

The poem was brought to life through a collective reading by four distinguished mothers of the fellowship:

- Mother Viola Montgomery
- Mother Florence Fonderson
- Mother Johnette Gongloe
- Mother Snoti Forh

## Appreciation and Gifts

As a tangible expression of gratitude, each mother received a specially designed T-shirt from the Fellowship. This token was presented in deep appreciation for their time, their unique gifts, and their faithful, enduring service to the mission and growth of the DMF.

## Keynote Message: Focus on Marriage and Family

The central theme for this year's celebration was “**A Godly Mother’s Role/Influence in a Marriage/Family,**” grounded in the scriptural text of **Titus 2:3–5**. Keynote speaker Pastor Success K. Hopeson delivered the message with clarity, drawing sharp distinctions between ordinary influence and the transformative power of a Godly mother. He emphasized that a woman’s decisions and influence carry the weight to shape homes, communities, and entire nations.

### Scriptural Archetypes

Pastor Hopeson highlighted two prominent biblical figures to illustrate the impact of a mother's choice and character:

Biblical Figure	Core Theme & Message
<b>Deborah</b>	<b>The Woman Who Rose:</b> In an era dominated by fear and silence, Deborah rose, and the nation rose with her. DMF mothers were challenged to emulate her courage, decisiveness, and readiness to strengthen the community.
<b>Ruth</b>	<b>The Woman Whose Decision Changed Generations:</b> Despite originating from a cursed tribe, Ruth’s definitive choice to follow Naomi and embrace God completely rewrote her destiny, positioning her directly in the lineage of Christ. This underscored the principle that the quality of one's decisions shapes the quality of one's life.

### Counsel on Marriage and Relationships

The address included practical and sobering counsel regarding modern family dynamics and the preservation of marriage:

- **The Reality of Split Families:** Pastor Hopeson touched upon the long-term emotional weight of divorce, noting that it forces individuals to face past conflict continuously, and urged parents to heavily weigh the impact on children before making permanent decisions.
- **Prioritizing the Relationship over Conflict:** Believers were reminded that the ultimate goal in a relationship is not to "win" individual arguments, but to protect the bond itself. Insisting on always being right can inadvertently dismantle what God intended to preserve.

### **Pillars Supporting Godly Decisions**

The message concluded by outlining foundational principles intended to help believers stand firm in their commitments:

1. **Determination:** A steadfast resolve to stay the course.
2. **Discipline:** The intentional ability to choose and execute what is right, even when it is difficult.

A final warning was issued regarding relationship vulnerabilities, noting that structural breakdown rarely comes from catastrophic issues, but rather through the subtle accumulation of pride, silence, and unresolved offenses.

### **Conclusion – A Celebration of Mothers; a Call to Rise**

The 2026 celebration successfully reinforced the sacred influence and high calling of motherhood. It served as both a tribute to past sacrifices and an active charge for the women of the Distant Members Fellowship to rise with renewed strength to shape future generations.