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## *Eunice—A Mother's Legacy*

Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5) was Jewish, but apparently her father was not very orthodox: he violated one of the clear commands of the Law in arranging a match for his daughter with a Gentile (Acts 16:1). Later, when Timothy was born, he wasn't circumcised (16:3). So it seems that neither Eunice's father nor husband were observant of Judaism. But Eunice was. Paul praised her for her "genuine faith," which she shared in common with Lois, her mother (2Tim. 1:5). Eunice imparted that faith to her son, Timothy, and more than anyone else, equipped him for a lifetime of usefulness to God.

Eunice is an encouragement for every woman faced with the daunting task of nurturing the spiritual life of her children, especially if she can't count on the help of a strong male. Eunice may have had no formal religious education and little encouragement from her family, except for Lois. But she had two crucial things going for her that offer hope for mothers today – the inherent power of being a mother, and the dynamic power of a loving God.

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*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

*from  
PCA  
family*





## Gentle as a Nursing Mother

Paul felt great love for the Thessalonian believers, and he drew upon a touching image to communicate his affection, that of a woman nursing an infant (1 Thess. 2:7).

Most mothers in the first century world nursed their own infants. However, some wealthy women employed wet nurses. In that case, the child lived in the home of the wet nurse, who agreed to certain conditions such as not nursing other children and avoiding alcohol. The wet nurse took responsibility not only for feeding the child, but also for raising it until it was weaned – often up to three years of age. Many contracts specified that the wet nurse's fee had to be returned if the child died.

Paul clearly intended to convey a sense of tender affection and responsible, loving care for his spiritual children, the Thessalonians. In doing so, he showed a side of spiritual leadership and nurture that Christian leaders do well to emulate today.

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## IRS Announces 2017 Mileage Rates

- ◆ 53.5 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 54 cents for 2016
- ◆ 17 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 19 cents for 2016
- ◆ 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations



## What Are These Rules?

***An Excerpt from the Legal Alert Publication issued March 2017 of the Christian Law Association***

What does viva voce mean? When does lack of a second chair become immaterial? If these aren't terms and concepts you and your church members are thoroughly familiar with, then your church shouldn't be using Robert's Rules of Order.

Because of their complexity and lack of necessity, the Christian Law Association strongly recommends churches avoid the requirement of using Robert's Rules of Order in conducting business meetings... It is not a legal requirement that churches and other nonprofits abide by Robert's Rules of Order if their bylaws provide for something else. Overall, the requirement to abide by Robert's Rules of Order normally complicates and confuses.

CLA recommends that churches adopt some simple procedural rules for church meetings. These procedures should be included in the church's bylaws. It is preferable to create your own workable rules based upon the Bible and common sense and remove any reference to Robert's Rules in your bylaws. Keep in mind that if you do not provide for your own rules in your bylaws, your state laws likely fill in the gap by providing some basic rules for conducting meetings. As such, it is best that your church create the rules and procedures by which they intend to abide.

1. We first recommend that you **designate the pastor of the church to be the moderator of all business meetings.**

2. We recommend that you **designate in the bylaws the kinds of business that the entire congregation has the right to vote on in a business meeting.**
3. We recommend that if a congregant wants to bring an issue before the church in a business meeting, that **he or she must bring that issue up to the leadership prior to the meeting** and the leadership must approve it and put it on the agenda for the business meeting.

Pragmatically, we believe that creating your own procedures and **avoiding the use of Robert's Rules will help business meetings run efficiently and for God's glory.**



# What We Need is Growth... Love Can Accomplish It!

By Pastor Lynn Burling / Christian Faith Church, TX



Love for Him, love for His instruction and love for others. Any church must grow to live. Well, where does growth come from? Growth comes from avid believers of scripture, who believe in the “Great Commission”...“*go and make disciples of all nations?*” It denounces “ME-ISM” and turn its attention to “HE-ISM” -**CHRIST**. “ME-ISM” is self-interest, ego centrism defined as a “personal religion or creed” incorporating beliefs or practices from various sources. It’s as if we want everything our way without any obedience to God’s terminology.

I don’t know about you but I’ve known a lot of people who talked religious and acted religious but when it came to bearing the proof of their faith, they came up short. Now I’m not one who thinks all Christians should be perfect, dear Lord have mercy, I’m not! I do know if you love God with all your heart, your mind and your soul, you’ll **KNOW** what He has given as instructions to grow His church and love His church by promoting His Son... **THE REASON FOR THE CHURCH!**

I was a soul lost at one time and someone took an interest to tell me the “Good-News” and then encouraged me to get grounded with the Word and fellowship. I saw how this worked in my life and also how it was a large part of what the church did. It became a rock bed of my faith in Christ. Today, it’s a different story, we have relegated the growth, witnessing and testifying to the goodness of God, to those who are spiritual and called for the task at hand. The truth is we’re “ALL” called. In all honesty, in my younger years I wasn’t as vocal but relied only on my life style to attract others to Christ. Today if you’re breathing and I’ve never met you, you are a candidate for the Gospel...the “God News.” Even if you’re not a believer, I’ll pray for your illness and needs and then explain Jesus’ love to you.

Think how many of the multitude Jesus physically touched and healed, just because of their need. You see, love sees sinners as potentially saved and healed. How powerful is the Word in your life, in your church? Is it making a difference? Are physically born babies the only thing we are adding to the church each year? We have committees who sit and talk about how to “grow the church” and then do nothing about it. Most

committees are for “**commit-idiots.**” We deem it uncomfortable; it doesn’t fit our social agenda.

If you love Jesus and His church you WILL love people, all peoples, of all colors and tongues and social and economic status. How and who should be engaged in this great job of “church growth?” Every born again Christian who is still breathing should be. I am not ashamed of Christ, popular or not!!! Politically correct or not!!! You and I need to “go tell” and let the Holy Spirit do His job. He was doing this long before we were saved. ♥

## **Mathew 28:18-20 (MSG)**

*Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”*



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## ANNOUNCEMENT: **DEADLINE!!!**

\* Credential Renewals for PCAI members is **OCTOBER 1st**  
(Renewal forms will be mailed 60 days prior)

\* 501 (c) 3 Charter Renewals were due on **MARCH 28th**  
(If you have not mailed the charter renewal, please contact our office 1-866-268-5600)

## SEEKING MINISTRY RESOURCES? *PCAI IS HERE TO SERVE YOU!*

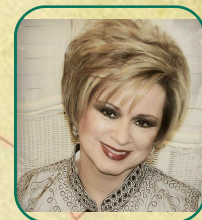
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## Church/Ministry Law & Tax Dates to Remember

*In addition to regular semiweekly and monthly withholding requirements, churches/ministries should note the following dates. Keep good records!*

**Need Help? Call Dr. Jan Harbuck/ PCAI Office  
Number: 1-866-268-5600**



### May 1st

1. You may now file Form 941 for the first quarter of 2017. Deposit or pay any un-deposited tax under the accuracy of deposit rules. If your tax liability is less than \$2,500, you can pay it in full with a timely filed return. If you deposited the tax for the quarter timely, properly, and in full, you have until May 10 to file the return.

### May 15th

1. If you have non-ministerial employees and deposit payroll taxes monthly, the April 2017 payroll tax deposit is due.
2. Form 990-EZ & 990-n is due for all non-church, exempt organizations.
3. Form 990-T is due for all exempt organizations with unrelated business income.
4. If you have a church school or other 501(c)(3) school, you must file Form 5578. This is an annual certification of racial nondiscrimination by a private school.