

Mother's Day

Today is Mother's Day in our country. While we do not celebrate Mother's Day as a religious holiday, we do recognize it as a secular holiday celebrated by the home. The Bible has a lot to say about mothers and the important role they play in our lives. We have so much to thank our mothers for, especially those who taught us the importance of spiritual things. We are thankful for godly mothers who put the Lord's church first and instilled those values in their children. Some of us today might not be where we are spiritually had it not been for our God-fearing mothers. We are reminded of what Solomon said over three thousand years ago about a special woman (probably his own mother) who was God fearing:

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life... She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her... a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:10-31).

What a difference we would see in the world and in the church today, if more women were like the one Solomon described long ago. May our young women, wives, and mothers aspire to be that virtuous woman who fears the Lord.

These are good thoughts for us to remember and to keep in mind as we seek to be the servants of God daily. May all mothers seek to fulfill their roles in such a way as to bring honor and glory to God.

Author Unknown

THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

("The author is unknown but a mother many of us had." TJK)

My mother insisted upon knowing where I was at all times. You would think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we were going to be gone for an hour, that we were gone for an hour or less, not an hour and one minute. I am almost ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us; not once, but each time we did as we pleased. Can you imagine someone actually taking a switch and hitting a child on his backside simply because we disobeyed?

My mother actually had the nerve to break child labor laws. She made us work. We had to wash the dishes and make up our own beds. We even had to learn to cook and do all sorts of cruel things that other children did not have to do.

She always insisted that we tell her the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us. Sometimes it nearly did!

By the time we were teenagers, she was worse, and wiser too. Our lives became even more unbearable. She would embarrass us to no end by making our dates and our friends come to the door to pick us up. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the ages of 12 or 13, my old-fashioned mother made me wait until I was 16 and then only when she knew whom I was going out with and who their parents were.

She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, well-educated, honest adults. Using this as a background I am trying to rear my three children. It is not easy, but I stand a little taller when my children call me mean. I take pride today in having my children think I am mean when I treat them in the way my mother treated me.

Because you see, I spend every day giving God the thanks for having given me THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD.

What an awesome responsibility is given to parents (the souls of our children). Are we meeting their spiritual needs and teaching them the things that will prepare them for heaven? The world truly needs many more mothers, and fathers, who are this kind of mean to their children. Love them, protect them, and prepare them to make a living, but more importantly, teach them how to become and to live as a Christian.

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)

Remember in Prayer:

Please be sure to remember those of our sick with cards and prayers and other acts of kindness. Check the bulletin boards for updates on the Prayer List. Let us know of any updates as well, please.

In Other News:

Ladies' Night Out will be held this Tuesday, May 11th. Ladies will meet at 6:30 in the basement and please bring finger foods.

Graduates' Supper will be after Sunday night services on May 30th. If you are a high school or college graduate, please give a picture and information to Martha Kee.

The wedding of Sierra Bright and Samuel Light will be Saturday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Cherry Farm Event Barn in Poughkeepsie, AR, with reception to follow. RSVP to 501-201-1113 or 870-679-0837 with number of guests attending. The invitation is on the bulletin board by the office.

Our Vacation Bible School with the theme of *The Gospel Railroad* is scheduled for June 13th-16th.

Those Privileged To Serve May 9, 2021

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard
Opening Prayer: Jerry Dodson
Closing Prayer: Barry Roush
Bible Reading: David Loggins
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD'S TABLE

Presiding: Ben Johns
Jeff Presley Mike Felts
Jimmy Powell Logan Snyder
Mitch Mosley Gerald George

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Oden

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Mark Wooten
Opening Prayer: Jason Garland
Closing Prayer: Craig Nelson
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

May 12, 2021

Song Leader: Ben Johns
Opening Prayer: Jason Garland
Closing Prayer: Carroll Morris

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

May 12, 2021
Mike Felts

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK Week Of May 2, 2021

Sunday Bible Study	73
Sunday AM Worship	114
Sunday PM Worship	83
Wednesday Bible Study	85
Contribution	\$6543

“Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.”

Proverbs 23:12

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

Martha and I are glad to be back from our visit to the churches in Warren, PA and Mt. Nebo in Fairmont, WV. We hope and trust that our time was well spent and we helped those churches. Two souls were restored while we were in WV and both were members who had been out of service for some time. We rejoiced to see them brought back into Christ. Both churches asked me to be sure to express to the church at Greensboro Road how much they appreciated your allowing me to be gone for these two weeks. So, thanks again for the opportunity to be with those brethren and hopefully, strengthen their faith and resolve.

While we were travelling, we could not but notice how beautiful the Spring is. I know many people travel during the fall to see all the beautiful colors of the season, but have you ever driven through the mountains or countryside and noticed how much color there is during the Spring? There was the yellow from all the forsythia and all the colorful azaleas blooming in yards all along the way. When you look up into the mountains and see the red buds, the Bradford pears, the dogwoods and all the trees beginning to leaf out with all the differing shades of green plus the dark evergreens and it was just so beautiful. All the colors just reminded us of how beautiful a picture God has painted for us to view in the differing seasons of the year. If you want to go and see the beautiful colors of a season, do not forget the beautiful Springs God gives us each year. Maybe, the only drawback from enjoying Spring is all the pollen and other things floating in the air and being breathed bringing on the hay fever and allergies we fight year after year.

This reminded me of the words of Solomon, when he said, “For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away” (Song of Solomon 2:11-13).

SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols
Randy Oden

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard
Jerry Dodson
Stacy Eddleman
Mike Felts
Jason Garland
Scott Pratt
Kevin Roush
Mark Wooten

MISSIONARIES

Guyana, South America
Samrit Kammanee
Micah Robertson, Montana
Warren, PA

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God
John 8:24

Repent of your sins
Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus
as the Son of God
Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the
remission of your sins
Acts 2:38

Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10

“Lift up your eyes, and
look on the fields; for they
are white already to
harvest.” (John 4:35)

Each One Invite One
in Twenty-One