



"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

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A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

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President Wilson declared the second Sunday of each May as "Mother's Day," a special day to honor mothers of this nation. It is good that we can honor mother's for the tremendous responsibility that they have in caring for their family. Moses penned, "*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee*" (Exodus 20:12). Paul declared, "*Honour thy father and mother, (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth*" (Ephesians 6:2-3).

My earliest reflection on life is from memories of my mother and our home. I remember my mother as a worker in the home. She was a helpmeet for my father as long as he lived and a homemaker for us kids. Although I did not understand what a helpmeet was at the time I later learned that it meant that the wife was an aide to her husband as they journeyed through life together (Genesis 2:17). Mother and dad worked together with each other instead of against each other. She stood by his side. They had their disagreements but they worked and stayed together. Their marriage lasted thirty-one years only ending with the death of my father.

Whenever I read about hospitality in the Bible I think about my mother. Peter wrote in 1 Peter 4:9, "*Use hospitality one to another without grudging.*" Our home was always open to anyone in need, whether they were family or friends or Christians or whomever. I remember our home would be open many a Sunday evening after ser-

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Kevin's Korner

This has been quite some week. There are several things to discuss in this week's bulletin.



First and foremost is little Hailey Nimmo. Hailey was examined by doctors in Little Rock this past week and they decided that it would be best for her to have her adenoids removed. David and Jo are going to take her to the children's hospital in Little Rock on May 22nd. The surgery will be on the 24th, and they will probably come home on the 25th. While we know that any surgery is risky, some surgeries are more risky than others, and this is one of the riskier ones according to the physicians. We need to petition the Father's throne for the well being of Hailey Nimmo and that she will come through her surgery with flyer colors. We also need to pray for Jason and Jo as they go through this trying time that their faith would be strong and that they would trust in the Lord for all things—a prayer that we also need to pray for ourselves regardless of our circumstances. Let's remember this family over the next few weeks.

Both our VBS and Family and Friends day are coming up soon. It is now about a month until the start of these two special events. In the foyer, you will find flyers for both the VBS and the Family and Friends day. Please avail yourself of these two excellent opportunities for us to share the gospel with those around us in our community. Invite everyone you can think of to this day of worship and study of God's word.

This past Monday was truly a good day for me personally. I got up early in the morning for an 8:00 tee time at the country club with Scott Dewbre. Thank you Scott for taking me to play golf. I KNOW that Scott got his money's worth—in en-

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tainment at watching me play!!! It has been about a year since I played golf and I was bad at it back then. Well, things have not gotten much

better. Fortunately for me Scott did not let me keep score. Fortunately for Scott, Glenn Quigley showed up so Scott would have a little competition to play against. But I have definitely found out what my problem is at playing golf—it's the course, the ball, the clubs, the tee, my shoes, the weather, and the monkey on my back that keeps telling me to go back for more. Thanks Scott for a great morning.

Monday afternoon, I took Mary Lynn, Austin, and Charlie to go fishing. We recently acquired a canoe in a yard sale, and we floated upstream a little from Stoney Point and went fishing. I caught three fish; Mary Lynn caught one. The one fish that I caught that was worth keeping I decided to put back. Austin was standing next to me and I asked him if he wanted to eat it for supper. But with great big puppy dog eyes he looked at me and said, "Put it back, Daddy." I couldn't refuse—the fish went back into the water much to Austin's delight and my chagrin.

I am glad that my son has a tender heart for living things in this day and age. I hope that he will always have that within him. The Bible talks about people having hard hearts toward God and His word but this is not a quality that a Christian desires. David wrote in Psalm 51:17 "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." How true that is today as well. When we live in a society that glamorizes sin and touts sex and violence as if they were red badges of courage to be displayed and boasted about, Christians need to turn to their God with penitent hearts and pray for the welfare of their country. One of the reasons that God destroyed the ante-diluvium world was violence. Will we let God destroy us for the same reasons today?

IN HONOR OF MOTHERS ...

My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done—"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside - I just finished cleaning!"

My mother taught me RELIGION - "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you

into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT - "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY - "Keep laughing and I'll *give* you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS - "Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM - "Will you *look* at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA - "You'll sit there 'till all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about WEATHER - "It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me how to solve PHYSICS PROBLEMS - "If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you; would you listen then?"

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY - "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times - Don't Exaggerate!!!"

My mother taught me THE CIRCLE OF LIFE - "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION - "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY - "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

*"Honour thy father and thy **mother**: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12).*

Give special attention to your mother this Sunday! She deserves it.

Have a Great Weekend!

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Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship:6:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM

Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

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vices having invited friends to play dominoes and have sandwiches, home made cinnamon rolls and tea or coffee. (I remember the aroma that permeated the entire house.)

We never had much money but mother made sure that what we had was clean and patched. She didn't work outside of the home for many years, always keeping the home and having meals prepared when daddy arrived home.

I remember before bedtime that we would gather in the living room for a devotional. She instilled in her children values that were biblical (2 Timothy 3:15). I remember mother helping me learn the books of the Bible for Sunday school. I can remember mother teaching Sunday school class as long as she was able. The faith

that she instilled in my heart has helped me to this very day.

Not only did she teach her family about God at home she took time for herself as well each morning as long as she was able. She would rise around 4:30 in the morning and study her Bible and drink hot tea and eat toast. What few times I was awake at that hour I remember her at the kitchen table reading or praying.

She taught us how to treat others and their property. Mother instilled in us how we should behave whether it was in public or private. I remember one time, before my youngest brother was born, that all three of us kids received a whipping. I remember why to this day and the order that we received the whipping. She also taught us how to behave in church. I can remember getting the whipping of my life on one Sunday evening. I was the recipient of many whippings and perhaps should have had more.

Through trials and tribulation and through sickness and in health I can not remember my



mother's faith wavering. The faith that she taught her family to live by she applied to her life as well. That same faith enabled her to face the valley of death. I am reminded of what the apostle Paul penned, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). Sin has its appeal to mankind. But notice, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

Even though she has been gone nearly twenty years there is hardly a moment that goes by that she does not cross my mind. The word "mother" has always had charm for me but much more now. It is not the sound of the word but the meaning her life gave to it that made it one of the sweetest words in the English language. Her life of love, devotion, purity and humility filled it with a tenderness and a balm to heal the hurts of life as no other word that belongs to time alone.

Even though death has stilled her tongue, when discouraged and downhearted, I am glad that I am able to walk back down the winding path of time and let sweet memories of the past whisper words of comfort and encouragement to me. When the burdens and cares of life become heavy, the thought of her tender touch and loving care will make them lighter. God was indeed good to me when he gave me such a wonderful mother.

Have a great day for the Lord and a safe weekend!!

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Sunday's Sermons

For May 12th, 2002

MorningIn Praise of the Mother's
Maker

Scripture..... Genesis 3:20

Evening Questions and Answers

Our Record

For May 5th, 2002

Sunday Class	66
Sunday A.M.....	74
Sunday P.M.	62
Wednesday	61
Contribution.....	\$1654.17

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Angel (Marie's granddaughter), Geneva Atchley, Marty and Michael Collins, Francis Deffenbaugh, Regina Horton, Evelyn Johnson, Art Roberts, Ethan and Ian Weems, Oleta Widner.
- Hailey Nimmo will have surgery to remove her adenoids on May 23rd at the children's hospital in Little Rock.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Mary Patterson and Elsie Meadows are confined to home at this time. Please remember them in your prayers.
- VBS is coming up quick. Put June 10th through the 14th on your calendar and start inviting others. The theme of our VBS is Great Kings of the Bible so I know that you will want to come and learn more about these great men.
- There will be a VBS meeting tonight after evening services.
- Friends and Family Day is coming up. This is an opportunity for everyone to invite their non-Christian friends and family to worship with us and let them get to know a little more about the church. There are flyers in the foyer to distribute concerning this upcoming event.
- Next Sunday we will have the Elders and Deacons meeting.
- Our potluck is next Sunday! Let's all plan on attending and bringing bunches of goodies for all to eat!
- The Pantry Item for this week is Toothpaste.



Those To Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	May 12th, 2002	May 19th, 2002
Song Leader:	Larry Elliott	Brent Stevens
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Windle	Glenn Williams
Scripture:	Perry Foster	Ray Duncan
Lord's Table:	Bob Moore	Clyde Atchley
	Brent Stevens	Raymond Kimes
(assist)	Bill Fort	Ray Duncan
	Brandon Foster	Larry Elliott
Closing Prayer	Clyde Atchley	Clay Bozarth
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Rusty Windle	Glenn Williams
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Clay Bozarth	Clyde Atchley
Scripture:	Glenn Williams	Perry Foster
Lord's Table:	Dale Pinkley	Clay Bozarth
	George Eddings	Brent Stevens
Closing Prayer	Ray Duncan	Dale Pinkley
Wednesday		
Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Glenn Quigley
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Quigley	Glenn Williams
Invitation:	Clyde Atchley	Brent Stevens
Closing Prayer:	Larry Elliott	George Eddings
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Glenn Williams	
Worship Coordinator	Bob Moore	
Communion Prep	Lucille Fort	Donna Henderson
Communion Carry	Leon Duncan	Clay Bozarth

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