

MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

The role that mothers played in the biblical story is undeniable. From the beginning pages of Genesis to the latter letters of Timothy, the influence of mothers (both good and bad) is seen time and time again. The impact that the mother has on the child can and will have everlasting consequences (2 Timothy 3:15). The godly mother will pass on a genuine faith to her children just as Timothy's mother, Eunice did for him (2 Timothy 1:5).

Here's a small sample of the mothers found in the Bible:

- * Eve was the "mother of all living" (Genesis 3:20).
- * Sarah became a mother in her old age (Genesis 21:7).
- * Rebekah preferred one son over the other (Genesis 27:5-10).
- * Jochebed hid her son from harm for 3 months (Exodus 2:1-3).
- * Hannah dedicated her son to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:22).
- * Bathsheba lost the son of her adultery (2 Samuel 12:15-18).
- * Elizabeth's son prepared people for the Lord (Luke 1:13-17).
- * Mary watched her Son be crucified for the world's sin (John 19:26).

Today, we pay tribute to our godly mothers, thanking God for their love, care and guidance in the ways of the Lord.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her"

(Proverbs 31:28)

(Jay Launius, Maud (TX) church of Christ)

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Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. last Sunday of month

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10:15 A.M.
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7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

GODLY MOTHERS

“Mother’s Day” is this Sunday, but every day could be so titled because godly mothers fill a role no one else can supply. Let “her children rise up and called her blessed” and “her husband also...” Prov. 31:28). Let us salute godly mothers for their...

PRAYERFUL lifestyle. Godly mothers “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17), because they know that enemies are lurking about to do their children harm (1 Peter 5:8). Many a mother has waited and prayed for her child’s safe return home. The prayers do not cease after her children leave the nest!

PROTECTIVE instincts. God gave it to animals and to humans. Those with farming experience know it well – cows, sows, and mares all have it. Wild animals have it, too. A mother rabbit was observed keeping crows away from her injured babies. A mother’s motto is “Don’t Mess With My Children!”

PERSISTENT mindset. Mothers are the ultimate multi-taskers. It has been said “a woman’s work is never done”. The virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 had a body which was extremely busy (See vss. 13-24). But she was by no stretch of the imagination, a “busybody” (1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Peter 4:13). She didn’t have time!

PATIENT service. Mothers, as a general rule, are very patient. We remember the patience and prayer of a prospective mother in the person of Hannah, the mother of Samuel. We think of Mary the mother of Jesus. She pondered the things said about Him and, no doubt, by Him. She patiently endured the piercing pain of the cross. We can, no doubt, remember our own mother’s patience. Godly children are the “perfect work” of a patient mother (See James 1:4).

PRACTICAL genius. God’s women make the most of seemingly nothing. Dolly Parton’s song “Coat of Many Colors” remind us of what many mothers can and have done. Sometimes we are amazed at the ability of godly and good women to take discarded items and teach their own children as well as others in Bible classes amazing lessons about God and life.

Godly Mothers: May their number be increased!

Edward L Anderson

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

VISITORS! A warm welcome is extended to you. We are delighted you came our way. May your travels be safe and may God's blessings be upon you.

With gratitude and thanksgiving for all godly Christian mothers we salute you with honor, love, and appreciation!

Attendance "bounced back" Sunday morning after being down a bit the previous Lord's Day. We were blessed to have at least one visitor from Dickson County who is a member at Walnut Street in Dickson. Try to make it a point to greet and speak to those who visit our gatherings. It is an honor to have such guests in our midst and to have folks with us "virtually" on-line. Several told me during the meeting at Zion of frequently viewing our services on U-Tube.

Speaking of the series of meetings at Zion, they were most enjoyable. We were able to see many we have known and loved so long, including Judy Chaffin and Joe and Gayle Reeves, former members here. The meeting was well-attended with numerous visitors from area sister churches as well as the community. The church was most hospitable and encouraging. It was good to have several family members (nephews and nieces), present. A nephew, John Anderson, is doing a good job as their preacher. It was really inspiring to have several "Carthaginians" present a couple of evenings. Thanks to Justin for driving the van on Monday evening and for also teaching the Wednesday evening Bible class. A big thanks is also due Andy Rutherford for preaching on Sunday (April 24).

Jesus reveals the importance of a "visit". His teaching about the Judgment Day includes "you visited me" and "you did not visit me" (Matt. 25:36, 43). A visit might determine our destiny and the destiny of others. Visits are being made to newcomers in our community and others. We never know what good will be done by these contacts. If you are not presently involved, contact Josh Brown and let him know of your desire to serve in this good work.

We will be hosting Youth Unite, Sunday, May 15, at 5:00 PM. Elijah Anderson, youth minister at Sycamore, will be speaking. We will have refreshments following. There is a Sign-Up Sheet posted for food. Make plans to worship with us and to encourage our youth.

A good way to "pass the time" is to read. Read what, you might ask. The Bible, above all, of course! But other spiritually based literature such as *The Spiritual Sword*, *House to House/Heart to Heart*, this bulletin, and tracts on various topics are available for the taking and reading. Please pick up copies in the foyer or annex.

We will have JSCYC Counselor Applications available on Sunday. Hope to see you Sunday morning as we gather for worship!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Michael Hackett is recuperating from last Thursday's shoulder surgery. Mary Jo Hackett is to have back surgery at St. Thomas Midtown, Monday, May 9. Lola King is able to be with us. Maisy Rutherford is doing well following emergency oral surgery. Steve Harper is back with us. Janice Hicks is still not able to be with us and requests continued prayers. Sally Russell is now at home. Janice Anderson is recuperating from gall bladder surgery. Michelle Allen (hip surgery) and Barbara Anderson (knee replacement) are also back with us and steadily improving. Donna Cowan is reported to be better but keep her in your prayers. Joy Conner (former member) requests our prayers for heart complications. Ted Gaw (Zion), known by many here, is recuperating from heart surgery. Mike Shoulders requests prayers as he deals with cancer and treatments. Faye Maberry was with us Sunday. Jerry and Mary Phillips are about the same. Prayers are requested for Janice Wilson (stroke), mother of Todd (Allie) Smith who formerly attended here. Remember Joe Widick (pancreatic cancer); Brenda Brawner; Dwight Fuqua (recurrence of cancer); Ciera Haffner; Drew Gallagher; Barry and Teresa Harville; Scott Bane (cancer); Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens (cancer); Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall (stroke); Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis; and Gary Vinson (cancer).

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham; (SCHR); Lonetta Bains, Robbie North, Jane Whitley, Barbara Billington (Pavilion); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

IN THE MILITARY: Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss' grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

SYMPATHY: To the following families: To Pam Morris and Sarah Mauldin in the passing of their grandmother, Jean Whiteaker, of Cookeville. "Weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15).

THANK YOU: The church received and read recent "Thank You" cards/notes from the Swann family (Doug and Eric) and Sally Russell.

AREA EVENTS: *Singing: Gospel Meetings:* Lafayette church of Christ, May 15-18, with Matt Miller, 7:00 P.M.; ; *Nashville School of Preaching:* Summer schedule: Tuesdays, May 10-June 28 (See Posted Schedule).

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* May 29, 2:00 PM; *Coffee/Fellowship:* First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 AM; *Lock-In:* Jimmy Floyd Center, 5/27/22 (See Justin for info); *5th Sunday Schedule-May 29:* Fellowship meal, following the morning services, followed by the second service at 12:30 PM. *Youth Unite:* May 15, 5:00 P.M.; *Vacation Bible School:* "Fisher's of Men", June 6-9; *JSCYC:* July 17:22; *Annual Friday Night Singing:* August 5; *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21.

BABY SHOWER: For Ashton Phillips, in honor of Houston Brooks Phillips, Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 PM at the Rose Building (110 3rd Ave. West, Carthage); RSVP to Kim, at 615-999-3723, or, Tammy, at 615-491-1245. Registered at Amazon.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS: The monthly meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, May 8 at 4:30 PM in the annex. Copies of the agenda are available in the foyer.

FINISH

A Lifetime of Service

In this age, true dedication to Christ is difficult. Distractions, dissensions, and disheartening decisions all turn men's hearts away from their devotion to Deity. Near the end of his life, Paul said he had "kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). He had endured more than we can imagine for the cause of Christ. He had crossed mountains, sailed seas, and spent cold, lonely nights in prison, all to make Christ known to the world. We may never face the jailor's whip because of our faith, but we can live a life of discipleship from the day of our obedience until the day we draw our last breath.

Keeping the faith is about more than just attending worship services every first day of the week. Keeping the faith is about moment-to-moment trust, yielding every thought to God's will for our lives (2 Cor. 10:5). It can be done. We may have to block out many of the modern indulgences to which we have so accustomed, or it may require us to deny ourselves of certain liberties in order to gain spiritual strength, but the choice is up to us. Are you keeping the faith?

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