

### NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– Louise Mosley, Mike Sadler, Rachel Miller, Ned Hicks, Brian James, Kathy Gray, Alma Townsley (Angela Wisdom’s aunt) , Nadine Fields (Moses’ sister), Jimmy Johnson (member at the Trilacoochee church of Christ), Paulette Sills, Dorothy Wilson (a friend of Marian Church in MI), Hal Lewis (Suzette’s brother), Jane Halbert, Karen Stanley (Bonnie’s daughter), Melanie Moore, Tammy Parker, and Jerry Jordan (Ken Jordan’s brother who has stage 4 throat cancer)
- ◇ Clay, Tammy, and Kaitlyn Sadler, Larry Wisdom, and James VanDoorn were out of town Wednesday. Nick Groenhof & Colby Sadler were working.
- ◇ Group 3 meets tonight.
- ◇ Please remember our shut-ins and check up on

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS \***

- Last Friday of each month - Teen Bible Study
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Song Practice (*Today*)
- 2nd Monday night each month - Ladies’ Bible Class. (*Tomorrow*)\*\*
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Bible Class

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### Assignments

Wednesday Night: 11/13/13

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: Ian Rice  
 Invitation: Colby Sadler  
 Announcements: Mike Sadler  
 Closing Prayer: Eric Stevens  
 Parking Lot: Bucky Day

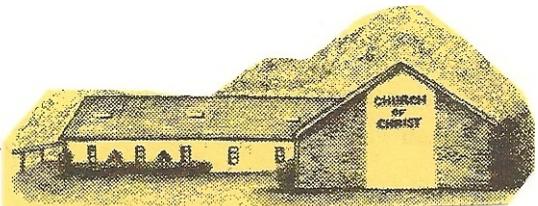
Sunday Morning: 11/17/13

Lord’s Table: Bucky Day (B)  
 Nick Ross (C)  
 Serving: Keith Marschall  
 Jordan Lawson  
 Song Leader: Charles Rawdon  
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn  
 (9:50) Colby Sadler

Sunday Evening: 11/17/13

Song Leader: Ben Cunningham  
 Opening Prayer: Rodger Robinson  
 Lord’s Table: Bucky Day  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Daniel Stagers  
 Parking Lot: David Williams

***Ladies’ Bible class will be held @ the Rice’s residence tomorrow evening. Please make plans to attend and be prepared to study Lesson # 2 (Teachers Cannot do it Alone) from the book “A Generation That Knows Not God”.***



## Lakeland Hills LEADER

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### *“Women: Good and Bad”*

Many are familiar with the “worthy” or “virtuous” woman described in Proverbs 31, but Proverbs describes some other women, too. Let’s look first at some you don’t want to be.

**An immoral woman (also described as an adulterous woman, a seductress, an evil woman).**  
 “Discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you...from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words...” (2:10, 16).  
 “For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood” (5:3-4).

**A lovely woman who lacks discretion (not careful in what she thinks, says, does, and wears).**  
 “As a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a lovely woman who lacks discretion” (11:22).

**A contentious and angry woman (one who is always ready to fight, argue, nitpick, nag, etc.).**  
 “It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious woman” (21:19).  
 “A continual dripping on a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike; whoever restrains her restrains the wind, and grasps oil with his right hand” (27:15-16).

**A hateful woman.**

“For three things the earth is perturbed, Yes, for four it cannot bear up: For a servant when he reigns, a fool when he is filled with food, a hateful woman when she is married, and a maidservant who succeeds her mistress” (30:21-23).

*Thankfully, some good women are described in Proverbs, too. Ladies, here are your role models.*

**A wise, prudent woman.**

“Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands” (14:1).

“Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord” (19:14).

**A gracious woman (kind, courteous, polite, etc.).**

“A gracious woman retains honor, but ruthless men retain riches” (11:16).

**The kind of woman who would be the crown of her husband, who would be considered a gift from God.**

“An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones” (Prov. 12:4).

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***“The Role and Work of Women”***

There are some things a woman cannot do. She cannot serve as an elder (1 Timothy 3:2), or a deacon (1 Timothy 3:12). She cannot preach to the congregation (1 Corinthians 14:34-35). She cannot “teach or have authority over a man” (1 Timothy 2:12). So what can she do? Enough to keep her busy the rest of her life.

Before we look more closely at the work she is given, let’s make something clear. God does not consider women less valuable than men. “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). God assigns different roles to men and women, but He does not prefer one over the other. Men tend to measure greatness in terms of public works, but not God. Unfortunately, women who labor “behind the scenes” often get very little recognition, very little praise from men. But God notices everything they do, and His praise counts the most.

Everyone in the kingdom of God has work to do (Ephesians 4:16), including women. Various women throughout the New Testament are described as workers (Romans 16:1-4, 6, 12, Philippians 4:1-3). We certainly won’t exhaust the subject in this article, but here are three different areas in which they can make a tremendous impact.

**Managing the house, bringing up children (please read 1 Timothy 2:11-15; 5:14; Titus 2:3-5).**

We do not see in these passages an absolute prohibition against women working outside the home, but the home is where her most important work is accomplished, and she dare not neglect it. Who do you think was more important in God’s eyes, the evangelist Timothy, or his mother and grandmother, who evidently taught him the Scriptures from childhood? (2 Timothy 1:3-5; 3:14-15). A mother who stays at home with her young children and nurtures them in the ways of the Lord will have an immeasurable impact on the kingdom of God. She may not gain the attention of the world, but her husband and children will surely appreciate it (Proverbs 31:27-31).

**Doing good works for others.**

Women should strive to be like the “virtuous wife,” who “extends her hands to the poor” and “reaches out her hands to the needy” (Proverbs 31:20); like Dorcas, who was “full of good works and charitable deeds” (Acts 9:36); like Phoebe, who was “a helper of many” (Romans 16:2). Wouldn’t it be nice to have it said of you, that you have “diligently followed every good work”? (1 Timothy 5:10).

**Teaching the gospel.**

Yes, there are some restrictions on the circumstances under which they can teach, but there are still abundant opportunities. Philip’s four daughters must have found some opportunities to teach somewhere (Acts 21:8-9). Priscilla helped her husband Aquila when they went to Apollos and “explained to him the way of God more accurately” (Acts 18:26). Anna “spoke of Him [Jesus] to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem” (Luke 2:36-38). Women still have great teaching opportunities today—with their own children, with other ladies (Titus 2:3-5), in classes with young children, etc. And they should never forget the powerful lessons they can teach by example (1 Peter 3:1-6). Live like Elizabeth (Luke 1:5-6), the mother of John the Baptist, and you will help a lot of people get to heaven. One thing is for sure—this writer has surely learned a lot from various women in his life—including his mother, his wife, and many other faithful women.

*- Bryan Gibson*