

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson, Joe Brown (*cancer*), Kelly Cochran, Vivian Dillman (*heading home this week*), Betty Eubanks (*out of town*), Linda James, Jordan Lawson (*out of town with work responsibilities*), Rowena Lawson (*new convert*), Paul Lloyd, Leon Miller, Bonnie Meagher, Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*Bronchitis relapse*), Wayne Ryland, Ken Turner (*released from hospital on Friday, doing well*), and Jeremy Whitehead (*recently restored*).

Our family and friends: Elnora Bennet (*Moses Stevens' sister*), Mildred Church (*Shut-in*), Bob Elston (*the Rice's neighbor; cancer*), Diane Fields (*will have procedure to remove cancer on May 25th*), Ned Hicks, Brian James (*cancer*), and Ardis Tucker.

Ladies' Bible Class: The next ladies' Bible class will be May 9th (*tomorrow*), at Tammy Sadler's home (*at 7PM*). In preparation, please study the lesson that begins on page number 107 in the book, "Some Do's and Don'ts for the Christian". (*See the sign-up sheet in the foyer*)

Bible Class Review: The review class for the kids will be June 5th, shortly after the evening services, in classroom # 7.

Afternoon Singing: The afternoon singing will be today at 5pm.

Group Meeting: Group (1) meets tonight after worship.

Upcoming Meeting: The elders will meet with the men of the congregation on May 15th (next week) at 5pm to communicate the plans/concerns/interest (s) of the church.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 5/11/16

Song Leader: Jeremy Wharton
 Opening Prayer: Nick Ross
 Invitation: Bob Marschall
 Announcements: Ian Rice
 Closing Prayer: Paul Llyod
 Recordings: Keith Marschall
 Usher: Colby Sadler

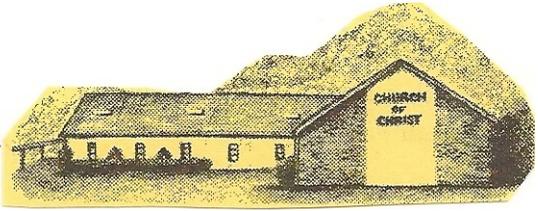
Sunday Evening: 5/15/16

Song Leader: Bob Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Wayne Ryland
 Lord's Table: Bucky Day
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Recordings: Eddie Lawson
 Usher: Ben Cunningham

Sunday Morning: 5/15/16

Lord's Table: Bucky Day (B)
 Nick Ross (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 Jim Abram
 Song Leader: Joe Brown

Opening Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson
 Recordings: Eddie Lawson
 Usher: Ben Cunningham



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Mother's Blessings

The local church here is blessed with many mothers... So, "Happy Mother's Day"!! We indeed have a healthy mix of older moms, younger moms, newer moms, and *even* expecting moms. Motherhood is such a wonderful blessing! Let's be sure to thank God for *good mothers* who serve Him, and their families with...

Joyful Hearts

In speaking of how He would soon depart from them, Jesus taught His followers that they would thus be filled with sorrow. Yet, He then foretold that they would see Him again (in speaking of His death and resurrection)! Jesus promised that their sorrow would not only wane, but actually turn to joy... Such joy that their previous sorrow would actually be forgotten! And in speaking upon those matters, Jesus likened the experience to that of one who just gave birth. He said, "*A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.*" (John 16:21) Jesus was ultimately speaking upon the joy of spiritual blessings, but He did so -- while acknowledging how joyful it is to bring another human being into this world!

What a joyful experience, to give birth! Of course, the world may produce sorrow for your little one as he/she grows into maturity (Luke 2:34-35), and that may cause heartache. Therefore, while you are able, be encouraged to continue showering your children with...

Love, Always

Motherhood is more than a full-time job... It is a way of life! That said, it is one of the most rewarding of tasks for those who devote themselves. The Almighty takes special note of mothers who are actively involved with the management of their household. Of the worthy woman, the Lord states that, *"She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness."* (Proverbs 31:27). For those mothers who do not get the due praise you deserve, remember that *God takes* special note of all your efforts. Along with the natural affection that He grants unto women, God also instructs the older, *"that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children"* (Titus 2:4). So much love is needed to instill faithfulness into the hearts of our little ones; and it is the undying love for

others that motivates so many to express affection toward their husband, and toward their children. Let us thank God for such loving women, who not only serve others' needs, but also...

Provide Instruction

I am thankful to God for my wife. She not only brought me to the truth of God's word, but she also provides for me sound advice and counsel in the present. Let us be thankful, and also pray for our spouses and mothers to continue providing sound counsel toward their little ones, too. Again of the "worthy woman", it is said, *"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness."* (Proverbs 31:26) Mothers are the teachers of the next generation, and their words, values, & character will live on in their children! Let our moms be encouraged to be the very best example they can be, and to provide instruction in a gentle & quiet spirit (1Peter 3:1-6). Aware of the great responsibility that God places upon mothers, may all be given to complete...

Devotion toward God

Your children will not likely become Christians by accident. If one is

not devoted to God, it is all the more likely that their child will not be, either. Hannah devoted herself to giving Samuel to the Lord. After praying for a son to be born to her, *"Then she made a vow and said, 'O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.'" (Samuel 1:11). Hannah did not forget, nor forsake, her vow! Instead, she later acknowledged, "For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord." So they worshiped the Lord there."* (1 Samuel 1:27-28) Hannah recognized that the child she was given was indeed a blessing from God, and therefore commended him to the Lord!. May all of our mothers set the godly example that enables children to, *"rise up and call her blessed"* (Proverbs 31:28)!

Along with great blessings come great responsibilities! May all mothers be encouraged to continue in devoting yourselves to God, providing instruction, always manifesting a loving spirit, and remembering the true joy of your blessings. Happy Mother's Day!

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt.7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3; 24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)