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A Tribute To Mother

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Each has their own collection of memories and experiences with their mother. Sentiments are usually stirred when thoughts drift back to our mother and special joys abound when reminded of how blest we have been by the institution of motherhood. Almost a hundred years ago, *Howard Johnson* formulated a little acrostic for helping us better appreciate our mothers, whether living or deceased.

- M** - is for the million things she gave me,
- O** - means only that she's growing old,
- T** - is for the tears she shed to save me,
- H** - is for her heart of purest gold,
- E** - is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
- R** - means right, and right she'll always be.

“Put them all together and they spell ‘MOTHER,’ a word that means the world to me.”

The words that *George Washington* uttered during his lifetime (1732-1799) make such good sense: “My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All that I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.”

Honore' de Balzac wrote between 1799-1850 that, “The Heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness”.

Speaking concerning the stringent schedule and demands made upon the life of a mother, *Anne Lindberg* wrote “By and large, mothers, and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacationless class. (*Alexander M. Lindbergh* (1907-)).

We wish to all who are mothers, those who wish to be, and those who have been, a special weekend of honor and recognition. We realize that “God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers” (Jewish Proverb). You mean much to us as individuals, valuable to the Lord, and vital to His cause. We love you and highly extol your virtues.

The Blessing of Children

Once upon a time there were a dad and mom who had two children, ages two and five. Those children were a handful! They got up early and stayed up late. They loved to jump on their beds and on the couch. They fussed a lot when they didn't get their way. And they couldn't remember to obey what they were told from one moment to the next. At night you could find the dad and mom, exhausted and in a daze, sitting on the couch. "Our kids are wearing us out!" they would say.

One day the family went to Pizza Hut for lunch. As the mother went back and forth to the food bar, fixing first one plate and then another, the father watched the kids and tried to keep them in their seats. When Mom went to get their drinks, she noticed that her kids had captured the attention of a man sitting at a corner table. As the mother passed the table, the man politely asked, "How old is your daughter?" "She's two," replied the frazzled mother. "And she sure is a handful! She really keeps me running! There's never a dull or quiet moment with her around." The man only smiled.

Finally, after the children were situated, the mother went back to get her own plate (Dad always insisted on being last). She bumped into the same man again, the one from the corner table. "When is your daughter's birthday?" he asked. With a questioning look the mother replied, March 26" (for men don't usually pay attention to such details about a stranger's children). "I had a little girl. We lost her to cancer in September. I always notice little girls this age, and wonder what it would be like..."

By now the mother's eyes had filled with tears. She remembered how much she had complained about the stresses of having a two-year old. Now the trials didn't seem so bad, compared to the blessings. When she got back to the table, she told her husband what happened. They both looked down at their plates. Food seemed so unimportant, as they realized the seriousness of their mistake. Kissing their two lively kids, they made a silent promise to themselves and to God. "We will not let the frustrations outweigh the joys: we will count our children as a blessing every day." They remembered what God had said, "*Children are a heritage from the Lord...Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them*" (Psa. 127:3) and "*Do all things without murmurings or complaining*" (Phil. 2:14). Note: This article is based on a true story.

~ by Mike & Cherie Vestal ~

YOUTH NEWS

- In last weeks Youth News we failed to mention that *Ashlee Weaver* placed 2nd in drawing and photography, 3rd in painting as well as 1st place in bulletin boards. We are proud of *Ashlee* and all of our youth that competed at the Lads to Leaders Convention.
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held May 15 at the Nettleton Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:30.
- Youth, it is time to be making plans to attend Maywood Christian Camp. New Albany youth will attend the week of July 17-30. Forms will need to be filled out by the end of May. See *Sarah Walker* for more details.

What Will My Boys Remember?

What will my boys remember
When they've grown old and gray?
The pants knees oft were full of holes?
Or the trout we caught that day?

Just what will they remember most?
Two little beds unmade?
Or the fun they had at hide-and-seek
The days that Mother prayed?

What matters if my ironing waits
While I soothe out their troubles
Take time to kiss those briar-scratched hands,
And start them blowing bubbles?
Will they remember mud-tracked floors
When they've grown old and gray?
What care they if each room is dusted,
If I'm too tired to play?

~ Phyllis C. Michael ~

PRAYER LIST

Billy Joe Bray, brother of *Deloris Crowe* had surgery in Birmingham Monday. The doctors were able to remove the tumor on his pancreas.

Bill Lyon, is feeling better but not yet able to be out.

Eleta Grimmett, is still unable to be out and about.



Continual Prayer

Cheryl Turner, Mark Caples, Linda Martin, Harvey Jones, Shelly Trout, Willie Jackson, David Harendt, Joey Black, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

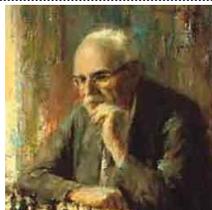
David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to *Perrin Drummond* and family in the death of his sister-in-law *Mammie Alice Drummond* of New Albany. Funeral services were held this past week at United Funeral Home in New Albany.

SAGE ADVICE

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 03..... Anderson Parks
May 04..... Ruston Adams
May 06..... Lonnie Weaver
May 07..... Randy Wall
May 07..... Ashlee Weaver
May 11..... Viva Dillard
May 13..... Carl Smith



“GIRLS NIGHT OUT”

There will be a “Girls Night Out” painting class at the fellowship building on May 16 at 7:00pm. The cost is \$20 per person. This includes all needed supplies. We ask that everyone bring a finger food as well. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. See *Jessica Garrett* for more details.

EVANGELISM CLASS

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for an upcoming evangelism video class. If you are interested please sign up. If you have any questions regarding the class see *Bill Botts*.

AREA EVENTS

- Spring Sing will be held at the Booneville Church of Christ Sat., May 7, 2011, 3:00-8:00pm.
- Hwy 178 Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting May16-20 at 7:pm each evening. Guest speaker ~ *Bro. J.K. Hamilton* of Dallas, TX
- Verona Church of Christ Youth Rally ~ June 11

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	106
Sunday A.M	120
Sunday P.M.....	101
Wednesday.....	91
Contribution	\$2,273.51
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer.....	Richard Adams
Closing Prayer.....	Olen Clark
P.M. Prayer.....	Andy Clemmer
Closing.....	Steve Todd
Wed.5/11.....	Harold Crowe
Wed. 5/11.....	Ronnie Griggs
Usher & Lock.....	Andy Clemmer
Greeter.....	H & D Crowe



PANTRY ITEM:
Canned Beans/ Peas

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office.....	534-4649

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.

~Author Unknown~

*"Give her the reward she has earned, and let her
works bring her praise at the gate."*

Proverbs 31:31

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