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## MOTHERHOOD AT ITS BEST

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We can truthfully say that Naomi demonstrated motherhood at its best. She had a husband (Elimelech), two sons (Mahlon and Chilion), and two daughters-in-law (Orpah and Ruth). All three men in Naomi's life died. The family had moved from Bethlehem, Judah, due to a famine, to a far-away land dwelling among the Moabites. The sons-in-law were of the Moabite people. Naomi determined to return to her homeland and her people following their deaths, and her daughters-in-law followed her. She told them she had no more sons and even if she were to have, it would be too long to wait; she begged them to find husbands and marry. Orpah kissed Naomi and returned, but Ruth clave unto her and spoke some very familiar words: *"Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me"* (Ruth 1:16-18). Love at its best was demonstrated!

Look at some of the miraculous women and mothers of the Bible: First, Sarah bore the name meaning "Princess." The beauty and virtues of her life are to be found in Genesis 17:15-22. She was the "mother of nations" and kings would come out of her (Gen. 17:16). Her life was a miracle in that Abraham was 100 years of age and she was 90, yet they bore a son through whom the promised Savior would come. Secondly, Mary the mother of Jesus impacted the world by have an immaculate conception for Joseph "knew her not" until she had brought forth her firstborn Son (Matt. 1:25). It was prophesied that "...she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Her life was miraculous because she was impregnated of God to bear the Savior of the world. Thirdly, Eve impacted the world because she epitomized "life." She was the "mother of all living" (Gen. 3:20). It is interesting to note the negative impact that the "mother of all living" had upon all who would ever live. She was miraculous because she was taken from Adam and made of a rib. She was uniquely formed personally by God.

Mothers of today may not consider themselves a special vessel of God, because of reproducing life and perpetuating human kind, but many of the qualities of the lives of Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Eve, Lois, Eunice, and even Priscilla can be exemplified to benefit generations to come. It is right and good that we honor those mothers whom we love, whether living or dead, because of the life they gave to each of us and for the continued impact and impressions they make upon us to enhance the blessings awaiting us by being with our Father in heaven forever. Mothers, you are very special and celebrated in our hearts daily, but especially this coming weekend as the world in unison sings your praises and acknowledges your extreme importance!

## MOTHER

The young mother set her foot on the path of life.

“Is this the long way?” she asked.

And the guide said: “yes, and the way is hard.

And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning.”

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years.

So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the streams;

And the sun shone on them, and the young mother cried, “Nothing will ever be lovelier than this.”

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, “Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come.”

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, “A little patience and we are there.”

So the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, “Mother, we would not have done it without you.” And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, “This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength.”

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate, and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: “Look up. Lift your eyes to the light. And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, “this is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God.”

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent, but her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said: “I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them.” And the children said, “You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates.” And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said; “We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence.”

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## WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

- **Why did God make mothers?**
  1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
  2. Mostly to clean house.
  3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.
- **How did God make mothers?**
  1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
  2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
  3. God made my mom just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.
- **What ingredients are mothers made of?**
  1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angle hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
  2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.
- **What kind of a little girl was your mom?**
  1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
  2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
  3. They say she used to be nice.
- **What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?**
  1. His last name.
  2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
  3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?
- **What's the difference between moms and dads?**
  1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
  2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
  3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
  4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.
- **If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be.**
  1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
  2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it, not me.
  3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head.

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## PRAYER LIST

**Bailey Adams**, is recovering from knee surgery for a meniscus tear.

**Joel Holley** has been moved to the rehab floor of the Tupelo Hospital, room 172. He is still very weak and trying to build back his strength.

**Nancy Petrowski**, daughter of *Harold* and *Deloris Crowe* had her final chemo treatment Sunday at Vanderbilt. She is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant Wednesday at Vanderbilt. Please pray that all will go well with her transplant. She will remain near the hospital for 4 months while she recovers.



**Sympathy:** We express our deepest sympathy to *Eleta Grimmitt* in the death of her sister from Indianola, MS. We do not have any other information at this time.

### Continual Prayer list:

**J. L. Eaton, Darrell Crow, Gail Clayton, Pat Reed, Tetterian Wilson, Tony Cross, Glen Jumper, Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Alicia Dukes, Rivers Robertson, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young**

### Shut-Ins:

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter**

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

**Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn**

### Military List:

**David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud**

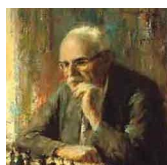
## Bible Verse To Remember

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

## Wise Thoughts

“No man is poor who has a Godly mother”

~ Abraham Lincoln ~



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 07.....Randy Wall  
May 07.....Ashlee Weaver  
May 11.....Viva Dillard  
May 12.....Eric Dunn  
May 13.....Carl Smith

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 09.....Josh & Shelly George



## THANK YOU NOTE

To my family in Christ,

You are a blessing beyond measure to me. Thank you for your love and care for me these last few weeks. I appreciate your prayers, your calls, the delicious food, and helping out with Terry. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I Love you all,  
Betty Young

## GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY

Sunday, May 11th, *Tyler Boyd* of Murfreesboro, TN will be our guest speaker. *Tyler* will bring both morning and evening lessons in *Mike's* absence. *Tyler* is the son-in-law of *Troy* and *Novene Robertson*. We look forward to *Tyler* and *Heather* being with us Sunday. Please remember *Mike* and *Shelia King* and *Mr. Birdwell* as they travel to Jacksonville, FL over the weekend.

## YOUTH NEWS

- We will be honoring our High School Seniors Sunday night, May 18th, following services. Those graduating are *Jamie Crowe, Keely Chunn, Hunter Jennings, Rachel Peeler* and *Ashlee Weaver*.
- Our summer youth intern, *Cody Hardin* will be here Sunday, May 18th, to begin working with our young people. We look forward to getting to know him better.



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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

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Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Cody Clemmer  
A.M. Prayer.....Andy Clemmer  
Closing Prayer....Ronnie Griggs  
P.M. Prayer....Terry Stubblefield  
Closing.....Bobby Marques  
Wed.5/14.....Dan Cobb  
Wed.5/14.....Matt Jennings  
Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall  
Greeter.....R & K Jennings

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....121  
Sunday A.M.....149  
Sunday P.M.....90  
Wednesday.....75  
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**PANTRY ITEM**

Peanut Butter

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**A Gift for Mother**

It is a good custom that children remember their mothers on that special day called Mother's day. What is the best gift they can give?

A card or candy is always nice. Flowers of any kind or color are usually appreciated— even a flower from the yard or flower garden is very special if coming from a small child. But these gifts are not the greatest that you can give!

If your mother is a Christian, she has taught you to live as a Christian. She has been involved in teaching you about God, and Christ, the Son of God (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14,15). Your mother has been interested in you learning about the church that Christ purchased with His own blood (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28). When you became old enough she was thrilled that you were born again by becoming a child of God (Jn. 3:3-5). As you became old enough to leave home, she was naturally concerned about you. When you established your own home, she was proud and thankful that you had grown to maturity.



Now that it is Mother's Day, what can you give your mother? The greatest gift you could give to her is to be a faithful Christian. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth (III Jn. 4). In this context, John was talking about his spiritual children, but it is also true that Christian mothers can have no greater gift than to know that their children are living faithfully as children of God. If you and your mother live faithfully then someday you can both live with God eternally in heaven.

~ Arthur Pigman

*"Honor thy mother" ... Ephesians 6:2*