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The Importance of Godly Mothers

Tim Dooley



The importance of motherhood cannot be overemphasized. As English poet and writer Edward Carpenter once said, “Motherhood is, after all, woman’s great and incomparable work” (*Love’s Coming of age. Woman in Freedom*). I personally, as I know many of you alike, have been blessed by a great and godly mother who took their responsibilities seriously.

As far as I can ascertain my children represent six generations in the church. My Great-great grandparents were members of the church and my Great-grandparents were active in the church that met on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Ohio. Later they were instrumental in establishing the congregation that meets on East High Street in Springfield to this day. My grandfather served as an elder in the church in Cabot, Arkansas and his son, my Uncle Steve, has been a preacher since 1977, serving congregations in Missouri and Ohio. My grandmother had a great influence on my life and I still have letters that she wrote me years ago when I was unfaithful. In these letters I was rebuked with the love only a grandmother can exert.

About twenty years ago, while preaching for the church in Washington Court House, Ohio, my friend and brother Tim Skaggs and I took a group of young people to a youth meeting at the East High Street congregation where I had attended as a child. Following that evening’s lesson, while we waited to go into the fellowship room, I noticed a collection of old black and white family photos hanging on the wall. The year was 1966 and there was a single picture that had a profound impact on me. It was of my mother and father, faithful members of the church, the year before I was born.

Where would I be without the godly mothers that have touched my life and shaped me to be the man I am today? I hate to think of it. From the godly women who shaped my Grandma Healea, to my dear mother, who passed into eternity over eight years ago, and who did a remarkable job raising me and my brother and sister. To the mother of my children today, sweet Colleen: I owe so much. And I know you owe a lot to the mothers who have shaped your life as well.

Retired Army General Carl Stiner, in Tom Clancy’s book *Shadow Warriors* said it best. “Looking back on those days, I feel very fortunate to have been reared in a home where discipline, love, respect, and adherence to principles were the standards by which we were raised.” Happy Mother’s Day!

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle

This Sunday is widely heralded as “Mother’s Day.” The idea for a day to honor mothers is said to have been borne in 1876. Mrs. Anna Reeves Jarvis was teaching a Memorial Day lesson and thought of mothers who had lost their sons during the Civil War. It was her dream that one day there would be a Memorial Day for mothers. Then, on May 8, 1914, President Wilson declared the second Sunday in May to be Mother’s Day, “for displaying the American flag and for public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of the country.”

Think about the tremendous impact mothers have had throughout history. I especially remember Timothy. We call him Paul’s son in the faith. But who would Timothy have been without a godly mother and grandmother? *“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also”* (2 Timothy 1:5)

On this day to honor mothers some will have only precious memories; memories of mothers who have gone to a grand reward. How precious are those memories! Others of us will make a feeble effort at saying “thanks” for a lifetime of care.

In all of our card buying and flower sending of the next few days, we need to be reminded of how fortunate we are if we have had God-fearing mothers. You see, the world is full of mothers who have no fear or reverence toward God; mothers who are passing those same traits to their children. Truly, “the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.”

~Garvis Semore

The Power of Our Silent Influence

On a recent beautiful warm Saturday morning, a Christian friend and I were having breakfast at a local restaurant. At a nearby table, we noticed a young woman sitting quietly reading her Bible. She was absorbed in the text, occasionally looking up to consider what she had read. She never said a word, but her heart and priorities were visible to everyone in that restaurant. It was a gentle, positive, and silent influence.

She was not ashamed of Christ nor of His New Testament (Hebrews 9:11-15). She neither preached a sermon nor sang a song. She was willing to be identified with the Savior, yet she did not need to announce that allegiance.

In our attempts to share the message of Jesus, we must eventually use words, because ultimately words are needed to present the gospel (John 14:23; Acts 2:14; Acts 11:11-14; Acts 16:14; 2 Peter 3:1-2; Jude 1:17). But we can also learn from the example of this woman.

There are times when the quietness of our everyday actions speak louder than our words, revealing our love for the Lord (Philippians 1:21-27). In our desire to share Christ with a sinful world, let’s not ignore the power of our silent influence (1 Thessalonians 1:5-8).

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YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; 1:15 Wed. @ 6:30

PRAYER LIST



Brian Carpenter has pleurisy and is also dealing with pain associated with rheumatoid arthritis.

Clarence Woods brother-in-law of Perry Jones will have surgery soon.

Bobby Sweat uncle of Alyce Jennings had tests run Tuesday for a leaky heart valve.

Mitchel Barton uncle of Alyce Jennings has taken a turn for the worse and remains in the hospital in South Carolina.

Continue to Remember:

Betty Boren, Kathy Clayton, Audrey Clement, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Andrea Hill, Caleb Jennings, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Gloria Jones, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Susie Robertson, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Charles Ulmer, Donald Wilson, Donnie Wilson, William Wilson, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon

Military List:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 07..... Randy Wall
May 11..... Viva Dillard
May 12..... Tim Dye



RESPONSE

Eudell Wilson responded to the invitation Sunday asking for forgiveness of sins and strength and encouragement to be a faithful Christian. Please keep Brother Wilson in your prayers as he strives to be the kind of Christian God would have him to be.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- **May 9th** Elders/Deacons/Ministers meeting
- **May 12th** NAYPE (New Albany Youth Prayer & Evangelism) after Wed. night service
- **May 15th** Golf outing at the Ole Miss Course around 9:00a.m. Cost is \$40 for green fees/cart. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer.
- **May 16th** Elders/Ministers meeting
- **May 16th** Recognition of Seniors after morning service. Please bring finger foods.

PEW PACKERS

Parents, please remember our 1:15 p.m. Pew Packers time for the children. Everyone is encouraged to be here to participate, to interact with the children and to be ready for our afternoon service immediately following.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

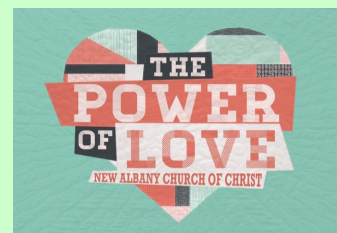
1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

I've Learned

On anniversaries the wise husband always forgets the past...but never the present.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Afternoon Worship....1:15
Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215
Shaler Grigsby...Youth/ Assoc.
.....256-263-9137
Office.....662-534-4649

ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
Tim Dye.....316-2527
Richard Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163
Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420
Shane Crotts.....266-0195
Jason Jennings.....801-3260
Mark Jennings...731-609-3309
Randy Wall.....316-9255

TO SERVE

Communion.....Kurt Clayton
Scripture.....Jackson Coggin
A.M. Prayer.....Larry Cobb
Closing.....Martin Crotts
P.M. Prayer.....Perry Jones
Closing.....Clay Jennings
Greeters.....R & K Jennings
Lock.....Dan Cobb
UsherMark Jennings
SecurityPhillip Young
Wed. Open 12thH. Russell
Wed. Close 12th.....T. Wall

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....101
Sunday A.M.....133
Sunday P.M.....97
Wednesday.....84
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together with their families

Blaine and Audrey Anna

*request the pleasure of your company
at their wedding*

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 2021 ♦ 4:00 pm

1597 County Road 478 ~ New Albany, MS 38652

Reception to follow

Please RSVP to

(731) 487-4770 or (662) 538-8007

