

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day: Today, May 12

Business Meeting: May 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: May 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Memorial Day: May 27

Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Hebrews class Mondays at 10:00

This scripture seems to be written just for mothers

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:1-4

May Birthdays

2 Peggy Woodruff

15 Kena Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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God's Plan for Mothers

By Ron Bartanen

Someone has jokingly said that while man may be the head of the home, the wife and mother is the backbone. To be man's "equal", a woman does not have to act, work or dress like a man. While men and women have different roles in life, they are equal in the sight of God.

A woman, by her nature, seems to be the more nurturing than a man, although this may not always be the case. For instance Roman-Emperor Nero's mother was a murderess, while President George Washington's mother was described as pious, true and pure. As we see the importance of motherhood being downplayed in today's society, is it any surprise that so much confusion reigns? President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us."

As Mother's Day is observed today, let us give proper honor to the mothers and grandmothers, especially to those that seek to guide their families in the way of righteousness. The apostle Paul's fellow-laborer in the gospel, Timothy, had the advantage of two women who positively impacted his life before he ever knew Paul. The Apostle wrote Timothy, reminding him, "...I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother: and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Timothy 1:5), later adding, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). The example set for him in the lives of these two godly women, coupled with their obviously sharing with him from the

Old Testament Scriptures, prepared his heart and mind for the receiving of the message of the Gospel. We need more women (and men, too, for that matter) who will instill within their children at an early age a love for the holy Scriptures.

For a generation to arise that will continue to honor the Bible in word and in deed, it is imperative that it be enlightened from the word of God—and, the sooner, the better, for *“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17).

The old saying, “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world” could seldom have been more needed than it is in today’s world. I wonder if mothers may have been largely responsible for the condition in Israel as described in Judges 2:10: *“...there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.”* As there seems to be a shorter supply of godly nurturers in today’s society, and our homes become dependent upon “public education” to raise and nurture the children, it cannot come as a surprise when godliness gives way to “politically correct” standards based on human folly, and not the word of God.

Gray Hair

By Joe Slater

I was in my mid-twenties when I noticed my first gray hair. I promptly plucked it out. (Ouch!) Problem solved . . . except it wasn’t. More and more gray ones invaded my coal-black locks; pulling them became an exercise in futility. My children suggested Grecian Formula. I told them, “No, I earned every one of these!” My vanity has long since subsided. What hair I have left is nearly all gray (or is it silver? white?)

Solomon wrote, *“The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old men is their gray head”* (Proverbs 20:29). All kidding aside, gray hair is nothing of which to be ashamed. Generally it indicates age, and we hope that with age comes some wisdom. I’ve seen a few gray heads that really were splendid,

though I think I wouldn’t count my own among them! Under the Law of Moses, God commanded: *“You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man and fear your God: I am the Lord”* (Leviticus 19:32). Your parents probably taught you, as did mine, “Respect your elders.” I commend our young folks here for the fine way they treat older people with courtesy and respect. It speaks well for them and for their parents.

Again it was Solomon who wrote, *“The silver-haired head is a crown of glory if it is found in the way of righteousness”* (Proverbs 16:31). Age doesn’t guarantee good behavior. We who have attained senior citizen status owe it to the young to conduct ourselves with integrity. It’s easy to respect someone if they are acting respectably! If you don’t have gray hair yet, just wait – you will! Be sure you are found in the way of righteousness.

Taking Turns

By Dennis Lynn

There is a tender story told about an ailing mother who was resting in her bed when her nine-year-old daughter walked in. The daughter quietly unfolded a blanket and tucked it around her mother.

“You know”, the mother said, “It hasn’t been that long since I was tucking you in, and now here you are covering me up.” The little girl smiled, kissed her on the cheek, whispered, “We take turns,” and then skipped out of the room.

That little girl, with innocence and insight, stated a truth for our time. “We take turns” in the family of God when we love each other, serve each other, and encourage each other. Let’s not miss the opportunities.

Let’s not let them slip by. Let’s keep our eyes and hearts open. Let’s remember: we take turns!