

## Upcoming Events...

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Class: May 21

Barnabas Group Meeting: May 30

## Quotations about Mothers

*“Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly.”* - Sarah Malin -

*“My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.”*

- George Washington -

## May Birthdays

2 Peggy Woodruff    9 Kurt McGraw    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.

**Preacher:**  
Mike McKnight

**Church of Christ**  
81-377 Ave 46  
Indio, CA 92201  
(760) 342-1859

(Address Service Requested)

# Indio Informer

Vol. 28 No. 20

May 14, 2017

## Mothers Are Special

By Edd Sterchi

When God made mothers He made a very special creature indeed.

- The unconditional love God gave mothers for their children is probably the closest thing on earth to His incredible love for us.
- The gentle tenderness a mother expresses in handling her newborn child is so reminiscent of the tender loving care God promises to the faithful.
- The sincere sympathy mothers show for hurt elbows and hurt hearts is not unlike the compassion God has for us.
- The sacrificial unselfishness mothers demonstrate time and time again towards their children reminds us of how benevolent God has been to us.
- The soft special kisses and the always sweet smiles that mothers so generously give can help us to understand and appreciate the joy God has designed for families in the here and now and for Christians forevermore.

God bless loving mothers for showing us many important things about God.

## 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!

## **Jesus, Master Carpenter**

By R. W. McAlister

When a carpenter sees a piece of wood, how does he look at it? Well, the answer is, he sees it differently from the way most other people see the wood. Most people would look at a piece of wood out here and say, “It’s got all these knots in it; it’s got cracks in it; it’s got some ink on it where they stamped it at the lumber yard, it’s a little bowed” and so forth. A carpenter doesn’t look at wood that way - he sees the potential. A carpenter says, “I can find a place for that imperfect board - maybe I can plane it and make it useful.” The carpenter sees the potential of the wood, not the problems of the wood!

You know what kind of wood is in great demand today? Old barn siding. We look at wood like that and we say, “That’s worthless.” That’s not the way carpenters see it. It’s used for shelving, interior walls, and various other things today, often without being refinished. We say, “That wood’s not good for anything!” A carpenter says, “I think I know a use for that.”

In the same way, when Jesus Christ looks at us today, what does He see? Does He see all of the flaws that will doom us eternally? That’s how we look at people. We see their imperfections; Christ, though, sees their potential. Christ looked at a fisherman by the name of Simon (Jn. 1:42). And Christ said, “*You’re Simon, the son of John; you’ll be called Cephas*” which means “Peter” or “rock.” Can you imagine what Peter’s friends must have said? “You mean, Simon - this guy - is going to be a rock in Your kingdom some day? You’ve got to be kidding! This guy’s nothing but a braggart. He’s nothing but a show off. He’s not going to amount to anything!” But Christ

saw his potential. Jesus Christ said, “I’m going to rename him ‘the rock’ because he will be a rock in My kingdom.”

A carpenter, therefore, sees the potential in that wood, and not the flaws and imperfections that might doom it in the eyes of others. Dear Reader, The Great Carpenter is still working with us today. We urge you to allow Him to work with you and bring out your potential.

## **How to Train an Elephant**

By Tom Moore

Behind the scenes of an Arizona circus, a visitor started chatting with a man who trains animals for Hollywood movies: “How is it that you can stake down a ten-ton elephant with the same size stake that you use for this little fellow?” The visitor was pointing to a baby elephant who weighed three hundred pounds.

“It’s easy...” the trainer said. “When they are babies, we stake them down. They try to tug away from the stake maybe ten thousand times before they realize that they can’t possibly get away. At that point, their ‘elephant memory’ takes over and they remember for the rest of their lives that they can’t get away from the stake.”

Should this not be the way we treat our young people in our local congregations? Should we not “stake” them to the word of God as a youth, thus helping them to remember that they can never escape their obligation and responsibility to the Word of God?

Moses said it this way, “*And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates*” (Deut. 6: 6-9).

Solomon said, “*Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it*” (Proverbs 22:6).

Beloved, We have a lot of work to do!