

Thank you Jim Burruss,  
...for being our speaker for today!

**May Birthdays**

15 Kena Brown

**May Anniversaries**

5 Calvin and Paige Cree

5 Aaron and Esmeralda McCollum

*“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”*

**John 3:18**

**Regular Meeting Times**

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

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

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# Indio Informer

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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.”*

Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*

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## Godly Wives and Mothers

By Doug Dingley

Godly wives and mothers. There is nothing else on earth quite like them, or anything else on earth that quite compares to them. This, as seen in their constant, continual, and consummate Christ-like love, and the totally selfless and sacrificial lives they live. This is not just something they simply do but is something they truly are.

As such, according to God, they are totally priceless (Proverbs 31:10); infinitely trustworthy (Proverbs verse 11); and ultimately, one of the greatest and most beneficial blessings known to man (Proverbs verse 12). She is a willing and tireless worker whose only concern is for those whom she loves; for those who are less fortunate; and for the respect and reputation of her household (Proverbs verses 13-24). Her godly strength, honor, wisdom, and kindness are unsurpassed, unsuppressed, and therefore help to provide a bright and glorious future for both her and her family as well (Proverbs verses 25-26). She is always watching, always working, and therefore always worthy of the praise and adoration of her children, as well as that of her infinitely blessed and privileged husband (Proverbs verses 27-29). Indeed, as Proverbs 31 concludes: *“Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates”* (Proverbs verses 30-31).

To all of the mature godly women among us today – wives, mothers, and grandmothers of all generations and designations – we want you to know that you are: truly a blessing beyond words; an inspiration beyond imagination; and a gift from God to each and every one of us blessed enough to know and love you. Thank you for letting us see Jesus in you – and not just today, but each and every day you live. May God continue to bless you all, as you continue to so selflessly serve, show us, and shine forth the light of Him, whom you so much love and seek to emulate.

### **An Unheralded Mother**

By Dan Jenkins

It is remarkable that we so often overlook the importance of those who are standing in the shadows. Yet their impact on the lives of all those around them can shape the future far more than those who stand in the limelight and the center of the stage. Take a moment to focus on one of the most unheralded heroes of the Bible. That person is the mother of David, the most widely known individual in the history of the nation of Israel.

She is so obscure that we do not even know her name. We know the name of her husband, Jesse, but she is mentioned only one time in the Scriptures. David speaks of her in Psalm 86. He was in despair because of the many enemies who sought to destroy him. He begged for God to hear him, “...*for I am poor and needy*” (v. 1). He called upon the Lord to preserve his life, to save him and to be merciful to him, “...*for I cry to You all day long*” (v. 3). He had not lost his faith in God (v. 6), but his life was filled with adversity because “*a mob of violent men have sought my life*” (v. 14). Perhaps you have been in such deep valleys in your life, for there often times like this in the life of many of us.

David could have thought of how God had been merciful to those who were before Him. He could have thought of the faithfulness of Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and as a son of such great men, he could have asked God to be merciful to him. However, it was not on the basis of these great men. Rather it was on the fact that God had known his mother and her life, and as a son of his mother he asked God to hear him (v. 16).

Look carefully at his prayer. “*Oh, turn to me and have mercy on me! Give strength to Your servant and save the son of your maidservant*” (v. 16). When David thought of his mother and the impact on his life, he knew she belonged to God. When he thought of her, he remembered that she was one who belonged to God.

He also saw her as one who served God. She was not in the center of the stage like others. She was a humble servant, the wife of an unheralded husband in an obscure Jewish village. The world may not have seen her worth, but David and God valued the importance of what she was doing far differently than others did.

She was blessed by God. David saw it. He asked God to hear him, not because of his forefathers, but because of his own mother. He had seen God in her life. He had seen her righteousness and asked God to bless him because of her!

So, if you feel worthless, think about Mrs. Jesse. Then be like her, faithfully serving God and shaping the world by the life you live in the shadows and not on center stage.

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