

UPCOMING

- Supplies for Ukraine mission (list on bulletin board)
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Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Connie Montgomery
- Emily Linton
- Andy Duncan (Liver transplant)
- Wayne Rigdon
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Communion Preparation

2026 preparation list is in foyer

May - Cooper

June -

July -

Birthday / Anniversary

Sandra Callens - 17th

James Johnson - 19th

Larry & Connie Montgomery - 20th

Tristan & Auburn Rowell - 23rd

Men to Serve

Announcements - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - Proverbs 31:10, 28-30

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg

Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts

Scripture Reading - Luke 22:14 - 22

Closing Prayer - James Johnson

I will instruct you
and teach you in the
way you should go; I
will counsel you with
my *loving eye on you.*

Psalm 32:8



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WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved.

Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Bible Study //
9:30 am
Worship Service //
10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study //
7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

The Lord nodded. “One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks. ‘What are you kids doing in there?’ when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn’t but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, ‘I understand and I love you’ without so much as uttering a word.”

“Lord,” said the angel touching his sleeve gently, “come to bed. Tomorrow...”

“I can’t,” said the Lord, “I’m so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one that heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger, and can get a 9 year old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. “It’s too soft,” she sighed.

“But tough!” said the Lord excitedly. “You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

“Can it think?”

“Not only think, but it can reason and compromise,” said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran a finger across the cheek. “There’s a leak,” she pronounced. “I said you were trying to put too much into this model.”

“It’s not a leak,” said the Lord. “It’s a tear.”

“What’s it for?”

“It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride.”

“You are a genius,” said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. “I didn’t put it there.”

Editor’s note: The preceding fictional piece is not intended to suggest any alteration of the creation order found in Genesis 1-2, nor to imply God’s struggle to create or His need for an angel’s help/counsel (see Isaiah 40.9-31). It is offered here as a loving tribute to the hard work and loving spirit of mothers, especially those who have guided us in the ways of the Lord. Happy Mother’s Day!

The Blessing of Mothers

By Jeremy Paschall

A first grade teacher seated her students in a circle. She asked them what they wanted to be when they grew up. One by one, each child got up and announced, “I’d like to be a nurse like my mom,” or “I want to be a banker like my dad,” or “I want to be a teacher like you, Miss Smith.” The last child to speak was the most shy and timid little boy in the class. He said, “When I get big, I’m going to be a lion tamer in the circus. I’m going to face those animals with my whip and chair and make them leap through hoops of fire and obey all of my commands.” Seeing the disbelieving looks on the faces of his classmates who thought that he could ever act so boldly or bravely, he was quick to reassure them, “Well, of course, I’ll have my mommy with me.”

At that age, many of us had the confidence to accomplish great tasks largely because we knew that our mothers would be there to support us. But as we got older, our self-confidence grew and we know longer felt so dependent upon our mothers. In fact, to show any sense of need for our mothers demonstrated weakness and fear. Our bravado, before friends and enemies alike, became more important than showing any appreciation for our mothers. Their work never ceased and their care never waned, but we just quit noticing.

Sadly, far too many of us have never outgrown that juvenile arrogance and “independent” spirit. Even in adulthood, we have not stopped to fully consider the origins of our confidence and character. We are perfectly content to think of ourselves as “self-made” when nothing could be further from the truth. Such is not merely an issue of ingratitude, it is a spiritual failure — our values have not been aligned to match those espoused by God in the Scriptures.

“An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels... She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands... She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household... She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet... She

opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” (Proverbs 31:10,13,15,21,26-30)

Do godly wives and mothers today receive the honor afforded them by the Scriptures? Do their husbands praise them for their faithful diligence? Do their children thank them for their hard work? Do aspiring wives and mothers esteem them for their godly example? Do their fellow Christians encourage them for their lives’ work? Has that which is so highly valued by God become “despised” among men?

Husbands, fathers, children, and fellow Christians — this should not be! Today is the perfect day to begin overcoming our ingratitude and spiritual hardheartedness with genuine expressions, in word and deed, of our love and appreciation for the godly women in our lives. Happy Mother’s Day!

How Mothers Were Created

By unknown

When the Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of “overtime” when an angel appeared and said, “You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”

And the Lord said, “Have you read the specification on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 movable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; and six pairs of hands.”

The angel shook her head slowly and said, “Six pairs of hands...no way.”

“It’s not the hands that are causing me the problems,” said the Lord. “It’s the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have.”

“That’s in the standard model?” asked the angel.

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