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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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It's Hard Work Being a Mom

God's plan for mothers began with the beginning of time. God created male and female for the home so that the male could have a suitable helper, and the two of them could have children (Genesis 1 & 2). Eve was the first woman, the first wife, and the first mother. This first mother faced terrible tragedy in her own family because of the actions of one of her children. Cain rebelled against God and in anger murdered his brother Abel. The pain of a child rebelling against God, and then the pain of a child being killed by his own brother must have been very difficult for Eve (Genesis 4).

Being a mother is hard work, but when a woman patterns her work as a mother after God's will, the results of the hard work are often beautiful and wonderful. The work of leading worship in the Lord's church is given to the male (1 Timothy 2:8-14). God has a different work for women. That work has to do with children (1 Timothy 2:15). Women are to focus on the raising of their children. Women are to continue in faith, love, and holiness with self-control even as they focus on the work of being mothers. This is not culturally current or politically correct, but this is the Word of God. When a faithful Christian woman is focused on raising her children in a godly manner she is pleasing God and she will be saved.

It's hard work being a mom when mothers are conscientious and want to raise their children to know and love the Lord, but what is more important than aiming your children in the direction of heaven? To accomplish this, mothers must be willing to follow God's plan in this regard. Paul told Titus what was required for a congregation to be sound and this included specific instructions for mothers (Titus 2:4-5). Young mothers are to love their husbands and their children. This should not be hard. If they have chosen to marry godly Christian men, and if they have chosen to be godly Christian women it should not be hard for them to love their husbands. The command to love the children should be that which comes naturally. Unfortunately we live in a time when natural love such as this is not always present.

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Paul goes on to show Titus that godly mothers will be those who are discreet. The word “discreet,” translates a Greek word defined as being “of sound mind, sane, in one’s senses, curbing one’s desires and impulses, self-controlled (Thayer, 613). Godly mothers are not foolish women. Godly mothers are sound, sane, sensible and self-controlled. This is a spiritual and mental state that is chosen by the mother in light of the immense task before her of raising children to know and love God. A mother who is discreet will naturally be chaste. A woman who is chaste is one who can be respected for her pure and behavior (Thayer 8). A woman who cannot be sensible, self-controlled, and respected for her morally pure and modest behavior needs to make some changes before she can be the kind of mother God wants her to be.

Perhaps the most controversial of God’s requirements for proper and effective motherhood is that of being a “homemaker” (Titus 2:5). Thayer defines the word as referring to one who is “keeping at home and taking care of household affairs (Thayer 442). Vine defines this word as “watching or keeping the home (Vine, 558). Zodhiates says it refers to one who is “a keeper at home, one who looks after domestic affairs with prudence and care (Zodhiates, 1033). Moulton says it refers to “a keeper or guard of a house; a home-keeper, stay-at-home domestic (Moulton, 285). Strong defines the word as “a stayer at home, i.e. domestically inclined (a good housekeeper); keeper at home” (Strong, 51). Various definitions and translation of the word indicate a good and godly mother is one who focuses on the home as one who guards the home. What is the mother guarding the home against? She is guarding the home against the influence of Satan and anything that may corrupt her children and turn them away from heaven.

Paul goes on to show Titus that sound and godly mothers are kind and good people as well. Mean women are not fit to be mothers. Cruel and selfish women will never fulfill their role as a mother in the right way unless they repent. Good and godly mothers are kind.

The final qualification of a godly mother listed in Titus 2 is that she is one who is submissive to her husband. The world hates what the Bible says in this regard and many Christians having been influenced by the world reject what God has said in this matter. However, God has unlimited wisdom as the Creator, and unlimited authority as the Ruler of this universe. His way is always right. His way must be followed if we are to please Him. Good mothers are submissive and obedient to their own husbands (Tits 2:5).

Being a good mother is hard work. Being a godly mother is exhausting. Yet, I cannot think of a more important work in the entire world. Christian mothers can raise godly children who will influence others to serve God and positively affect generations to come. Thank you godly mothers. Do not be discouraged. Keep up the good work and may God bless you!

Kevin Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

May 10 - John 1:29-51
May 11 - John 2
May 12 - John 3:1-18
May 13 - John 3:19-36



May 14 - John 4:1-30
May 15 - John 4:31-54
May 16 - John 5:1-24

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Scott Cranfill, Joseph Campbell, Thurmond Bennett, Boy named Nathan, Bryan Byrd, Bonnie Landreth, Becky Allen, Mary Ellen Dull, HM Latchmenarine, Madelene Holbrook, Kim Matthews, Mandy & Parker Bailey, Jeff Chrysson, Roger Allen, Jack Piper, Al Lawson, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins, Steve Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Roger Allen is still having severe pain, swelling and inflammation during his recovery at home following his most recent surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Update from Roger: My mother was sent back to her assisted living from the mental hospital because her insurance would not pay for her to stay longer. She was in her room for 2 days and had another bad episode with her bipolar disorder and is now being placed back into another mental hospital. They cannot seem to get her meds corrected and needs prayers for her, the family, and the doctors treating her.

Bonnie Landreth is having a lot of pain in her right shoulder. She had an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon this past Thursday and learned that she has a calcium deposit in her shoulder joint that will have to be removed. She does not have a date for the surgery yet. Please keep her in your prayers.

Carl Cooper's nephew, **Eddie Manor**, had major artery blockages surgery. He is said to be improving. His address is 5898 Weant Rd., Archdale, NC 27262. Please keep him in your prayers.

D.J. and Jim Harrison's granddaughter, **Merry Beth**, had a shunt placed in her brain for drainage at the Baptist Hospital recently. She has been released from the hospital and is now at home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.

It was announced that both **Harold and Juanita Doub** have come down with Covid-19. Juanita was in the hospital suffering with pneumonia but is said to be now at home recuperating. The address for Harold and Juanita is 1851 Longmont Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284. Please keep them in your prayers.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Carolyn Moser's family in the death of her cousin, **Sharon Copley**, who passed away recently in Johnson City, TN. Please pray for the family.

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY WORSHIP –A.M.	May 2	- 116
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WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	May 5	- 98

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

"MOVING FORWARD WITH THE GOSPEL"

Kevin's lesson Sunday encouraged us all about moving forward. Our Meeting starts in two weeks. Invite some friends and neighbors to hear the gospel preached?"

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Reminder: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. there is a Sunday Youth Class that meets in the Annex.

May 16-19 - Warners Chapel Gospel Meeting with Brother Wesley Simons. Brother Simons is the director and an instructor for the Tri-Cities School of Preaching and Christian Development in Elizabethton, TN. Wesley is also the host of the Arise to Truth Radio Program. He has been preaching the gospel for 50 years.

AREA EVENTS:

May 2-6 - Gospel Meeting at West Jefferson church of Christ. Speaker– Dale Barger. Theme:

Happy  Mother's Day

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

MAY, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR MAY: TIM ALLEN

OPENING PRAYERS FOR MAY:

SUNDAY A.M.

May 2 - D.C. Mock
May 9 - Charley Belch
May 16 - Bob Tesh
May 23 - Wayne Allen
May 30 - Carl Cooper

SUNDAY P.M.

May 2 - David Moore
May 9 - David Queen
May 16 - Steve Tesh
May 23 - Mark Minor
May 30 - Randy Warner

WEDNESDAY

May 5 - Gene Southern
May 12 - Johnny Spillman
May 19 - Clayton Workman
May 26 - Mike Glenn

SECURITY AND GREETING: RJ LANDRY AND JIM HARRISON

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR MAY:

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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

<p align="center">“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8 SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68</p>

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner	Gene Southern
Keith Warner	Shawn Thomason
Mark Minor	Mark Roy
Jody Everett	Adam Warner
	Jacob Woodbury