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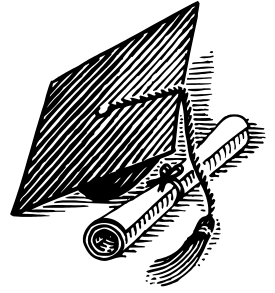
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MAY 2013: WHO WILL INFLUENCE OUR CHILDREN? A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, 'Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves...Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, 'Go and sell the oil and pay off your dept; and you and your sons will live on the rest.'" (2 Kings 4:1, 7) "As without ceasing I remember you in my prayers, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also." (2 Timothy 1:3b-5)

You may have heard it said; "The hand that rocks the cradle will rule the world." In other words, the control of our children has been stripped away. It is indeed a dangerous thing which has occurred over these past 20 or so years. Moms and dads have become less involved in the lives of their children which has begun a splintering of the fabric of the family and society. Even Christian parents allow their children to make their minds up on things, which may seem not that important, like staying up to 2 or 3 in the morning, not coming to Sunday School or church. Oh, but I don't want them to be forced to come. Pretty soon we will hear, "I don't want to go to school.' Have we allowed the secularization of our children that they do not have a sure foundation in their lives?

We cannot and must not turn the reigns over to someone who may an agenda which is not what we want our children to be taught. In some areas of our country there are teachers who have said your children can be better taught in school than in the home. What kind of foundational principles will they indeed be taught? When schools are allowed to give contraceptives, abortion counseling without parental consent, but can't give something for a headache, something is wrong with this equation. We can count our blessings, that for the most part we have good teachers and administrators.

As we consider these two stories we see clearly God's faithfulness working through the faithfulness of these godly women. I believe these women saw their Lord God as completely faithful. These women placed the outcome of their situations in the God who loved them and would provide for their children. The faithfulness and influence of the godly women in our lives has this same kind of lasting influence.

Although the Bible does not go any further telling us about the sons who were saved from slavery, they for sure had a testimony of the power of God to provide. Timothy became a vital person that the Apostle Paul trusted to help spread the good news of Jesus to a lost world. We should never underestimate how our Lord will work when we faithfully raise our children. Yes, they will make big mistakes, but never give up them. I was not the smartest cookie in my family but my mother was always their encouraging me to keep on trying to do my best. She never gave up on me, even when I wanted to. Mother would have pleased in whatever direction of work I went, but she was really pleased when the Lord called me to be a pastor. Keep pressing on!

The faithfulness of godly women in the lives of our young people will do much to advance our Lord's glorious kingdom. Never grow tired or weary of pouring yourself into the lives of your dear ones. The consequences will dire indeed if we ever decide to relinquish our role in our children's lives. I believe we can see the results of the family disintegration can't we. However, as the Lord reminded Elijah that He had 7 thousand who had not bent knee to Baal, there are countless more today who trust the Lord and who have not compromised.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MOM! Love, Meredith

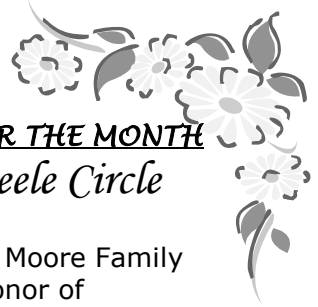
SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

May 5 **Revelation 2:1-7**
 "Have We Lost Our First Love?"
 May 12 **2 Kings 4:1-37**
 "Faithfulness Rewarded "
 May 19 **Rev. Bill Jordan**
 May 26 **Jude 1-11**
 "Contend For The Gospel"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Locke, Ann
Boswell, Mike	Locke, Mike
Boswell, Rick	Lupinsky, Logan
Brown, Don	McCain, Lisa
Cavin, Henry	Moore, Martha Lou
Culver, Anthony	Moss, Charlie
Culver, Michael	Moncla, Luke
Curtis, Cooper	Molder, Rose
Dungy, Louise	Otis, Mike
Goulder, Helen	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Bobbie	Pugh, Kaleb
Goulder, Gordon	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Hill, Dana	Tyler, Jean
Hill, Joy	Welch, Jack
Bridges, Lucille	Wells, Michael
Huffman, Linda	Wells, Whit
Krull, Lucy	Winford, Sherry
Legler, Don	Stitt, Sam
Lewis, Adam	Hubbard, Kristi
Lineberger, Rachael	Yarbro, Pam
Molder, Rose	Culver, Wayne



FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

May 19 John Moore Family
 In Honor of
 Barbara Freeman



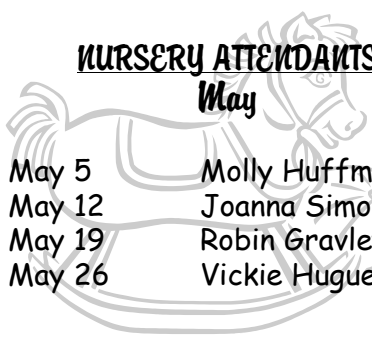
Wedding Anniversaries

May 18 *Mr. and Mrs. Andy Alsbrook*
 May 20 *Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simonton*
 May 27 *Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heath*
 May 29 *Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May

May 5 Molly Huffman
 May 12 Joanna Simonton
 May 19 Robin Gravley
 May 26 Vickie Hugues



CHILDRENS SERMON – May

May 5 *Meredith Cavin*
 May 12 *Amanda Heath*
 May 19 *Margarette Alsbrook*
 May 26 *Julia Moore*

May Menu



May 1 Spaghetti
 May 8 Ham/Au gratin
 Potatoes/Baked Beans
 May 15 Family Night
 Tenderloin/Mac n Cheese
 May 22 Hamb / Hot Dogs
 Cost: \$3.00 person
 \$10.00 Family

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Paul Brubaker	20 Slade Templeton
2 Glenn Goulder	Cole Bradley Templeton
3 Meredith Cavin	22 Joel Palmer
4 Danny Hernandez	Shasta Smith
5 Phyllis Yarbrow	27 Alison Gray
8 Jennifer Templeton	David Templeton, II
11 Claude Hopper	Delaine Trotter
15 John W. Yarbrow	Rachel Hernandez
Phil Trotter	28 John Griffin
Tanya Erickson	Robin Rowell
16 Zoe Angeline Hoots	30 Peter Simonton
17 Aubrey Glass	31 Charlie Cannon

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Peter Simonton. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Peter at 901-476-7750.

MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

WORKER'S COUNCIL! There will be a Worker's Council Meeting on Tuesday May 7th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

PLEASE NOTE Someone is needed to take on the responsibility of the Mission Trip to French Camp this year. If you feel the Lord is leading you in this endeavor please let Meredith know.

DUNLAP SPRING FEST RESCHEDULED Saturday May 18th 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Food and Fun for everyone.

Ladies we need cakes for the cake auction. You can leave your cakes at the Fellowship Hall. Please have them there by 10:00 a.m. on the 17th and someone will take them to Dunlap. Hope to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2013 Graduates **Brandy Elston** and **McCallie Ruffin** from Brighton High School on Thursday May 16th and **Stephanie Moore** from Dyersburg State Community College on Saturday May 11th.

MVP CAMP TIME! It's that time – time start making plans for MVP Camp held at Camp of the Rising Son in French Camp, MS. Packets are available see Joanna Simonton. Date is July 15 to July 20 for Ages 8 – 18. Cost is \$250 for non church members and \$125 for members. THE YOUTH USUALLY TRIES TO RAISE MONEY TO OFFSET THE COST.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 16 – 20! Anyone who is interested in helping with VBS this year should let Margarette know as soon as possible.