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A Prayer for Mother's Day

*Lord Jesus, you have known a mother's love
and tender care;*

*And you will hear, while for our own mothers
most dear,*

we offer this Mother's Day prayer.

*Protect the lives, we pray, of those who have given us
the gift of life.*

*May our mothers know from day to day the deepening
glow of joy that comes from your presence.*

*We cannot pay our debt for all the love that we have
received; but you, Lord, will not forget their due
reward.*

Bless our mothers both in earth and heaven.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 Gary Herridge
 Paul Inman
 Stan Inman
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PRAYER LIST

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pat Barclay, Jean Buckley, Harvey Caplinger Jr., Joann Collins, Sheila Conner, Bill Daniel, Khadija Drake, Lee Edwards, David Frazier, Oren Gore, Jim Henry, Delbert Holleron, Janet Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Jo Langler, Dan McNemar, Linda Moncrief, Gypsy Newberry, Jane Pralley, Opal Ray, Jenny Reynolds, Bill Smith, Oliver "Butch" Smith, John Stevens, Mike Stone, Dorothy Weaver

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Akers, Billie Allman, Kenadie Barclay, Chlorie Burns, Sheila Caplinger, Joe Civitello, Connie Cook, Madison Cottrell, Shellie Damsa, Barbara Elliott, Charlotte Frame, Zelma Grove, Nancy Hardman, Marjorie Hart, Anna Hicks, Brenda Jones, Joe and Celia Johnson, Donna Keffer, Paul King, Bob Laishey, Reba Layton, Marty Liggins, Rick Lucas, Donna Ludwig, Larry McIntire, Jr., Cathy Morrison, Jim Newbanks, Ann Owens, Kelsay Proffit, Keith Raines, Scott Riser, Sandy Rooks, Vickie Sargent, Melissa Sawyers, Earl Selbe, Martha Smith, Anne Spokes, John Staats, Teresa Steed, Larry Stewart, Valerie Stevens, Linda Tallman, Gary Vaught, Carol Weekley, Angel White

(Please notify the office of any updates in our Prayer Lists.)

THANK YOU NOTES

- ♥ Thanks for the many nice birthday cards. **Mike and Teresa Wade**
- ♥ Thank you for all acts of kindness shown. The MNFTM group that sang for us meant so much. Thanks. **Ed and Joann Collins**
- ♥ Thank you for beautiful cards and the well wishes for our anniversary. You helped make our 65th anniversary special. **Gilbert and Lucille Hardman**
- ♥ WOW! The power of prayers! Thank you for the prayers for Willa. She is doing better. **Kaelyn Alexander**
- ♥ I appreciate all the sympathy cards. They were very comforting. Love, **Valeria Sprout**

MEETING AFTER PM SERVICES

There will be a meeting after evening service in Room 109 for anyone interested in the annual baseball trip. We will be going to Pittsburgh.

See Rick Stanley for details.

CARE GROUP 1 MEETING THIS EVENING

There will be a meeting for members of Care Group 1 in Room 112 after services this evening.

LUBECK CONGREGATION BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive tomorrow from 2:00-7:00 at the Lubeck congregation. For more information, call Martha Hill at 304.485.6236.

FRIENDS DAY

Invite your family and friends to our FRIENDS DAY next Sunday. Invitations are provided in the foyers. We will have a fellowship lunch under the tent after morning worship and Bible class.

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS

The LLL girls will be conducting the Ladies Class at 6:30 on May 17 at Love and Care. If you can help with refreshments, see Julie Taberner.

GOLDEN AGERS TRIP

The Golden Agers will be taking their annual Amish Trip Thursday, May 19. The sign-up sheet and agendas are in the foyer.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Brandi Stewart and Jon Hescht Thursday, May 19 at 7:00. They are registered at: Wal-Mart and Wal-Mart.com and www.giftregistry360.com/wishlist/brandiandjon.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be 8:30 on Saturday, May 28 at the Golden Corral.

Weekly Bible Reading

May 8 - Luke 23:1-25, II Samuel 4-6
May 9 - Luke 23:26-56, II Samuel 7-10
May 10 - Luke 24:1-12, II Samuel 11-12
May 11 - Luke 24:13-35, II Samuel 13-14
May 12 - Luke 24:36-53, II Samuel 15-16
May 13 - John 1:1-34, II Samuel 17-18
May 14 - John 1:35-51, II Samuel 19-20

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ralph Conner, Bob and Penny Eddy, Marion and Joann Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Cindy Huxley, Dennis Keller, Bill and Connie Kirby, Annette Kirk, Debi Inman, Kayla Inman, Korey Inman, John Life, Ron Riddle, Rick and Kay Stanley, and Cotton Sayre recently completed the CPR/AED training course.

A special thank you to Marion Goldsmith for organizing this training. Also, thanks to Ryan Goldsmith for instructing the training course.

POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

The Postal Food Drive will be Saturday, May 14.



Please sign the list in the foyer if you can help.



See Ralph Conner or Larry Wigal for details.

GRADUATION PICTURES



We will be printing graduation pictures in an upcoming edition of the bulletin. We will include Kindergarten, fifth grade, high school and college graduates.

Please give your photo to Kimberlee or leave it in the office (include name and school information.)



SERMON NOTES:

A Woman Who Feels the Lord (Proverbs 31:10-31)

“Who can find a _____ wife? For her _____ is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely _____ her.... She does him _____, not evil all the days of her life.” (Proverbs 31:10-12)

“Many _____ have done well, but you _____ them all. Charm is _____ and _____ is vain, but a woman who _____ the Lord, she shall be _____.” (Proverbs 31:29-30)

Advice given to King Lemuel by his mother: “My son, keep your father’s _____, and do not _____ the law of your mother. Bind them continually on your _____, tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will _____ you; when you sleep, they will _____ you; when you are awake, they will _____ with you.” (Proverbs 6:20-23)

Proverbs 31 is a synopsis of a woman’s life work similar to Paul’s qualifications: “She has been the _____ of one man, well reported of for good _____; if she has _____ up children, if she has _____ stranger, if she has _____ the saints’ feet, if she has _____ the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good _____.” (II Timothy 5:9-10)

Who is the worthy woman? A woman who _____ the Lord.

To find joy as a mother, you must _____ the role that God has _____ you – and fulfill that role because you _____ your husband, and love your _____, and because you want to please _____.

She is worthy _____ she fears the Lord. Everything else is the _____ of her relationship to God. “Give her of the _____ of her hands, and let her own works _____ her in the gates.” (Proverbs 30:31)

Applying the lesson of Proverbs 31: Young people - find a _____ mate. Mothers - be a _____ who _____ the Lord. All of us - we need to _____ Mothers. “Her children rise up and call her _____; her _____ also, and he _____ her.” (Proverbs 31:28)

The Meanest Mother

I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs, or toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different from other kids' too. But at least I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My siblings had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour that we be gone one hour or less -- not one hour and one minute.

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up early the next morning. We couldn't even sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us. She always insisted upon our telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us -- it nearly did. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention that while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 16. Fifteen, that is, if you dated only to go to a school function, and that was once or twice a year.

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us has ever been arrested, divorced, or beat his mate. Whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at all the things we missed!

We never got to march in a protest parade, nor take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one things that our friends did.

She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults. Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me MEAN. Because, you see, I thank God. He gave me the meanest mother in the world.

Anonymous



Little boy to his mother: "Before I tell you what happened, Mommy, remember the Lord will never give you more than you can handle."

DANA'S DIRECTION THINKING OF MOTHER

I wonder if mothers really know the influence they are having on their children. My own mother has long since gone to her home, and though that event happened many years ago, she is constantly in my thoughts.

Mother believed in Bible reading both for herself and for her children. She saw to it that the Bible was read in our home each night. Following the reading of God's word, she would read a chapter to us from Hurlburt's Story of the Bible. There may be better Bible story books available now, but Hurlburt's is still my favorite. As a child I learned how thrilling a study of the Bible can be, and that love has grown with the passing years. How thankful I am that she loved the Bible, and whetted my appetite for God's word.

Attendance at all worship services was a rule at our house. There was never a discussion about whether we were going to attend. That issue was decided long before I came along. One of my most vivid childhood memories had to do with a Sunday morning. Dad and I had gone over to Grandmother's house to pick up some of his hunting dogs before church. On the way back as I hung out the car window watching the dogs follow, I fell out of the car and cut a long gash in my chin. Dad immediately took me to the doctor, and by the time the doctor had finished with me I had enough bandages around my head to have been mistaken for King Tut. Dad used to tell that even before he could explain to my mother what had happened she was saying, "Hurry up! We're going to be late for church." Hebrews 10:25 which exhorts Christians not to neglect meeting together could have been left out of her Bible with no harmful results because I don't think she ever considered the possibility of missing a service.

Of course her religion was not confined to the church house. I can still hear her singing "Blessed Assurance" in the kitchen. It was easy for her to talk about God anytime of the day, or sing praises as she did her chores. I never got the idea that God was locked up in a church building.

Prayer was a constant part of her life. Before every meal we gave thanks. As children she taught us how to pray as she tucked us into bed at night. We prayed before we went on trips, and again upon arriving. Even today when I hear the injunction, "Pray without ceasing," I think of Mother.

In my humble opinion, having a Christian mother is one of the greatest gifts any child can receive.

John Gipson



*Her children rise up and bless her --
Her husband also and he praises her.
Proverbs 31:28*

A Mother's Beatitudes



Blessed is the mother who understand her child, for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.

Blessed is the mother who knows how to comfort, for she shall possess a child's devotion.

Blessed is the mother who guides by the path of righteousness, for she shall be proud of her children.

Blessed is the mother who is never shocked, for she shall receive and know confidence and security.

Blessed is the mother who teaches respect, for she shall be respected.

Blessed is the mother who emphasizes the good and minimizes the bad, for her children shall follow her example.

Blessed is the mother who answers questions honestly, for she shall always be trusted.

Blessed is the mother who treats her children as she would like to be treated, for her home shall always be filled with happiness.

~Copied



Minute of Meditation 910 WLTP

Vince Lombardi was a great football coach for the Green Bay Packers. He was known as an excellent motivator of his players. One of his speeches -- "What it Takes to be Number One" -- is often used to encourage people to give their best. The speech ends with these words, "But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour -- his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear - is that moment when he has to work his heart out in a good cause and he's exhausted on the field of battle -- victorious."

What about you? What do you think it takes to be number one? More importantly, what about your eternal salvation? We

certainly cannot earn our salvation, but we can work hard learning about and following God's will. Through God's grace and mercy, we have hope of eternal life. The apostle Paul, never lost sight of his goal. He said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7)

So what is #1 with you? "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of mediation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.

MEN SERVING MAY 15

ELDER IN CHARGE— Dearll Vincent
DEACON IN CHARGE - Jeff Taberner

SONG LEADERS

AM— John Life
PM— Scott Smith

PRAYER

9:30 AM— Gary Herridge
Close— Walter Morgan
6:00 PM— Ron Riddle
Close— Marion Goldsmith

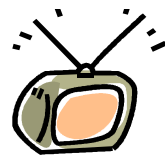
SCRIPTURE

AM— Jim Merrill
PM— Bill Hoover

COMMUNION TABLE

AM— Len Haid
PM— Mike Wade
Kody Inman

PA SYSTEM— Jim Galloway



Watch **"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"** every Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV.

UPCOMING TOPICS

May 15
The Lord's Supper

Friday Night Sings



Transportation will leave here at 5:15 for the Friday Night sing at the Belle congregation.

Transportation will leave at 6:30 for the Leachtown congregation.



AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS/EVENTS

May 8-12

Old Timers Gospel Meeting
Rosemar Church of Christ

John Life will be leading the singing at each service.

Speakers include:

Sunday, May 8 at 10:30- Charles Aebi
4:00 - Glen Logston

Monday, May 9 at 7:00PM - Gene Carrell

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00PM - Lewis Mikell

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00PM - Gene West

Thursday, May 12 at 7:00PM - Denver Cooper

May 8-13

Spencer congregation
Speaker: Rick Tincher

Cairo congregation

May 9- Speaker: Mike Jones and

May 10-Speaker: Larry Wigal

Transportation will leave both evenings at 6:00.

May 9-11

28th Annual INMAN Biblical Preaching Seminar

May 10

Beallsville Church of Christ in Beallsville, OH
Ladies Inspiration Day
Speaker: Patty Sayre

May 15

Sunrise congregation
Speaker: Dr. Charles Aebi

May 16, 17, 18 at 7:00 each evening
Mt. Alto congregation

Details are posted on the bulletin boards in both foyers.

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.

They include Delmas Carr, Kyle Inman, Dwain Shears, and Todd Kirk.



Facts and Figures

May 1, 2011

AM Service.....279

Bible Study.....196

PM Service.....227

Wednesday.....218

Contribution.....\$9819.78

OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011

Baptisms.....3

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....3

Placed Membership....3

Schedule of Services Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....10:45

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00



Happy Mother's Day!

A special thank you to all the mothers that chose to worship with us today!