

From The Minister's Pen



The Blessings of a Godly Mother

On this day that we honor mothers, it is good for sons and daughters to think about how much MOTHERS really do. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day at the suggestion of Anna Jarvis. Since that time, the popularity and importance of Mother's Day has soared. Millions of Americans will call their mother today. Many more millions of Mother's Day cards will be given today. Unfortunately, only about half as many Father's Day cards are given.

The Bible does tell us to "Honor thy father and mother" in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Exodus 20:12 reads, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." In the New Testament the scripture reads, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right: Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-3). Mother's Day is one befitting way to give honor to our Mothers.

When we were young and unable to do for ourselves, in most cases it was mother or grandmother who took care of our needs. They made sure that their children had the necessities of life. They sacrificed their wants and desires for the wants and desires of their husband and children. What we owe our mothers—and fathers—is more than we could ever hope to re-

pay with physical things. The fact is that she will accept a simple, "Mother, I love you" as repayment in full.

On this day we celebrate mothers for all that they do and sacrifice for their homes. **Thank you mothers! We love you!**

We are especially thankful for godly, Christian mothers! These are mothers who have given their lives to Christ and who strive to dedicate their children to Him. We obtain a glimpse at the mindset and behaviors of such women from wonderful Bible mothers.

A Christian mother prays for a child before the child is born. Hanna, like many other women, fervently prayed to God for a child. "And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head." (1 Sam. 1:11) She vowed that her child would be consecrated to the Lord from his infancy to his death. Hannah was very earnest in her entreaty for the Lord to grant her a son. Children are often prayed for even before their birth.

A Christian mother is the first to thank God for the birth of a child. At the birth of her children Eve was thankful that she had received a child from the Lord. "And Adam knew Eve

his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD." (Gen. 4:1) Eve believed that through God's amazing blessing she was enabled to conceive and bring forth a son. The Christian mother recognizes that children are an inheritance from the Lord. The psalmist wrote, "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." (Psa. 127:3-5)

A Christian mother will lovingly protect her child. A Godly mother lovingly protects her child both physically and spiritually. Jochebed showed this amazing quality as she lovingly hid and protected the baby Moses. "And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink." (Exo. 2:3) Christian mothers try extremely hard to safeguard their children.

A Christian mother provides Biblical teaching and spiritual guidance for her child. Solomon wrote, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" (Prov. 1:8). This teaching is done with loving kindness (Prov. 31:26). She seeks the child's good, especially spiritual good. Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him the word of God and that is the way it should be with every Christian mother and her child. Paul wrote, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." (2 Tim. 1:5)

A Christian mother provides an example of righteousness for her child. Elisabeth was a godly example for John. "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest

named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." (Luke 1:5) A mother that walks in God's commandments is of great price.

A Christian mother will be there for her child when the child has been abandoned by all others. How it must have hurt Mary but she stood by Jesus to the end. "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene." (John 19:25). Mother will be there when all other humans forsake you!

A Christian mother stores up a lifetime of memories of her child. A mother has a unique way of storing every little memory of a child in her heart. It was said of Mary, "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart." (Luke 2:51) Build good memories of your child walking close to God.

Some of us still have our mothers alive and we are blessed. Those with Godly mothers have someone praying for them. Some have mothers that have already left this world. If those mothers were lost, they are begging you not to come where they are. (Luke 16:19-31). If those mothers were saved, they are begging you to not miss the joy of an eternity with God (Rev. 21-22). To begin your Christian life: hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17), believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of your past sins (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Rom. 10:9-10) and be baptized into Christ. "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:26-27) After being washed in the blood of Jesus at baptism, keep yourself among the faithful. If you have a Christian mother you are truly blessed because you also have a loving heavenly Father!

Church News and Views

Every Member In Bible School Day



May 29, 2016

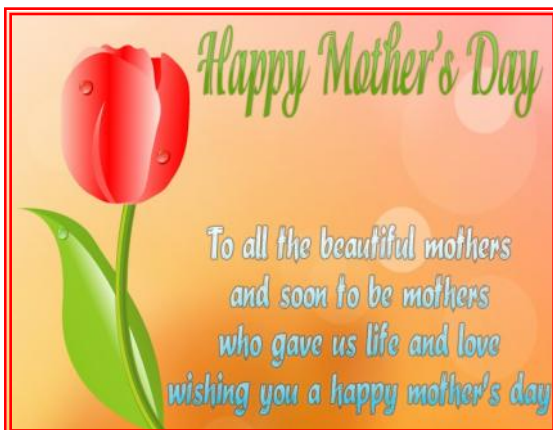
May 29th is the Sunday that EVERY MEMBER should plan to be in Sunday School for **Every Member in Bible School Day!** The Leadership is expecting every gender (*male and female*) and every age-level (*young, middle-aged and senior*) to be in attendance. The goal for “Every Member In Bible School Day” is to double the normal attendance in each class. **TEACHERS!!** Begin working now to double your attendance. Please inform your students. **PARENTS!!** Please make sure that you and your children and/or grandchildren are present. We look forward to seeing everyone here at 9:00AM on May 29th.

Souvenir Book Ads!

Business owners, church ministries and committees — now is the time to prepare to place your ad for the 2016 anniversary souvenir booklet. Ads should be submitted by **May 22nd**. The prices of ads follow:

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| Inside Front Cover | \$225 |
| Inside Back Cover | \$225 |
| Gold Page | \$175 |
| Full Page | \$125 |
| One-half Page | \$ 75 |
| One-quarter Page | \$ 45 |
| One-eighth Page | \$ 35 |

In addition to your ad, the planning committee will need a **NEW PHOTO** of your ministry or committee. **Patrons** should place their donation of **\$5.00** in an envelope and given to the ladies at the **Hospitality Desk**. Please place your name (as it should appear in the souvenir book) on the outside of the envelope.



Reaching the World

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD,
and preach the GOSPEL
to EVERY CREATURE.

mark 16:15

Word On The Street
This Saturday @ 9:30AM
—A ministry for ALL members—

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Vantraveous Williams
 Vandeja Williams
 (Baptized: May 1, 2016)

**THIS WEEK'S
 HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE**

Bible Study (5:00PM)..... TODAY
 Sick Ministry (7:00PM)..... May 9
 Prayer Service (7:00PM) May 11
 Word on the Street (9:30AM)..... May 14

Save The Dates

New Golden Hts.



Church of Christ

GOSPEL MEETING
 July 12th—July 14th
 Samuell Pounds, *Guest Evangelist*

**HEALTH FAIR
 FAMILY DAY**
 Saturday, July 16th

HOMECOMING
 "HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY"
 Sunday, July 17th

**Pray One
 For Another**
 - James 5:16 -

"Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick"
 (John 11:3)

Shut-In:
 Charles Davis, Camille Ewers, Paul Frances,
 Martha Moore, Ermine Mullins, Joyce Parrish,
 Marion Williams, Lillie Jackson

Prayer Requests:
 Bobby Ace, Ethel Bess, Laura Bledge, Louise
 Bowman, Richard Brazil, Raf Campbell, Charlie
 Crawford, Arnetta Cross, Ron Cullingford, Brooklyn
 Delancy, Aletha Denmark, Felisha Downer, Donna
 Eacho, Sharon Eason, Nelzene Edwards, Loerine
 Ellis, Bessie Everitt, Hanley Freeman, Dudley Hill,
 Arbie Humphrey, Lois Hutchison, Jacquelyn Irvin,
 Veanna Irvin, Willie Jewel Jacobs, Becky Johnson,
 Gloria Johnson, Annie Lee, Kevin Larkins, Nancy
 Logan, Suzanna Middleton, George & Sharon
 Monroe, Willie Mae Morris, Jennifer Neita, Jimmy
 Newson, Rosie Newson, Dianjalo Parrish, Donald
 Perdue, Johnny Richardson, Shay Roache, Akiko
 Robinson, Shirley Seays, Richard & Jean Sherman,
 Maxine Smith, Yvonne Stokes, Linda Stokes,
 Brandi Stroman, Alexander (Joe) Sutton, Ernest &
 Mae Thomas, Samantha Tobias, Rolinne Trompe,
 Roosevelt Tukes, Lewis & Jean Truttling, Johnnie
 P. Walker, Johnny Walker, Lillie Walker, Lucille
 Walker, Michael Ward, Ray Watson, Joshua Webb,
 Marie Webb, Annie Williams, Betty Williams,
 Charles Williams, Jackie Williams



The Golden Heights family wishes to recognize and congratulate **two** of our church alumni.

Congratulations to **Jazmin Jones**, who graduated from **Old Dominion University** in Norfolk, VA on Friday, May 6, 2016, with a **Master of Arts** degree in **Lifespan Communication and Digital Media**. She is the daughter of very proud parents, Dr. Reginald and Regina Johnson.

Congratulations also are extended to **Je'von Hutchison**, who will receive his **Master of Business Administration** degree in today's commencement ceremony at **Hampton University** in Hampton, VA.. He is the son of Keith and Kimberly Hutchison.

Jazmin and Je'von's church family is extremely proud of their outstanding academic accomplishments.

“We Come Into This House To Worship Him”

(John 4:24)

MONTH OF MAY

MORNING

EVENING

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| <i>Announcements</i> | Reginald Johnson | Reginald Johnson |
| <i>Song Leader</i> | | |
| <i>Prayer</i> | Willie Hamilton | Henry Brown, Sr. |
| <i>Scripture (Reading)</i> | Raymond Thompson | Raymond Thompson |
| <i>Song</i> | | |
| <i>Sermons</i> | Dr. W. F. Washington | Dr. W. F. Washington |
| <i>Call To Obedience</i> | <u>Counselors:</u> K. Hutchison / J. West C. Jean / W. Hamilton | |
| <i>Confessions /Prayer Petitions</i> | Keith Hutchison (Officiating) | Keith Hutchison (Officiating) |
| <i>Offering (1 Cor. 16:1,2)</i> | AM —<u>Officiating:</u> Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson | |
| <i>Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7)</i> | (1) <i>Left</i> , J. Franklin | (2) <i>Left</i> , J. Thomas |
| | (3) <i>Left</i> , T. Harris | (4) <i>Left</i> , E. Holcombe |
| | (1) <i>Right</i> , B. Byrd | (2) <i>Right</i> , L. Frazier |
| | (3) <i>Right</i> , C. Jean | (4) <i>Right</i> , D. Edwards |
| | <i>Alternate: G. Barbee</i> | |
| | PM —<u>Officiating:</u> Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson | |
| | E. Thompson | M. Hughes |
| | J. Franklin | |
| | E. Holcombe | C. Jean |
| | T. Harris | |
| | <i>Alternates: D. Stokes; J. Thomas</i> | |
| <i>Ministerial Announcements</i> | | |
| <i>Doxology</i> | Dr. W. F. Washington | Dr. W. F. Washington |
| <i>Dismissal</i> | Reginald Johnson | Reginald Johnson |
| <i>Worship and Praise Leaders</i> | Keith Hutchison, Reginald Johnson | |
| <i>Ushers</i> | <u>Head Ushers:</u> Tony Hugley, Booker Bess | |
| | <u>Auditorium:</u> Bros. T. Hugley, B. Bess, F. Williams, D. Adams, E. Thompson, R. Johnson, J. Outler, M. Jeanty, D. Gray, S. Wilson, D. Freeman, R. Rouse, C. Rouse | |
| | <u>Lobby:</u> I. Johnson, H. Penn | <u>Back Hall:</u> D. Brooks, J. West |
| <i>Hospitality Desk / Concierge</i> | Alice George, Sharon Evans | |

Bible School Attendance Report

FROM: The Education Department

May 1, 2016

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE | | COLLECTION | |
|----------------------|------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| | GOAL | NUMBER | GOAL | AMOUNT |
| Church Nursery | | 4 | | |
| Nursery Class(2 & 3) | 10 | 2 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Kindergarten (4 & 5) | 10 | 14* | 12.00 | 6.50 |
| Grades 1 and 2 | 15 | 5 | 25.00 | 3.00 |
| Grades 3 and 4 | 15 | 9 | 25.00 | 7.00 |
| Grades 5 and 6 | 15 | 6 | 30.00 | 30.00* |
| Grades 7 and 8 | 15 | 7 | 30.00 | 23.00 |
| Grades 9 & 10 | 15 | 7 | 30.00 | 13.25 |
| Grades 11 & 12 | 15 | 14 | 30.00 | 30.00* |
| Ladies Class | 65 | 30 | 150.00 | 63.05 |
| Men's Class | 30 | 19 | 150.00 | 53.00 |
| Sound Doctrine Class | 80 | 76 | 200.00 | 183.00 |
| *GOAL MET | Total: | 193 | | \$ 421.80 |

#1 CLASSES OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE
ADULT: Sound Doctrine
YOUTH: Kindergarten

COLLECTION
ADULT: Sound Doctrine
YOUTH: Grades 5 & 6
Grades 11 & 12

SERMON NOTES

| | | GOAL | ACTUAL 5/01/16 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------|-------------------|
| The Record Speaks | Wednesday PM Bible Study | 300 | 181 |
| | Bible School | 300 | 193 |
| | Worship | 1000 | 553 |
| | Baptisms (2016) | 100 | 29 |
| | Placed Membership | | 1 |
| | Visitors | | 4 |