

Morning Worship

May 8, 2016

Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor — Allan Lane

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Organ — Alva Lou Schottel

Piano — Marcia Hart

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Welcome and Fellowship

Allan/People

Mother's Day Recognition

Hymn # 227	"Praise Him, Praise Him"	Tim/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Chorus # 230	"How I Love You"	Tim/People
Hymn # 197	"Rejoice, the Lord is King"	Tim/People
Offering Prayer		Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Marcia Hart
Hymn # 546	"Love Lifted Me"	Tim/People
Anthem	"The Lord's Love Medley"	Worship Choir
Children's Worship		(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading		Allan/People
Message	"The Perfect Mother"	Allan Lane
Hymn # 316	"Jesus Is Tenderly Calling"	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Chorus of # 206	"Blessed Be the Name"	Tim/People

The Perfect Mother

Titus 2:1-5 May 8, 2016

While our culture spins out of control and the family unit breaks down, the Bible lifts up the family and exalts the place of the woman in the home. Motherhood is a ministry of teaching, preparing children to follow God's pathways, and being an example of the love of Jesus. Titus gives ancient advice with contemporary authority.

It seems we hear every day about wicked mothers who do evil things, but I believe most people have good mothers who do their best. No mother is perfect / motherhood is no easy job. Our culture has embraced as its greatest value personal happiness. The dangers of divorce, acceptance of sexual immorality, and a preoccupation with self-fulfillment have taken their toll on the family. While our culture spins out of control and the family unit breaks down, the Bible lifts up the family and exalts the place of the woman in the family. Motherhood is a ministry. It is a ministry of teaching, preparing children to follow God's pathways, and being an example of the love of Jesus.

Titus ministered in a pagan environment among Christians who had a background in such violence, dishonesty, and immorality that the Cretans were legendary for it (1:12). The Christian Women were trying to be godly, but they were living in a supremely ungodly society. The older women are exhorted to teach / train the young women in the noble, excellent, and beautiful things of life.

1) Love your husband .

a) Marriage takes priority .

The marriage relationship takes priority. Ephesians 5:22-33 lays down the principles that should govern the home where the husband and wife desire to love each other in the will of God.

When the marriage relationship is priority:

*The wife and husband will be the most fulfilled.

*The children will learn how to have successful marriage.

*The wife and husband will both be aware of the dangers of placing other pursuits as priorities above the marriage relationship.

b) Marriage sets precedence .

This is in contrast to the ungodliness of our world where personal happiness is placed above every other priority. Christian Marriage must be modeled and openly viewed as the way God intended for things to be. We must take a stand in order for the world to see how much better Christian marriage is for people. Godly Mothers in an Ungodly World love their husbands.

2) Love your children .

Loving our children does not mean: Giving them everything they want; Making sure that they keep up with the world; Make their own religious decision. Loving children requires:

a) This requires discipline .

Proverbs 23:13-14 says discipline is a sign of love.

b) This requires teaching .

This includes **Teaching** them to love Jesus Christ. Sharing the Gospel. Instilling the Christian Worldview.

c) This requires caring .

Caring for their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs (Psalm 127:3-5, 2 Timothy 1:5). Godly Mothers love their husband and children.

3) Develop Christian character .

a) Be self-controlled .

Be Self-Controlled (discreet KJV; sensible NASB; live wisely NLT). This means to be sober minded. The young woman is to think about what she is doing with her life. The Cretans were known for a lack of self-control. This is a fruit of the Spirit - it influences all we do (1 Timothy 2:9).

b) Be pure .

This relates to a commitment to your marriage vows. This relates to spiritual influence in the home (1 Peter 3:1-2). This relates to the image of purity. Christian women are to be chaste, modest, pure in heart and mind. Think in terms of speech, dress, and all relationships. Christian mothers need to pass these on to children.

He throws in here "**Work at Home**" (5). In the time of Titus, there were false teachers who were dividing families with their teachings. Many worldly elements work against families today. Paul is not prohibiting women working outside the home, but he clearly urges that the home take a position of priority in our lives. Christian homes are created, they do not just happen. New Testament Commentator William Barclay said, "It is the simple fact that there is no greater task, responsibility and privilege in this world than to make a home."

c) Be kind .

Be Kind. Kindness deals with doing good, being benevolent toward others, hospitality, having a giving nature.

d) Be submissive .

Be Submissive ... to Your Husband. "God has created an order which includes a masculine 'headship'; not of authority... but of responsibility and loving care" (John R.W. Stott). "Where love and mutual respect rule the home there will be little problem

with submission on the part of the wife. The husband is not a dictator, but he exercises his headship primarily by service. This is the same way that Jesus expressed his headship over the church" (Bruce Stewart). These character qualities are quite different than what was common among the Cretans and they are not as common in our culture either.

Conclusion

Once there was a little boy sitting on his front steps with his face cradled in his hands, looking so forlorn. His dad came home just then and asked him what was wrong. The little boy looked up and said, "Well, just between us, Dad, I've been having a little trouble getting along with your wife today!"

The Mom Ministry is one of the toughest assignments God ever gave anybody. She's got to be as insightful as a psychologist, tough as a Marine Corps drill instructor, gentle as a nurse. She's got to be a labor and management negotiator, a teacher, an electrician, a plumber and a carpenter. It requires an endless supply of energy, a massive amount of patience, and iron will, and recognition of the fact that if she ever gets sick, she's got to get well before the end of the school day.

600 college students were asked to write down the most beautiful word in the English language. 422 of them wrote the word "mother."

Being a Godly Mother in an Ungodly World isn't an easy task. We need to pray for our mothers often.

Pray for Mothers Often!

A Parable for Mothers

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young woman cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of the day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary but at all times she said to her children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth--clouds of war and hate and

evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds and everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and months and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were strong and tall, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother; and when the way was rough they lifted her, for she was light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her, and they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a Living Presence."

I know for many of you...Mother's Day is difficult...for some it's because children weren't possible...for others, Mom is no longer physically present for you to honor, for others Mom wasn't the perfect picture of Christ's love in your home.... But on our journey in this life there are very few more important signs than "children at play"...and very few individuals that shape our journey more... helping us choose the right path than Mom. (copied)

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, May 8, 2016

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice,

Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 11

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am
Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 12

R Team.....6:30 pm

Saturday, May 14

Mission Trip Meeting...10:00 am

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough,
Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 18

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study 6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 19

O Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

May 8 — Mother's Day

May 11 — Prayer Warriors

May 14 — Mission Trip Meeting SJBA Office 10:00 am

May 15 — Business Meeting and Luncheon at Noon

— Food Pantry Collection Day

May 22 — Diversicare 2:30 pm

May 23 — Sunday School Workers Meeting 6:30 pm

May 30 — Memorial Day

June 8 —12 Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

We will not have Sunday Evening Service here tonight due to Mother's Day, etc. Plan to attend next week!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Prayer matters!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Fellowship Dinner and Business Meeting

May 15 at Noon

Please plan to attend and fellowship with us as we conduct the business of the church.

Funeral Dinner List Update

We are needing an updated list of those who can help by preparing food for any funeral dinners that we host here at the church. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Congratulations Graduate!

Jaden Schottel is graduating from Mid Buchanan High School. You are invited to an open house honoring Jaden today from 4 pm—8 pm at 11071 SE 32nd Road, Saint Joseph MO 64507.

Mission Trip Meeting

May 14,
at 10 am at the
Saint Joseph Baptist
Association Office.

New Address:

Linda Dotson

4426 West Haverill Drive Saint Joseph, Missouri 64506
816-676-1976 (home) or 387-6103 (cell)

For the Record-

Attendance: May 1, 2016

Sunday School.....	53
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	53
Contacts Made.....	4
Morning Worship.....	60
Children's Worship.....	14
Sunday Night	6
Wednesday Night	14

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received...	\$ 3,028.02

Offering Received by Mail:

May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

May Van Driver:

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

May Member Birthdays:

03... Vicki Long
11... Hannah Schottel
12... Rev. A. B. Brown
17... Arlette Duty
20... Pam Eldredge
20... Erin Molloy
20... Mike Green
26... Isaac Waters

May Anniversaries

Russ and Nancy McCamy

May 22, 1982

Tim and Joyce Izer

May 24, 1975

Prayer Requests ...

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

The Family of Susan Patten

The Family of Lester Buck

Joyce and Tim Izer—pray for healing

Dorothy Post—healing

Pat Puckett—strength

Mike Green—recovery

David Schottel—recovery

Ken Nice—surgery recovery

Alicia McKinnon—healing

LoLeta Middleton—eye infection

Maxine and George Ferbert

Betty Anslinger—surgery recovery

Sue Higgins—regain strength

Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew

Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris' Richardson's sisters

Grant Schottel—advanced training

Henrietta Caballero—Brigida's Sister

Austin Chalfant—Abby's nephew

Gary and Marilyn Singleton—health

Bob Barquist Kathryn Beavers

Louanne Laurence Keon McKahan

Allen Jennings Ann Riddle

Jim Winans Jozy Winans

Nellie Reynolds Leona Reynolds

Kevin Duty Kenny Duty

Madeline Swink Bobby Griswold

Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests .

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...