

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

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not yet being of the human race. Such "tissue" can easily be discarded with government funding. After all, can we not respect a "woman's choice"? I read that some time back 41% of pregnancies in NYC result in abortions and over 50% in the Bronx. Some now defend the idea of letting children who survive abortions die unassisted, or even killing them. The fact that should be evident is that even women often do not value the fruit of their wombs. While abortion practitioners and government officials choose to ignore the humanity of the child in the womb, medical science, as well as Scripture, affirms it.

The Bible speaks of characteristics of the "last days" as including "without natural affection" (2 Timothy 3:3). It seems inconceivable that anyone would choose to kill a child, but I would think the least probable would be the mothers. I fear that this trend in devaluing marriage and human life will have fearful consequences for our nation. We need godly men and women who are willing to eschew "political correctness" and stand up for what is right. Stand up for motherhood!

THANK YOU CARD

I would like to thank each of you who called, sent text and messages, cards or offers of help in any way before and after my surgery.

It was such a comfort knowing I had brothers and sisters offering prayers on my behalf.

I appreciate so much every act of kindness that was extended to me during this time.

Love & blessings,
Martha Cyphers



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Stand Up For Motherhood

by Ron Bartanen

Is motherhood no longer sacred? Has a mother become no more than a flesh-and-blood incubator to bring a child into the world—providing anybody wants the child? Motherhood was once regarded as the highest privilege God has given to humankind. For a woman to bear a child who was fathered by her husband was an occasion to be celebrated. Upon birth, the child would be nurtured by loving parents—a mother and father. They recognized and fully accepted their roles in providing for the needs of their children throughout their growing-up years. While, for many, this is still true (thank God!), yet it is not difficult to see a steady decline in esteeming motherhood in this manner.

I am concerned, that fathers often take little responsibility, if any, for their children, but I will reserve comments on this for a later date. I believe God designed women especially to be nurturers. It is sad that economic situations have driven mothers from cradles to breadwinners. More sadly, however, is that many have turned the caring of the children over to others for reasons other than necessities of life. Some are elated as efforts are made to bring government into the process of child-rearing at the earliest age possible. Are we believing that the "village" (government) is better qualified for the training and education of children than loving parents? Schools are removing references to mothers and fathers in classes and school books. We are also being fed the lie that two people of the same sex are as capable of raising a child as a father and mother would be.

With the government's approval of abortion, there has been a decline in the way in which a child is often viewed. A child in its mother's womb has been described as "a blob of tissue," somehow as
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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher at home. Wayne is her caregiver, goes to Glasgow on Mon., Wed. and Fridays for dialysis; Lori Brewer; Joyce Dye had a skin cancer removed that is melanoma; Sue Bunnell; Lois Edwards recovering at home from a fractured C1 in her neck; Dennis Hatcher; Jamie Proffitt; Mark Hatcher with "walking pneumonia"; Laura Brooks is not feeling well; Ken Russell had procedure on his eye lids; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush; Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; Daryl Lowe taking chemo treatments; Victoria Adams recovering from a broken leg; Gayla Fudge Graham; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Glenda Turner (friend of Wayne & Becky in Statesville, NC being treated for a type of T-Cell Lymphoma

SYMPATHY Everett Jones (Becky Hatcher's uncle) passed away in Valpariso, IN on Sat.

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

HIGHLAND RIDGE Glasgow
Wanda Proffitt

NHC Glasgow
Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow
Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Spring Quarter on the theme: Gospel Personages. Lesson 10 "Thomas" John 11:12-16; John 14:1-6; 20:24-29 Wayne will be the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne is to preach at 11 am "Strong Brave Mothers Are Needed" Danny McCain will preach at 5 pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Scott Huff is scheduled to teach this Wed. as we meet at 6 p.m. "Colossians"

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring "In Search of the Lord's Way" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

His Lessons in May

May 7 - "Finding the Truth"

May 14 - "I Am Not Ashamed"

May 21 - "Rejoice in the Lord"

May 28 - "Can I Repent?"

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"Light of the World" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

"In Search of the Lord's Way" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

Mothers: The Heart of the Family

Nations rise and fall, empires prosper or crumble, and men are stirred to great accomplishments or driven to shameful failure often because of the influence of a wife or mother. The wise poet has properly said, "The hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the world."

For most women, motherhood is a great privilege, a crowning joy and a sublime fulfillment. Perhaps the greatest privilege of motherhood is that of sharing and giving. No one shares and gives as a mother does. She shares her body with another in order to conceive. She shares it again with her unborn child. Then she shares her time, energy and talent with it after it is born in order to meet its needs and cause it to grow and develop. But most of all, she shares her heart and her love as she weeps, laughs, sorrows and rejoices with her child through the months and years of infancy, adolescence

and youth and adulthood.

Motherhood, while being a great privilege, also involves obligation. No task on earth requires more dedication, greater skill or fuller commitment. Her responsibilities demand devotion to the highest ideals and patient perseverance over long years of time. Her task is formidable, because there is no human obligation that is less adaptable to substitution than motherhood. You can substitute for the teacher, policeman, governor, and almost anyone else, but no one has found an adequate substitute for a mother's love.

The greatest writers and speakers of the ages have tried to capture the fullness of motherhood but all have failed to maximize it. Only in Scripture do we see the blessedness of a good mother fully described. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her; Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:28-31).

Happy and blessed is the home and the children of a loving mother, one devoted to her husband, children, and the Lord. Let us thank God if our home is so blessed.

- Gene Taylor

It's Called "The World" For A Reason

This past January 28 marked 45 years that I have been blessed to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ full time. If you had told me 45 years ago that in America today we would have not only same-sex "marriage" but public schools being forced to permit biological males to use the girls' restrooms and locker rooms, I would have thought you were an over-the-top alarmist. I look back now,

however, and ask myself, "Why are you surprised?"

I understand the consternation my brethren express as we watch our country sink deeper and deeper into the moral cesspool. But again, why are we surprised? Less than 40 years after the church began Paul warned Timothy that "evil men and imposters will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived"(2 Timothy 3:13). Don't we know better than to think that applied only in the first century A.D.? John told his readers, "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" (1 John 5:19).

It's called "the world" for a reason! "World" refers not to a ball of rock, water, etc., but to everyone and everything opposed to God. We err when we expect the world to behave like Christians should! God has called us to be genuinely counter culture by living and teaching so as to display a stark contrast to the world's darkness.

We ought to be alarmed when those wearing the name of Christ adopt the standards of the world. A few years ago, a major university associated with churches of Christ deliberately (though unsuccessfully) attempted to bring two "chaplains" on board from an openly LGBTQ+ church in the DFW area. More recently a church of Christ (?) in Connecticut identified itself as fully LGBTQ+ inclusive.

Here is something you may have seen on social media: "Jesus ate with sinners, not because He wanted to appear inclusive, tolerant, and accepting, but to call them to a changed and fruitful life. Jesus calls for transformation of life, not for affirmation of identity." Amen and Amen! —Joe Slater

(very well said bro. Slater!! -Wayne)