

Those To Serve

Sunday, May 11, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Johnny Knabe

Closing: Jim Case

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Robert Foster

Closing: Ray England

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Singing: Randy Harris

Devotional: Dwayne Millikin

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, May 4, 2025

AM 45 PM 33

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [32]

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

33 *[Average for the Year]* [31]

Contribution:

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Actual \$ 2,951.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 42,732.00

[Average] \$ 2,374.00

[+/- Budget] \$ 451.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,268.00)

Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for May 11, 2025

A.M.—The Influence of Mothers

P.M.—A Study of Galatians (4)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:9-18

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Influence of Mothers

1 Samuel 1:9-18

Today is a special day. Not only is it the Lord's Day, but it is also a day we set aside to honor our mothers. I was blessed with a godly mother who had a great influence on me, and she is in great part the reason I am the man I am today. In this lesson we want to look at the influence of mothers as seen in the lives of different mothers and women in the Bible.

The text for this lesson tells of a special mother named Hannah. 1 Samuel 1:5, 6 tells us that Hannah was barren because the Lord had closed her womb. Hannah wanted a child and was "provoked" by her husband Elkanah's other wife so much that when Hannah went to the house of the Lord once a year she would weep and not eat (v. 7). However, Hannah prayed and made a vow to the Lord that if He allowed

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her to have a child she would dedicate that child to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:10,11). Her prayer can be read in our text, and that prayer was heard; Hannah kept her promise. We don't know how old Samuel was when Hannah took him to the temple to leave him where he "would remain there forever" (v. 22), but we can rest assured that Samuel, who would become a great leader, was influenced by his godly praying mother who kept her vow to God.

Another great women of influence in the Bible and an example of the type of woman a mother should be is Ruth. Even though Ruth was free to leave Naomi, her mother-in-law, she chose to remain loyal to her and even follow Naomi's God who was none other than Lord Jehovah (Ruth 1:16, 17). We need women who will be as devoted as Ruth was to her family. Christ would also come through her lineage through Obed, the grandfather of David (Matthew 1:5). Women like Ruth, who will give themselves to the Lord and remain faithful to their families, are needed in the home.

Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, is another example of the type of influence a mother should have. In Luke 10, we have the account of when Jesus came to Martha's house for a meal. It seems that Martha became agitated that her sister Mary was spending time listening to the Lord instead of helping her get the meal prepared and served. Martha complained to the Lord, and yet the Lord complimented Mary for choosing the "good part" that could not be taken away (vs. 41, 42). Mary may have looked for the food that endured to everlasting life (Jn. 6:27).

Another woman who had a great influence was one that might not be thought of because she was a Canaanite woman. She had a demon-possessed daughter and is read about in Matthew 15 (v. 22). Three evident things can be seen about her: one, she came to the right person for help (v. 22); second, she worshiped at the right time (v. 25); and lastly, she was rewarded for her worship (v. 28). We need mothers who will seek the Lord out in times of need.

Lastly, we want to consider the influence of Lydia in Acts 16.

Lydia made sure she worshiped even though there probably was not a synagogue in Philippi. She went to the "customary" place to pray down by the river (v. 13). Lydia would open her heart to God's word (v.14) and would open her home to Paul (v. 15). We need mothers who open their hearts to the Lord.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Robert Barber**, Lea Barber's husband, is home from the hospital. **Michael England** had his test done on Monday and is waiting for the doctor to determine what to do next. **Glen Mize** was in the ER last week but is doing somewhat better. **Eunice Mize** is still not feeling well. **Bobby Smithee** had a heart cath done on Tuesday. He has one artery that is 50 percent blocked, but it did not require a stent. **David White** is in room 3352b in WRH for rehab. He will also have a pacemaker put in on Monday. **Lavon Rogers** will have another stent placed on May 12. **Nancy Duncan** is struggling with her health. **Darrel Fulbright**, the father-in-law of Robert and Frances' daughter Vanessa, has a spot on his bladder and will have a procedure done on Thursday.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Joy Hutson, Pat and Manda McGough, Dwayne Millikin, Glenda Mitchell, and David Yates

Visitation Meeting: There will be a visitation meeting today after the evening service.

Ladies Craft: We will have a craft for the ladies to do here at the church building on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and the fun. If you have questions, please see Donna England.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cooking Spray

Vacation Bible School: This year's VBS is June 2-5. The theme is "Untangled—Wild about God's Plan." Please start praying and working for a successful VBS.

Nursing Home Service: This month's service at Mountain Meadows will be next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.