

Mt Zion Christian Church Newsletter-MAY 2018

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Mom, How Do You Fill in the Blank?

By Adam Faughn

We are a nation of adjectives. We cannot just say something; we have to add descriptive words to make sure we get just the right sense of meaning in all that we are talking about. That seems to be especially true when it comes to describing people. One person is good, while another is friendly. Someone is kindhearted, while another is cruel. We are always describing people.

This month, we will be celebrating mothers on the day set aside by our nation to honor them. It is always interesting to me to hear how people describe their mother. Nearly every time, there is a description.

"She was a wonderful mother."

"She is a mother who is always there for us."

"She is a sweet lady."

"She is always thinking of others first."

And on and on it goes. We almost never simply say, "She's my mom!" We constantly add something to honor her. Knowing that, moms need to ask how they are living their lives! What kind of description would others say about you? The virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 had children who "rise up and call her blessed" (v. 28), because she lived the right kind of life before them.

Moms, if your children were to write out what they think of you and leave blanks where the descriptive words go, how would you fill in those blanks? Your life will answer that question.

Mothers Are Special

By Edd Sterchi

When God made mothers He made a very special creature indeed. The unconditional love God gave mothers for their children is probably the closest thing on earth to His incredible love for us. The gentle tenderness a mother expresses in handling her newborn child is so reminiscent of the tender loving care God promises to the faithful.

The sincere sympathy mothers show for hurt elbows and hurt hearts is not unlike the compassion God has for us. The sacrificial unselfishness mothers demonstrate time and time again towards their children reminds us of how benevolent God has been to us.

The soft special kisses and the always sweet smiles that mothers so generously give can help us to understand and appreciate the joy God has designed for families in the here and now and for Christians forevermore.

God bless loving mothers for showing us many important things about God.

SMILE A WHILE—

Since the spoiled little boy seldom left his mother's side in all his five years, his parents were naturally concerned when he came home from his first day of school. "Tell me," cried the mother as she hugged him. "Did you cry at school today?" "No," said the little terror, "but the teacher did!"

God's Memorial Day

By Travis L. Quertermous

The last Monday of every May is Memorial Day, a holiday celebrated to honor the soldiers who gave their lives to defend our nation. It is certainly right and proper that we give these brave Americans such an honor as they have made the ultimate sacrifice for us all.

But did you know God also has a memorial day in honor of His Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life to save us from sin and hell? It comes not just once a year, but every Sunday in honor of the resurrection of our Savior. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus arose from the dead on the first day of the week (Matt. 28:1). On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus Christ established the Lord's Supper for Christians to remember His atoning death on their behalf. In Luke 22:19, Christ taught us "do this in remembrance of me." According to Acts 20:6-7, the early church observed the Lord's Supper every Sunday and only on Sunday. We observe communion in memory of Christ's death on the day of His resurrection. There is a vital spiritual connection between the Lord's Day and the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, then, is God's Memorial Day in honor of the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. The church gathers for worship every Sunday to honor God and His Son. If it is right to honor those who gave their lives for our country, is it even more right to honor Jesus Christ who gave His life to save us from eternal separation from Him? Will you be at church this Sunday (and every Sunday) to observe God's Memorial Day?

The Mt. Zion support Group met on April 4 at Cracker Barrel in Mebane. We had a small group today. Only 4 of us were there to enjoy a great meal and good fellowship. We will try Cracker Barrel, again, on May 2 @11:30.

Please come and join us!
Libby Atkins

The Men's Prayer Breakfast was held on Saturday April 28 and seventeen attended. Those present were: Anthony Cole, Jim Stephenson, Doug Atkins, Lewis Baker, Robert Bridges, Rick Webster, Haywood Shue, Pete Enroughty, Jerry Lane, Johnnie Parker, Gary Moran, Mike Enroughty, Max Thompson, Jeff Kirby, Cecil Shue, Asie and Sandra Glasgow. A delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all, along with warm fellowship and prayers. All those ailing in our families, our church and our community were lifted up for God's healing.

Our next breakfast will be on May 26.

Please come and join us!
Jerry Lane

Happy Birthday

- 5/2 Nicholas Byrd
- 5/3 Caleb Day
- 5/5 Emily Tatum
- 5/7 Len Shue, Laura Alvis, Jordan King, Paul Young
- 5/8 Bernice Moore
- 5/9 Alvin Brooks, Katie Carter
- 5/10 Danny Jones, Paul Toellen
- 5/11 Ophelia Evans
- 5/12 Michelle Guthrie
- 5/13 Joyce Parker
- 5/16 Teresa Moran, Rhonda Kernodle
- 5/18 Amanda Loy Rigsbee
- 5/19 Debby Stephenson
- 5/20 Sandra Glasgow
- 5/21 Debbie Evans, Jane Collins, Tami Parker, Judy Young, Randall Wilkerson
- 5/22 David McSherry
- 5/23 Kellie Kirkpatrick, Catherine Bradley
- 5/25 Juanita Moore, Dallas Myatt
- 5/26 Chad Leach, Sandra Gentry, Tommy Younger
- 5/28 Mike Cocks, Stacey Young, Makayla VanDusen
- 5/29 Percilla Shepherd
- 5/30 Keith Allen

Happy Anniversary

- 5/2 Ricky & Sue Ann Gentry
- 5/6 Jeremy & April Brooks Black
- 5/9 Jim & Rhonda Parker
- 5/10 Brandon & Ashley Singleton
- 5/14 William & Michelle Guthrie
- 5/17 Chris & Story Rudder
- 5/21 Neal & Laura Moran Stanfield
- 5/25 Dallas & Lou Ann Vaughan Myatt
- 5/26 Dennis & Connie Yeatts
- 5/31 Chad & Traci Kirby Leach

Activities for MAY 2018

Each Wednesday Night

Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:30PM

Choir Practice @ 7:30PM

- 5/2 Mt Zion Support ---Cracker Barrel @11:30AM
- 5/6 HOMECOMING--with Salt & Light @10:30AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 5/7 Ladies Circle @6:30PM
- 5/13 MOTHER'S DAY---Flower Fund--SS

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN (PROVERBS 31)

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After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

Last month's answer: SUFFERING

Blessed, Bread, Children, Clothed, Dignity, Eager, Earnings, Elders, Faithful, Family, Fingers, Food, Garments, Good, Household, Husband, Kindness, Laugh, Lord, Loving, Merchant, Noble, Plant, Praised, Provides, Reward, Rubies, Sashes, Scarlet, Speaks, Spindle, Strength, Strong, Supplies, Vigorous, Vineyard, Watches, Wisdom

From the Pastor's Desk---APRIL 2018

Dear Church Family,
 We have seen many miracles within our church family and our community. This month is no different than the others.
 Brother Pete Enroughty had been seriously ill this month and confined to the I.C.U. in Alamance Regional Hospital.
 But, our God heard the many, many prayers that went up for him and He blessed Pete and us with a wonderful outcome!
 On April 22nd 2018, Pete returned to his church family during our Sunday Morning Service.
 We are so thankful for answered prayers, but, we also see that God can answer and will answer prayers in our own lives too.
 We serve a Wonderful and Loving God!
 On April the 28th the youth of our church under the leadership of Story Rudder and our other Youth Directors held a Spaghetti Supper to raise money to help one of our own Andrew Chilton to be a part of a wonderful Mission Trip to the Cayman Islands. While there they will participate in Vacation Bible Schools and Andrew will be able to share his God given gift of music with children and adults alike. There are many ways to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and music is one of the most well received ways to the heart of believers and non-believers alike.
 Thank you to our leaders, youth, adults and to all who helped in making this a Great Night!
 We have a lot to come in May and every month of 2018, please join in and be a part of the Work and Love of our Savior Jesus Christ here at Mount Zion!
 God Bless and always remember....

God Loves you and so do I!
 Pastor rick

- 5/14 BOCE/Deacons & Deaconesses 7:00PM
- 5/20 Graduation Sunday--Wedding Luncheon after service for Michael & Michelle Patrum
- 5/26 Men's Prayer Breakfast @7:00AM
- 5/27 MEMORIAL SERVICE-Deacon's Fund