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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

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THANKFUL FOR A GODLY MOTHER

By Jonnie Hutchison

When God formed the marriage relationship He gave us both fathers and mothers. His desire was that *“a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife”* (Genesis 2:24a), and that both father and mother live godly lives and produce godly children by bringing them up in *“the training and admonition of the Lord.”* (Eph. 6:4). Godly parents are a blessing to their children and to future generations.

Each year our nations sets aside special days to honor both fathers and mothers. Today is *“Mother’s Day.”* I am thankful that I was blessed with a godly mother because....

A Godly Mother Exemplifies Her Lord (1 Peter 2:21). In doing so, she sets a godly example for her children to follow. A godly mother can say along with the apostle Paul, *“Imitate me as I also imitate Christ”* (1 Cor. 11:1).

A Godly Mother Loves Her Children Unconditionally (Romans 5:8-9). Just as our God

loves His children so does a godly mother. A godly mother loves her children in spite of their mistakes or their failures. A godly mother will train her children to correct those mistakes and do better. In

her love she is quick and ready to forgive when her child says, *“I’m sorry.”* (Psalm 85:5).

A Godly Mother Disciplines Her Children. Just as our loving God

disciplines His children, so does a godly mother (Heb. 12:6). This is a part of *“training up a child in the way he should go”* producing a lifelong desire to serve God (Prov. 22:6). A godly mother does not punish her children from a heart of anger or retaliation, but from a heart of love with their best interests in mind.

A Godly Mother Leaves Her Children With Precious Memories. Her children remember her as a **comforter** in the face of fear and dread. A **nurse and healer** in the face of sick-



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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, and Hayes and Marjorie Grady.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Bonnie Byerly, Tommy Boggess, David Lemmons, and Betty Craft (wife of Eddy) who is suffering from heart problems. Please pray for Kim Burrows who is one of our Bible Correspondence course students who is suffering hardship at this time.

SPRING SESSION OF THE SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES is now history. We had good attendance and the lessons presented were excellent. Thanks to the elders for planning this event and for each one who attended, provided snacks and made our study a success. The fall session of GPSBS is scheduled for September 2023 with Luke Puckett teaching the book of Daniel and Josh Manning the book of Romans.

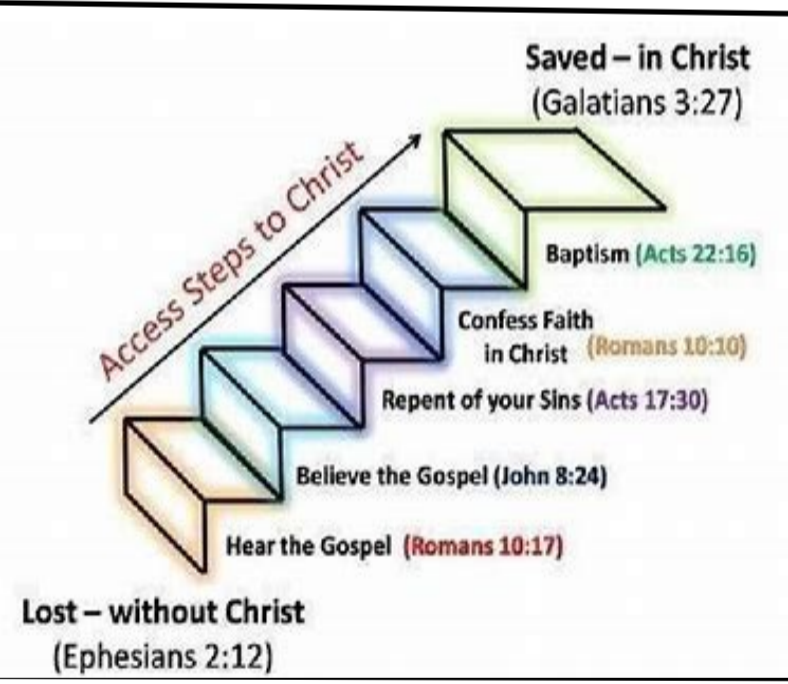
PANTRY ITEMS May 2023: 7—Peanut Butter; 14-Mixed Verges; 21—Green Beans; 28-Jelly or Jams. All items must be non-perishable or canned.

May 2023; Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.

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HOME BIBLE STUDY; Request a **FREE** home Bible study—“*Back to the Bible*” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Contact us to set up a time for our teachers to come into your home or meet at our building to begin this study.

“Philippians 4:6, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”



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ness. An **advisor and councilor** when decisions were to be made. A **teacher and educator** in school homework, Bible study and the training desired by the Lord. Children remember that their godly mother wept with them when they wept and rejoiced with them in their accomplishments. Godly mothers leave their children with precious memories of their daily care including clean clothes, special dishes prepared just for them and spending quality time playing their favorite games with them.

Yes, I am thankful for my godly mother and all that she has done for me through the years of my life. I am also thankful that I was privileged to marry the godly mother of our children. I am sure that many of our readers share that same sentiment.

If you are a mother reading this article, let me encourage you to accept your responsibility to be the godly mother God wants you to be— for your sake and your children's. You will never regret that decision either in time or eternity.

THANK YOU MOTHER -Trent Thasher

We are told to give thanks in everything (1 Thes. 5:18) and so this is a fitting time to say thank you to all the godly mothers.

The mothers whose faith is genuine, sincere, and lacking in hypocrisy just like Timothy's mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5), Thank you.

The mothers who wake up early and go to bed late to make sure their families are taken care of (Prov. 31:13-19), Thank you.

The mothers who make sure their children are dressed properly (1 Sam. 2:19; Prov. 31:21), Thank you.

The mothers who provide for the poor and needy (Prov. 31:20), Thank you.

The mothers who are industrious (Prov. 31:16-19; Prov. 31:22; Prov. 31:24; Prov. 31:27), Thank you.

The mothers who are filled with wisdom and kindness and share it with others (Prov. 31:26), Thank you.

The mothers who fear the LORD (Prov. 31:28-30), Thank you.

Above all, the mothers who stand by the cross of Jesus (John 19:25), Thank you!

THE QUALITIES OF A VIRTUOUS WIFE AND MOTHER

Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.¹¹ The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.¹² She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.¹³ She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar.¹⁵

She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp

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THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2023

Announcements: Chad Canter

Lord's Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Lord's Table PM: 7-Roy; 14-Junior; 21-Roy; 28-Junior

Opening Prayer AM

7-Jonnie; 14-Bobby; 21-James; 28-Jim L.

Closing Prayer PM

7-Dave; 14-Mike; 21-Jesse; 28-Don

Song Leaders

AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

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does not go out by night. ¹⁹ She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle. ²⁰ She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet. ²² She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants. ²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness. ²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹ "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, **But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.** ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.—**Proverbs 31:10-31.**

COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
Book of Acts

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"The One Answer to the Problems of Society"

SUNDAY PM WORSIP 6:00
"Would You Let Jesus Wash Your Feet?"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
Book of Matthew



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