

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 8, 2016

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Gene McDonald

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Jamie Sanford, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles, Terry Galloway, Jon Sanford, Patrick Atkins, Marvin White, Jimmy Harrison, Otto Tolbert

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A GREAT WOMAN"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE ONCE FOR ALL SACRIFICE OF CHRIST"

WE REJOICE THAT CONNOR RODEN WAS BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST SUNDAY EVENING

OUR VBS IS JUNE 5-9. BE MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND AND INVITE OTHERS

GOSPEL MEETING MAY 15-17 AT GOODSPRINGS

BIRTHDAYS:

May 10: Betty Honeycutt

ANNIVERSARIES:

May 9: Tammy & Jon Whitfield

12: J.D. & Bobbie Dailey

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
Carlton Myers 221-0637
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Danny Busby 387-0213
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A GREAT WOMAN (2 Kings 4:8-37)

I. _____.

A. Verse 8 tells us that she had Elisha _____ in her home every time he came through the town of Shunem.

B. She was willing to sacrifice of her _____ and _____ to provide a place for Elisha to rest when he came through town.

C. I have never known a group of people more sacrificial than _____.

1. They give up their time, energy, desires, and other things for their _____.

2. How many mothers have you known who did _____ so that their children and even husbands could have things they simply wanted?

D. Mothers are constantly _____ of their children.

E. This great lady was willing to _____ for others to make sure that they were taken care of and this helped make up Elisha's mind.

II. _____.

A. Notice 2 Kings 4:9.

B. She had come to _____ that Elisha was a man of God.

1. She came to understand that he not only was a man of God but a _____ man of God.

2. She had _____ for God and His people.

C. The world in which we live is one where spirituality is _____.

D. We need mothers who will instill _____ in their children through teaching them the Bible (2 Timothy 1:5).

E. The Lord's church is vitally important, but the homes of her members must be _____ with spirituality.

F. If the homes are not spiritual, the _____ won't be as well.

G. This woman was _____ and it helped make up Elisha's mind.

III. _____.

A. Elisha decided to do something for this great woman to show his _____ for her kindness.

B. "I _____ among mine own people".

C. This woman was _____ with where she was in life.

D. Too many times we get so discontent with what we have in life that we _____ as parents.

1. We get so busy _____ money or things that we leave our children.

2. We have never learned the lesson _____ had learned (Philippians 4:11).

MOTHERS OF SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN

Tim Dooley

Put God First. You cannot ensure spiritual success if you do not put God first in your life! It is the basis upon which all spiritual blessings are offered (Matthew 6:33). You simply cannot be the mother your children need you to be if God is not the top priority in your life. You are either with God or against God (Matthew 12:30). For a fact your children are watching you and will see what is most important to you. You cannot serve both God and physical things (Matthew 6:24). In other words what takes priority in your life? Whatever it is will most likely be what your children will emphasis as well.

Love Your Husband. Your children need to know that you love your husband (Titus 2:4). Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be heavily based upon what they see at home. When they see their mother disrespect and dishonor their father it will have a profound affect on their understanding of marriage and the home. Show them you love their father!

Love Your Children. It seems odd to many of us that mothers would have to be told this (Titus 2:4). But the fact is that society has conditioned us to be so selfish that many young women have no idea how to be the sacrificial Christian mothers, or physically caring mothers, their children need. This means they need nurturing, discipline, and structure. This child is meant to be your BFF. You're a loving Christian mother first and foremost!

Drag Them To Church. If the first three things we have talked about here are in place this will not be an issue. When you became a Christian you made a commitment to God and your desire to go to heaven supersedes every other aspect of your life. So you are faithful to the assembling together of the saints (Hebrews 10:25). Your children grow to understand the importance of Bible Class and worship, they receive supplemental instruction in God's Word, and they build relationships with other Christians of all ages. They will learn to love the church if you love the church!

Teach Them The Word. In the aforementioned suggestion I said that Bible Classes are supplemental. Because it is not the churches primary responsibility to raise your child in the way they should go, spiritually speaking. The instruction of Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19 is worthy of our consideration, " You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." The sad fact is the Israelite people failed to do this and it lead to their demise. Sadder yet is that we haven't learned from their mistake. None of us are as diligent with this imperative as we need to be!

Pray! Pray with them. They need to see you pray, they need to hear you pray, and they need to know how to communicate with the Father of their souls! Pray for them. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [mother] avails much" (James 5:16). (Edited for space - BW)