

## News & Notes

Sunday, May 9, 2010

**Remember in Prayer:** Jerry Alberson; Robbie Alberson; Tommy Alberson; Mary Baily; David Judge; Dot Ketchum; Jimmy King; John and Deliah Mann; Rhonda Nance; Shane Nance, Wade Nance; Tracy Ortiz; Lowell Poff; Ann Ray; Curtis Ray; Katherine Shaw; Joan Wilkerson; Edsell and Martha Williford;

**Pantry item** for the month of May is dish soap.

Be sure and check the **bulletin boards** in the foyer for additional information.

The **commencement exercises** of Ashland High School will be Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 9:00 AM. Ashely Anderson is graduating.

**Ashland Events:** Today: Elder's meeting at 4:00 PM; May 15: Ladies day; June 5: Vacation Bible School;

**Area Events:** July 18-21: Vacation Bible School at the Chapman congregation;

### Sermon in Preview:

AM: God's Mother

PM: Does God Have a Work for Ladies?

### For the Record (May 2, 2010):

Attendance: 42

Contribution: \$581.00

Budget: \$1388.00

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#### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 5:00 PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30 PM

#### Shepherds:

Barney King

Jeff Roberson

Carrol Street

# ASHLAND ANNOUNCER

## A YEAR OF REMEMBRANCE

*"Remind them of these things..." (2Timothy 2:14)*

## Mother's Day

Jeremy Northrop

Today is a special day in modern western culture. As practically everybody knows, today is a day in which mother's are honored for their work. While the observance of this holiday is not intended to be religious in nature, it serves as a suitable time for Christians to be reminded of God's plan for mothers. Motherhood has always been in the mind and plan of God. It is part of God's plan for the home He established. Since the dawn of time, it was God's intention for mothers and fathers to rear their children in a good and righteous way. However the day should come when children leave their parents. Genesis 2:24 says, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Perhaps one of the more interesting points of the passage is God is speaking of mothers and fathers at a time when there were none. Motherhood has always been in the plan of God even before there were mothers.

Honoring mothers is certainly a biblical theme. There are several passages which indicate ways in which children can honor their mothers. Many of them are from the book of Proverbs:

My son, hear the instruction of your father,  
And do not forsake the law of your mother  
(Proverbs 1:8).

My son, keep your father's command,  
And do not forsake the law of your mother

(Proverbs 6:20).

Listen to your father who begot you,  
And do not despise your mother when she is old  
(Proverbs 23:22).

1 Timothy 5:4 confirms what the Proverbs say, “But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.” There are several ways in which godly children can show honor to their mothers not just on a day like today but every day of their lives.

First, it honors mothers when their children listen, obey, and continue in their instruction. Parents are instructed to train their children in the ways of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:3-5). When children heed these instructions and continue in the ways in which they were instructed, it brings honor to their parents and, as is the emphasis of this lesson, their mothers. John made a comment in 3 John 1:4, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” Godly mothers would have no greater joy than to know their children are faithful. The opposite concept is also declared in scripture: “He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother is a son who causes shame and brings reproach” (Proverbs 19:26).

A child can honor their mother by caring for their mother when she is old. A good example of this is the family of Mahlon and Chilion. Even though Naomi’s children died, her family (Boaz) cared for her when she was widowed and alone. 1 Timothy 5 gives authority for the church to care for those who are really widows. It is right that the church be able to use funds from her treasury to make sure the widows are cared for and administered. Acts 6 gives a New Testament example of this very thing taking place. However, 1 Timothy 5:4 says it is first the job of the children and grandchildren. Some have called this the cycle of life. As the mother cares for her children when they are young and somewhat helpless, the children are to return the obligation by caring for their mothers in their elderly and somewhat helpless years. Christians need to honor their mothers every day.

## Ladies Day 2010

Jeremy Northrop

This coming Saturday, Lord willing, will be the second annual ladies day of the Ashland church of Christ. In thinking about the day, there are several women in the Bible which might come to mind.

Ruth was a great godly lady who cared for her mother-in-law, Naomi. She was willing to convert to God’s way of life and care for her family. Today, women can follow Ruth’s godly example.

Romans 16:1 says, “I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea....” Here, Paul mentions a godly sister in the Lord and describes her as a servant. In the next verse, Paul asked the church to receive her.

In Proverbs 31, the mother of Lemuel instructs him about what he needs to look for in a woman (wife). The description is often ascribed as “the virtuous woman.” Godly women today can seek to be this woman described here.

Acts 16 mentions a woman named Lydia. She is described as a seller of purple. She was a lady who was converted and eventually opened her home up to saints.

In Romans 16:3-4, Paul mentions a godly couple named Priscilla and Aquila. This godly couple worked with Paul in his mission journeys. Paul commended them here and in his writing to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19).

Philippians 4:1-3 mentions two women who needed to be of the same mind. Paul exhorted a “true companion” to help these sisters to reconcile their differences. Today, people need to follow these godly examples and the instructions of Paul.

The book of 2 John is written to the elect lady, a person whom John greatly respected. She was commended for having godly children (2 John 4). She was warned of the possible deceivers in the book. The book actually concludes by mention of her sister and the greetings she sends to the elect lady through John.

There are certainly others which can be mentioned but these are enough to show God indeed has a work for ladies. A ladies day is a day in which their work can be examined in a great way. It promises to be a good day for all who attend.