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The Advice of a Mother

Much of April has been a month I hope we don't soon see repeated. This virus has not only caused many people to be sick from it, but a greater number of us are sick of it. As if the sickness is not bad enough, I have had several friends, including Bro. Norman Cotton, pastor of Ponderosa Baptist Church, who have experienced the passing of their mother in these past few weeks. At last count over 56,000 people, some mothers, have died in the USA from the coronavirus. While all those deaths are tragic, the death of a mother as we prepare for May and Mother's Day brought some thoughts to my mind I wanted to share with you.

The late TV comedian Milton Berle said, *"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?"* It is true, however, that the role of mother is much more than what is seen on the surface. It's not just her work that is often praised, it's also her words; her advice.

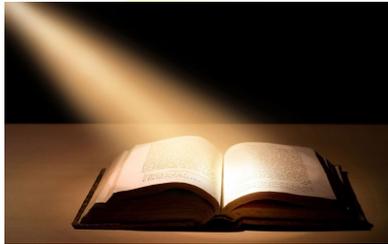
With Mother's Day just around the corner, my thoughts were taken back to my mother's advice of my years growing up. Like some of you, my mom has been in heaven for some time now, but her advice is still close by. My mom like most was always asserting "sound" advice in short little proverbs. My favorite was, *"Call if you're going to be late, so I won't worry about you being in a ditch somewhere."* My brothers and I always had great fun with that. The most famous for most kids, of course, *"Make sure you have on clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."* That one always made me wonder if clean underwear was the biggest problem in an accident? Whatever the reason, the one thing I did learn was... *"The motherly advice you ignore will always turn out to be the best advice she ever gave you."*

My dad would always remind me and my brothers that, *"your mother's way is best. If you don't believe it, ask her."* My oldest brother would often say, *"There are always two sides to a story - the way it really happened and the way mom remembers it."* I love how the famed Erma Bombeck said it, *"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."*

When you think about a mother's advice, your first thoughts are probably not of Mary, the mother of Jesus. However, she did give us some sound advice when it comes to our service for the Lord. John chapter 2 records the first miracle Jesus performed, the wedding at Cana. In verse 3, Mary noticed they were out of wine for the wedding. She remarks to Jesus, *"they have no wine."* Mary's concern was that of most mothers, waiting on the needs of others. Why she thought it to be a problem Jesus should deal with is unknown. Jesus's response indicated such. He simply states that being short of wine for a wedding was not their problem. Now think about this for a moment. The first miracle of Jesus recorded in the Bible was not the result of the blind in need of sight, or the lame walking. It was the result of his mother's advice... *they need wine.* Furthermore, her advice does not stop with Jesus, notice her words to the people nearby in verse 5; *"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."*

We would all do well to remember the advice of this wonderful mother. Whatever he says for us to do, just DO IT! Happy Mother's Day and thank you for the great advice you give us from time to time.

In Christ Service,
Bro. Bobby



2020 Children's Bible Drill

We had one church that participated in the Children's Bible Drill. Liberty Point Baptist church had (3) that participated by Zoom during this time of social distancing due to COVID19. Congratulations to the following winners:

Lydia Redd– grade 4

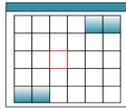
Caleb Wadlington– grade 5

Megan Wadlington– grade 4

The decision was made to cancel the associational & state drill, and to allow those that participated in a church drill to qualify according to their score. A score of 20 & above was needed to qualify.

All three participants were declared state winners, as each had a score of 20 or above.

Congratulations to all!



Calendar Of Events

MAY

National Day of Prayer May 7th

11:30 a.m.– 12:00 noon
WKDZ Radio Station

Please join us by driving in, tuning to 106.5 or you are welcome to tune in at home. We are required to stay inside our vehicles, but you are welcome to join us for the National Day of Prayer.

Program

Welcome & Comments

Judge Executive

Hollis Alexander

Message

Director of Missions

Bro. Bobby Sellers

Closing Prayer

& Comments

Mayor Todd King



Mother's Day May 10th

Associational Missions Offering & Week of Prayer May 17-24

(Together We Can Do More)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	1,708.87	
Buffalo	203.34	
Cadiz	0	
Canton	785.65	250.00
Cerulean	417.00	
Delmont	153.14	
Donaldson Creek	743.45	
East Cadiz	830.22	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	656.08	
Locust Grove	652.00	
Maple Grove	400.00	
New Hope	363.66	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	0	
Oak Grove	259.56	
Ponderosa	944.88	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	340.00	
South Union	154.30	
Wallonia	200.00	
Misc. Income	1,000.00	
Total	10,412.15	250.00
		10,662.15
Interest NOW Acc.	5.13	
Deaf Ministry		250.00

Subtotals	10,417.28	250.00
Total income		\$10,667.28
Monthly expense		\$11,580.97

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	32,271.47
Interest Received	5.13
Gifts	10,412.15
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– OMC	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Associational Mission Project	
Expense Checks Written	(10,843.83)
Ending Balance	\$31,644.92
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 4/25/20	



Chelsey Redd– 5/31