

Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
 - Several members grieving after loss of loved ones.
 - Tom Hall: Underwent angioplasty last week
 - Bernida Wolfe: Cirrhosis
 - Kim Self: Cancer and stomach ulcers
 - Angie Self: Arthritis and Parkinson's
 - Darrell Austin's mother on hospice
 - Roy Parks, Rick's father: Prostate cancer
 - Joann Larkin: Advanced dementia
 - Barb Agee's son (James)
 - Dorothy Macon, Sandra Perez's grandmother: Dementia
 - Frank Wineinger, Sandra Perez's uncle: Stage 4 cancer

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear Gospel – Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:30-31
- Believe – Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16
- Repent of & Turn from Sins – Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess our Faith – Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
- Baptism – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith [Believe]**, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [Repent]** and our **bodies washed with pure water [Baptism]**. Let us **hold fast the confession [Confess]** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Heb. 10:22-25*



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invitation

'Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' – Mt. 22:9

Address

5080 Highway 70 East
Rockwood, TN 37854

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship – 11:00 AM

Please text/email any announcements, questions, or concerns to Bill Fix, (865) 934-9239 or fix.bill@gmail.com

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We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and members. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let one of us know.

Adult Bible Class – Legal Principles and the Bible:
Sentencing

Sermon Topic – Faith in the Fiery Furnace

No Substitute for Mother

By Dan S. Shipley (PLAIN TALK, March 1979)

Nothing, we are told, has more influence on what we become in later life than what we learn in our earliest years. And, no one, as we know, plays a more important role in these early and formative years of development than the mother. While it is true that she has no control over the sex or physical attributes of her offspring, the mother, more than anyone else, is in a position to mold their disposition and character. What an unparalleled opportunity and responsibility, this business of training up children in the way they should go! (Prov. 22:6)

Accordingly, among the very first things every young mother should learn is this "way they should go". It is God's way; it is bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). One of the biggest mistakes made by many young mothers in child rearing is in seeking the counsel of the ungodly — those who have no regard for the counsel of God (Ps. 1:1). Only too late have some realized their mistake in following the advice of prominent psychologists who encouraged "self-expression" and permissiveness in children. Regretfully, even Christians sometimes forget that God's way is always best. No better handbook on child rearing can be found than the Bible — and the best mothers will be those who learn and apply its teachings to their children and to themselves.

Consequently, the mother must live in accord with the way her child should go. Example is one of her most effective teaching tools. As a proverb mentioned in Ezekiel says, "As is the mother, so is her daughter" (16:44). There are no pretentious airs at home. What we are there IS what we are and even small children know it. What God is to a mother cannot be hidden from her child — and it constitutes the strongest kind of a recommendation for a similar faith. Much good teaching can be nullified by the influence of a bad example. As some sage has noted, to teach right and live wrong is like feeding our children good food with one hand and poison with the other. The mother who doubts the lasting influence of her example need only to recall what she remembers about her mother from childhood — and so shall she be remembered!

It is mostly the mother who puts across the tremendously important and needful lessons concerning respect and responsibility. Regard for authority MUST begin at home! — and it cannot be taught too early. Proper attitudes are taught, not inherited. If, in the first four or five years of life, a child does not learn that he is responsible for his actions and that

he cannot defy authority, look out for the next fifteen years or so! The mother who indulges a defiant and rebellious child invites misery and heartaches. God says that true love will not spare the rod (Prov. 13:24). As a noted Los Angeles doctor has said, "The greatest social disaster of this century is the belief that abundant love makes discipline unnecessary". How deceived many have been!

And how deceived are mothers who say they can't afford to take the time for such training. They can't afford not to!

To Mother

By Martha Gilbert

I've brought you joy and heartache as children always do,
And I know that you've made errors, though they be just a few.
But I want to tell you truly, as I think of things that last,
Your love and kindness radiate through memories of the past.

Your meek and gentle nature is your beauty and your strength.
You've always shown your loved ones you would go to any length
To guide us and encourage us to follow after right;
To walk the pathway that leads to truth and light.

Fixating on What's Important: *Mothers*

By Bill Fix

In our society, the second Sunday in May each year has been earmarked as a day to honor mothers. So we dutifully get Mom a thoughtful gift and card, maybe take her out for dinner, or call her on the phone. But what do we do the other 364 days a year?

The poem above was written by my aunt about my grandmother, and I know she taught my dad the same values my parents instilled in me. The lasting impression I will have of my mother (actually both parents) is that she raised her kids to know and respect God. She taught my brother and me to prepare our Bible lessons for church, leading by example with family studies at home. I see the same dedication in my wife today, diligently getting weekly lessons ready for the elementary class here.

Is there anything more worthy of honor than a mother or father bringing up their children up the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:1-4)? It's a responsibility that, if neglected, ruins souls and devastates society.