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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Mom's Apron Strings

Perhaps you've heard the old idiom for describing someone dependent on their mother, "they're tied to mother's apron strings." Dependence on mothers is good and beneficial in childhood. The law of a godly mother learned in the formative years of life will be a good resource and rule to live by throughout life (Proverbs 6:20-23). Who better to set an example before children than a godly parent who lives the virtues of Christianity day by day? Parents who know how they should act as children of God in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation are the best education for children (Philippians 2:15). God's intention for the family is that deep, abiding impressions can be made by godly parents in the formative years of life (Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 5:14; Titus 2:4).

But the time must come when mother's apron strings must be untied. As a child grows into an adult and possesses the maturity and independence to stand on their own, then dependence on their parents diminishes. Time and again the Bible speaks of marriage as a time when one will "leave father and mother" (Genesis 2:24; Ruth 2:11; Matthew 19:5; Mark 10:7; Ephesians 5:31). This leaving does not mean that the child never considers the advice of their parents, for the command to honor parents still applies to adults who have old parents (Proverbs 23:22). Just as death is the natural end of a successful life and often brings sadness, so also the success of parenthood culminates in the sad day of allowing the little birds to leave the nest and find their own place in the world.

Consider Mary who was told by Simeon regarding her son, Jesus, "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also" (Luke 2:35). Many times from that point on she had felt piercing pain of the sword when her son left her to fulfill His own responsibilities to the Heavenly Father. She lost Him at the Passover when He was twelve years old, only to find Him three days later discussing God's word with the doctors of the law. Her son's answer was, "I must by about my Father's business" (Luke 2:49). When Mary wanted her son to help at the marriage in Cana, He told her, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come" (John 2:4). Though the word translated "woman" was a respectful title, it was not "mother." When she desired to take Jesus away from speaking to the people in Matthew 12, her son's reply was, "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" and stretching forth His hand toward his disciples, He said, "Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Matthew 12:47-50). And finally, when she beheld her son nailed to a cross, suspended between heaven and earth to save all mankind, He provided for her wellbeing through the disciple John, saying, "Woman, behold thy son!" Then He said to John, "Behold thy mother!" and John took Mary to his own home to care for her (John 19:26-28).

Thank God for godly mothers, who give such wonderful blessings to their children's lives only to see them leave home and go their own way. Truly a godly mother's love is the epitome of self-sacrifice and tender care worthy of our praise.

—Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- *"Mother's Wisdom"*

PM- *"God in My Marriage"*

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:17-19

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet

Next Sunday, the 17th, this group meets at 4:30pm.

Dates to Remember

May 10-13– Prestonsburg Gospel Meeting– 7p

May 12– Prime-timers– 10am– annex

May 12– Ladies Evening Devotional– hosted by Alissa Day– 6:30p

May 16– Workday Saturday & barbeque

May 17– Elders, Deacons, Preachers– 4:30p

May 17– Graduate Honor Night- 7pm-annex

May 19– Prime-timers– 10am– annex

May 26– Prime-timers– 10am– annex

May 30– Katie Smith's Baby Shower– 11:30– annex

Jun 1-3– Gospel Meeting @ Olive Hill– 7pm

Jun 10– Cake, coffee & tea– 8pm

Jun 20– Rome church fishing tournament 2-5p
RSVP required– details on bulletin board

July 11– Picnic Saturday

Jul 27-31– Vacation Bible School– 6:30-8:30p

Aug 9– Ice cream & dessert night–7p-annex

Sept 12– Men's Leadership training– Stephen Rogers

Sept 13– Potluck luncheon-12pm- annex

Sept 13-16– Gospel Meeting-Stephen Rogers

Sept 17– FBI fall class begins

Oct 25– Trunk O' Treat & chili supper– 7p

Gauging Our Faith

	05/10/15	Goal	05/11/14
Bible Study	95	110	83
AM Worship	144	150	133
PM Worship	96	110	nc
Mid Week	91	110	nc

Ladies Evening Devotional

This Tuesday at 6:30pm, all ladies are invited to a devotional hosted by Alissa Day. Service projects for this group will also be discussed by Janet Rose.

Workday/ Barbeque May 16th

On the foyer bulletin board, there is a list of items that need attention around the buildings and grounds. You may choose to do one of these at any time, but on Saturday the 16th, we are asking for everyone to come together to work on the rest of the tasks. Then we will have a potluck style cookout afterward. Bring your hotdogs or burgers to grill and side dishes and soft drinks to share.

Graduate Honor Night

On Sunday, May 17, following evening worship, we will meet in the annex to honor this year's graduates. If you have a graduate to honor, give that name to Jane Isaacs or Ann Hughes this week. Thank you. Rebecca Thompson is the only grad name turned in at this time.

Baby Shower Invitation

On Saturday, May 30th, Katie Smith's baby shower is at 11:30am in the annex, given by Alissa Day and Davonne Parks. Katie is registered at Amazon, Target and Babies 'R' Us.

Prime-timers

Prime-timers group meets each Tuesday morning at 10 in the annex large classroom. This is an open discussion Bible study group.

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?**

Why not today?



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Chris Scott

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Clyde Hammonds

PM: Nathan Adkins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: David Smith

Assisting: Chris Scott,
Jordan Conley, Denny Deskins,
Ernie Perry, Adam Gullett,
Bob Tushay, Will Scott

Presiding PM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Nathan Parks

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Roy Murphy

PM: Matt Vonderheide

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTIONAL: Greg Hall

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Jerry Sturgill

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We also have **Bible correspondence courses** you can sign up to receive by mail **at no cost to you**. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending.

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★ Every Sunday ★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm-

**in the front of
the auditorium**

**-geared to age 12 & under-
-boys: have a favorite song
ready to lead for the group**

