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*She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
and in her tongue is the law of kindness...
Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.*

Proverbs 31: 26 & 28

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!

Wholly to the Lord or Partiality Toward Your Own?

Hannah went before the Lord to pray for she was “in bitterness of soul” (1 Samuel 1:10). She had no children. Her husband Elkanah had another wife, Peninnah, who had been blessed with children; moreover, Peninnah was cruel, provoking and irritating her (vv. 4-6). Hannah asked for a son and vowed to dedicate the child wholly to God (v. 11).

Eli, the priest, was nearby and watched Hannah while she prayed only moving her lips without making any sound with her voice. He made an assumption about Hannah that was both hasty and undeserved; he rebuked her for being drunk (vv. 12-14). Hannah explained that she was not drunk, but rather pouring out her soul before the Lord (v. 15). She said, “Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial” (v. 16). “Belial” is a word in Hebrew for worthlessness (cf. Deuteronomy 13:13). Hannah had the godly character and judgment to regard being drunk as worthless debauchery.

In reality, Eli’s children were “sons of Belial” who robbed those who brought their offerings and committed fornication with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle (2:12-17, 22). While Eli verbally rebuked his sons, he did not administer discipline that would be effective enough to curtail their evil (2:23-25). It appears that the Lord rebuked Eli for not only not restraining his sons but also being one of those who benefited from their robbery (2:29).

Hannah, however, was blessed by the Lord. She returned home after pouring her heart out to the Lord in prayer, no longer distressed but at peace (1:18). She became pregnant and had a son, naming him Samuel, meaning “asked of God” (1:20). She weaned the child and was faithful to her vow by giving him to the service of the Lord (1:24-28). Hannah rejoiced in God’s blessings and was, unlike Eli’s sons, willing to give what she received to the Lord. Her child Samuel grew and served at the tabernacle with Eli (2:11). Hannah “made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice” (2:19). Hannah was rewarded five-fold for her faithfulness; she had three sons and two daughters (2:21).

It is easy for us to look at others and assume the worst while failing to really see our own sins clearly. Members of the church can be like Eli or they can be like Hannah. Those like Eli make exception for their own and operate by a double standard. We are thankful for those who imitate Hannah, who in sincere devotion to God raise godly children. When Samuel had grown old he could honestly say, “Behold, here I *am*: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.” Samuel had lived like his mother Hannah rather than Eli and his sons with whom he had served at the tabernacle. Would to God that all of us and our children could honestly say what Samuel said when we have grown old. -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- Jerry Sturgill- "Mothers"
 PM- Jerry Sturgill- "Difficult Passages
 From 1 & 2 Kings"

2017 Dates to Remember

- May 14-17– Owingsville Gospel Meeting with Mark Day
May 16– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
May 19– Ladies Luncheon–11:30a– Cheddars
May 19-20– Friendship Gospel Meeting with Mark Day
May 21– Elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p
May 21– congregational meeting– 7p
May 23– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
May 28– Graduate Honor Night– 7p-annex
June 5-8– Chapmanville, WV, Gospel Meeting with Glenn Colley– 7p
Jun 14- Coffee, tea, & cakes –annex- 8p
June 30– Ladies Luncheon– 11:30a–
Jul 2-8– Ft. Hill Youth Camp week
Jul 15- Church Picnic- on grounds-5p
Jul 24-28– Vacation Bible School here
Aug 6- Ice Cream/dessert night– annex- 7p
Sep 15-16– Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole
Sep 23 -Cookout & singing @ the Scotts- time TBD later
Sept 30– Girls Youth Rally– Fishingier & Kenny Rd. church of Christ– 8:30a– RSVP
Oct 28- Trunk O Treats & Chili supper- 7p
Nov 4– Ladies Day with Sheila Butt- 8:30a
Nov 5– Bring A Friend Day & Potluck
Nov 13– Wreath Making group #1-annex-7p
Dec 2– Scotts' Pancake Breakfast– annex- 8a

**Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?
 Why not today?**



Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bev Whitley and her family at the loss of her father, Michael McCarty on May 2nd. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Bev's address is 972 Poplar Fork Rd., Franklin Furnace, OH 45629.

Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meet

Next Sunday at 4:30pm, the elders, Deacons & preachers will meet in the annex large classroom.

Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, following evening service, we ask that everyone stay for the elders to hold a congregational meeting to discuss church matters. Please, make every effort to attend.

Graduate Honor Night

On Sunday, May 28, following evening service, we will honor this year's graduates with a celebration in the annex. We will honor Krystianna Scott and Darick Carter. If you are aware of another graduate, please, give their name (by the 10th) to be added to honor night.

Lawn Maintenance Schedule

The schedule is published and copies are on the foyer table. The team this week to complete their work by May 20th is J.C. Hughes, Eric McKinney, Matt Vonderheide, and Michael Sprague. Thank you!

Prime-timers

Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. This group will break from June to August and resume in September.

Gauging Our Faith

	05/07/17	Goal	05/08/16
Bible Study	109	110	102
AM Worship	168	160	148
PM Worship	108	110	88
Mid Week	nc	110	94
Contribution:	\$5986.98	\$5600.00	\$6983.00

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Dan Stone

PM: Chris Scott

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: Nathan Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: Denny Deskins,
Mitch Stafford, Daniel Goshorn
David Castle, Ernie Perry,
Jerrad Nickell, Jason Fouts

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Tim Hammond

PM: Bobby Edmonds

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Brad Morris

DEVOTIONAL: Jordan Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Brad Morris

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

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 find
on the back of the pew. Please, put it in the
collection plate or hand 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
offer **free Bible correspondence courses**
you can 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. Come back anytime!

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ **Every Sunday** ★★
Pew Packers
at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium
-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is welcomed.
Boys: have a song ready
to lead for the group

Have you gotten your Ft. Hill
camp application completed?

