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Today is Mother's Day, a day our society has set aside to honor our mothers. One thing that each person reading this article has in common is a mother. Many of you are mothers. Mothers are special people to each one of us. We can only have one mother.



What makes a good mother? I could list many things that would certainly point toward being a good mother. We all would probably have some of the same suggestions. Let's look at three mothers in the Bible and note one characteristic they each had in common.

1. **Hannah** — In I Samuel 1, we have recorded the birth of Samuel. Before he was born, Hannah prayed to the Lord that if he would give her a man child, she would give him to the Lord all the days of his life. The Lord heard her petition, and she was blessed with the birth of Samuel.

Hannah did not forget her vow to the Lord. She took her son Samuel to be trained at the feet of Eli. From a very young age, she made sure that he was preparing to serve the Lord. This was the most important act of rearing that Hannah could do for Samuel.

2. **Mary** — Mary was chosen above all others to be the mother of

Jesus. Certainly, this alone speaks volumes regarding the type of person she was. Though we know very little about the childhood of Jesus, Luke 2 provides us with some insight to Mary.

Near the end of Luke 2, Jesus and his parents, along with others, had been to Jerusalem. As they left Jerusalem, they went a day's journey before they had noted that Jesus was not among them. They returned to Jerusalem, and after three days Jesus was found "...in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions." When questioned about his disappearance, Jesus answered, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Even though they did not understand what he said, Mary kept these things in her heart. (Luke 2:50,51)

At the age of twelve, Jesus had great attention focused on spiritual matters. He had been reared in such a way that his interests were turned in this direction. After this incident, we are told in Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

3. **Eunice** — Paul stated regarding Timothy in II Timothy 1:5 "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

Timothy's grandmother and mother both had the unfeigned faith that was in Timothy. No doubt, much time was spent teaching him about God and his Word. Such faith that is "passed down" does not happen accidentally. It is taught by word and example.

These three mothers had at least one thing in common. Their dedication and obedience to the Lord was instilled in their children. Children will not accidentally be properly trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. They need to be brought, not sent, to each service of the church. They need exposure to the Bible every day. They need to hear you pray and be taught how to pray. They need to have their spiritual training made the most important activity in their life.

Remember the words of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

—Marty Edwards ❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Vicki McDaniel and Alroy & Lois McDaniel.**

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Last week, Hart County, as well as most of the region, had wide-spread flooding.

The Nolin River and the tributaries which feed it were well out of their banks and flooded land and many roads were impassable.

It's a natural tendency when water rises to escape to higher ground.

Humans and animals alike know to move away from the danger to the safety of higher ground.

When we see sin and situations in life approaching and coming closer to us, let's not just stand there and drown spiritually. Let's escape by climbing up to higher spiritual ground by living closer to the Lord. James 4:8 says, *Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.*

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—Don't forget to check the Church's website. There are items added almost daily. Most week days I add recordings of the King James Version of the Bible. Each week the current bulletin is posted.

Everyone is always encouraged to attend all services, but, if you can't be here, you can listen to all our services live on any computer and most cell phones. I have been downloading the readings of the Bible and listen to them on the cell phone as I drive about. With today's technology available to all of us, we can study and hear the word of the LORD at any time.



Sunday, May 1, 2011

Classes	8	Mark 15:1-30
Preaching	16	Nahum 1:3; Zephaniah 1:18
Contribution	\$329.00	
Evening	12	Singing

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Classes	16	Numbers 14:26-45
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Visitors— May 1 (AM) Ethan Borton (Nashville, TN)

Bible Quiz

What is the dust of the LORD's feet?

Last Week's Answer— As the stars for ever and ever (Daniel 12:3)

—The weekly paper now appears online in full color and same format as the print version.

You can see all the newspaper including our weekly ad. Right now everyone seems to have access but the online version will cost a small fee above the mailed version. You can access the paper and our ad, at www.jpnews.com.



—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)