

**NEWS**

**Relda Marshall** is continuing her chemo treatments. She had a port put in last week for them and will have treatments 3 times a month for 4-6 months—**Kenneth Amerson** underwent heart by-pass surgery this past Friday. He was scheduled to have 3 or 4 bypasses and will be in the hospital in Tyler for about a week—**Peggy Bellamy** had a procedure done last Wednesday but is doing well. The results of the test were good—**Joan Tosh** was able to leave the hospital and go back to the nursing home (cont. p. 3)

**ELDERS:**  
**Bob Arnold** 572-1219  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809  
**Kendall Johnson** 572-9306

**DEACONS:**  
**Ron Burns** 577-9978  
**Ricky Davis** 572-9428  
**Ken Ferguson** 572-4135  
**Pat Marshall** 572-9347

**SERVICES:**  
**Sunday**  
**Bible Study** 9:45 AM  
**Worship** 10:30 AM  
**Worship** 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
**Ladies class** 10:00 AM  
**Bible Study** 7:00 PM

**PREACHERS:**  
**Ronald Stringer** 717-8603  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

**ASSIGNMENTS FOR:  
June 3, 2012**

**Serving The Lord's Supper  
Sunday Morning**

**Scripture:** Ron Traugher  
**Ken Ferguson** Pat Marshall  
**Kevin Kanaley** Richard Tapparo

**Sunday Evening**  
**Ken Ferguson** Pat Marshall

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**PRAYERS**

**Sun. AM—Buford Guthrie (Opening)**  
—James Williams (Closing)  
**PM—Ricky Davis (Opening)**  
—Austin Fulmer (Closing)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A.M.—Bob Arnold**  
**P.M.—Paul Chapman**

(call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

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**Think It Over**—If you were to die today...Where would you spend eternity? To all who love God, and to those who do not, but should, to all who are weary and heavy laden; to all who are lonely and sad; to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whosoever will come a hearty welcome is extended.

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### The Ideal Mother

By John R. Gibson

Though this was the Lord's Day long before it came to be called Mother's Day, it was our Lord who created them male and female and designed the female to bear children and become a mother (Genesis 1:26-28). In this article we want to consider some of the qualities that go into the ideal, i.e. the God-pleasing mother.

#### Says Children Are a Blessing

Children are a heritage from the Lord (Psalm 127:3) and from the moment of conception they should be valued as such and not seen as an unviable tissue mass that can be disposed of at an abortion clinic. The ideal mother will love her children (Titus 2:4) and never see the years of childrearing as robbing her of her freedom or interfering with her chance to have a successful career. Getting her children to adulthood will require the expenditure of money she could have easily spent on herself, but the money spent on her children will be seen by a godly mother as an investment and not an expense.

#### Puts God First

A good mother puts the Lord and His ways first (Matthew 6:33), and early on her children learn that Bible study and worship come before television, sports, school

activities, visits to and from family, or anything else. And from time to time as her children test this commitment she and their father have made, she remains steadfast in her insistence that they put the Lord first. Like every mother she wants her children to like her, but she wouldn't trade all the love in the world for anything that might cost them their souls (Matthew 16:26).

### **Is Beautiful**

While she may or may not have a physical attractiveness others find beautiful, she most certainly possesses the "incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:4). She does not put her trust in a physical beauty that can fade, but as one who fears the Lord she knows that she has chosen that which cannot be taken from her (Proverbs 31:30). By manifesting this type of beauty she helps her daughters to understand what good men are looking for in a wife and at the same time she helps her sons to see that the most important beauty in a prospective wife is the inner beauty of godly character.

What does the ideal mother look like outwardly? Though she may be like the virtuous wife of Proverbs 31 and dress in "fine linen and purple" at times (31:22), she is never immodest in her dress (1

Timothy 2:9, 10). Whether dressed up for a nice dinner or in old clothes working in the yard, her attire is governed by an inner commitment to godliness, modesty, shamefastness, self-control and propriety (1 Timothy 2:9, 10—various translations).

### **Marries For Life**

In a world of disposable marriages the godly mother understands that God has decreed that what He has joined together is not to be separated (Matthew 19:3-6).

While one exception is found in Matthew 19:9 and a mother cannot force the father to stay, the children of the ideal mother are usually going to be brought up in a stable home where divorce is not seen as an option. But something as important as the fact that she stays in the marriage is the attitude with which she stays—she does not view her role of homemaker as one of enslavement, but as an opportunity to serve the husband and children she loves (Titus 2:3-5). And though there are no guarantees, this kind of mother should be loved in return by a husband who tenderly cares for her (Ephesians 5:25, 28, 29, 33) and she should be honored by her children (Ephesians 6:2, 3).

### **Allows Her Children to Leave**

The ideal mother loves her children and sacrifices a lot for them, but when the

time comes for them to marry she readily encourages them to form their own family unit (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5). She teaches her children that one of the most important ways they can honor her is to become one flesh with their spouses and build new family units that glorify God. As long as she lives she will be available for her children and her children's spouses, but a godly mother will do nothing to interfere with or impede the development of her children's own strong family units.

### **Is to Be Praised**

Mothers, please make every effort to become the mother God wants you to be, not the one society pressures you to be.

Young ladies, make the Scriptures that which guides you in your thinking about marriage and motherhood.

Fathers, please encourage and support your wives in seeking to conform to biblical guidelines and not societal norms.

Young men, seek a wife who will set these as her goals.

And then let us all do that which the wise man said would be done.

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises*

*her"* (Proverbs 31:28).

*-via Pepper Rd. Bulletin*

### **New Member!**

Stephen Hall was baptized into Christ last Saturday. We rejoice in his decision to become a member of the church! His address and phone number are as follows: 325 Hill Ave. Apt. 16; Pittsburg, TX 75686; 903-946-0015.

### **Address Changes**

Mike and Lynn Lovell  
81 C.R. 1224  
Mount Pleasant, TX 75455

Jeremy and Catherine Moss  
1465 FM 899  
Mount Pleasant, TX 75455

*NEWS* (continued from back page)

**James Johnson** had cataract surgery last week—**Vicki Brownlee** had to go to the emergency room last week after bruising her hip. Thankfully she did not break anything, but she was not able to be in services last Wednesday because of it—Let's remember **Pat Brown, Deborah Brown** and **Tammy Willeford** as they have ongoing health issues —**Remember** our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Lelda Thompson, & Joan Tosh.**