

Church News

Mother is on duty, day and night!

It was 3:30 a.m. The house was quiet as Gale and I tried to get in the last little bit of sleep before the start of another day. Then all of a sudden without warning a high pitched, bloodcurdling scream broke the tranquility of the morning; it sounded like steam being suddenly released from a boiler. We both instantly revived with a lot of questions on our minds about what was going on. The source of the heart-stopping noise came from a little girl who was spending the night with us. Before I hardly had time to get myself together, Gale had already retrieved the anxious child from her crib beside our bed and had her in her arms comforting her. We found no reason for Raegan to have had such a response; perhaps it was a scary dream. One thing is for certain, scary dream or not she certainly gave us a terrifying few moments!

Gale's quick intervention to protect and comfort her upset granddaughter is just one of many reminders of the motherly (and now grandmotherly) heart that she has. In those moments of need in the children, she does not seem to pause to figure out what to do; she just instinctively does what is natural to her.



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God has given us great responsibility and precious opportunities to invest in the lives of the children that He has entrusted us with to help them become what He desires of them. And without a doubt, one of the great instruments that God uses to instill in those little ones the important and lasting lessons of life is mothers. As we honor them during this special season devoted to the recognition and appreciation of their sacrificial investment in so many young lives, let us not forget to be thankful for mothers who are willing to refuse their children permission to indulge in those things which they know would be harmful to them spiritually and morally. By taking such a position of tough love, they provide a major component to the positive shaping of the character of their children. The words of Proverbs 1:8-9, though penned long ago, are absolutely applicable today: "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck" (New

International Version).

I am grateful that I am blessed with a mother who loved all five of her children and did her best to guide us toward serving God. She saw to it, to the best of her ability, that we were taken care of physically, and she set a beautiful example before us of a woman of prayer and faith that impacted our lives spiritually. Even though she is elderly now and celebrated her eighty-second birthday just a few days ago, her spiritual and loving care for her family remains obvious and meaningful.

As I remember how we have been richly blessed through those mothers that are now advanced in age, I also think of the many demands and expectations on young mothers in our day. It is amazing how much they accomplish (too often in the absence of dad) and how effectively they do it. May it be our prayer that God will guide and encourage all mothers as they lovingly fulfill their vitally important responsibilities to their families. And may we never neglect to show our gratitude to the older moms who have endured so much to see that their children and grandchildren were provided for physically and spiritually. As Proverbs 31 states, "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate" (verses 30-31).

This week's church briefs . . .

Trinity Crossroads Church will have revival services beginning Sunday, May 15 and continuing through Wednesday, May 18. There will be a different speaker night. Speakers will be: Sunday, David Williams; Monday, Tim Bell; Tuesday, Bob Sanders; and Wednesday, Phillip Kirkland. Michelle Helms will lead the singing and Regina Sauls is the pianist. Services begin at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Glen Hancock and the congregation invite everyone to these services.

Homecoming services for **Salem Seminole Baptist Church** will be on Sunday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. Guest singers will be The Harrell Family from Cairo, and guest speaker will be Jacob Harrell. A covered dish lunch will be enjoyed after the morning worship. Pastor David Roland and the congregation invite everyone to join them in this special event.

Pastor Jeff's sermon at **Reynolds Chapel UMC** was entitled "The Highest Calling," Ruth 1:19-22. The story of Ruth and Naomi is one of the most beautiful in the Bible. But before the sermon, the choir and Annette Spicer (a very special Mom) sang a beautiful song, "If I could hear my mother pray again." Not many dry eyes after that. Ruth shows that God uses people from all backgrounds and social backgrounds to accomplish His work. God's use of a human mother to bring His Son into the world has bestowed upon Motherhood its greatest honor. Jesus set an example for all to follow by this provision He made for His mother. We honored three graduates: Sydney Kirkland, Valdosta State University, Sammy Alday, Troy State

University and Tommy Pollock, Seminole County Elementary School, Kindergarden. Sunday brunch fundraiser will be next Sunday, May 15th, immediately following morning worship. We welcome you to God's House to see what He can do for you or better yet what you can do for Him! Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Brother Rusty Bradley will bring a message from James 2:14-26. May 19th the Associational Men's meeting will be at Spring Creek Baptist Church starting at 6:30 p.m. Brother Brian Hatchett will be bringing the message. The Women of Worship meal will be on Wednesday, May 18th. On May 27th, Celebrate Recovery will celebrate its third anniversary. Wendy Bunce will be giving her testimony and lead us in worship and song. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered recovery program based on the Beatitudes. **Lake Seminole Baptist Church** is on 2990 Burke Rd, it is a place for "New Beginnings!"

The First Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Scott Messer - Join us each week for praise and worship - Sunday School is at 10 a.m., worship service and children's church begin at 11 a.m. Ladies and Men's Bible study is each Wednesday at 9 a.m. Come and study the Bible with each group. Kids through sixth grade meet Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. The Teens also meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Join us each Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a potluck meal and Table Talk. Wednesday the 18th at 6 p.m., our Table Talk will celebrate our graduates. Come join us. May you all have a blessed and safe week.

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