

Sayings of King Lemuel

31 The sayings of King Lemuel—an inspired utterance his mother taught him.

2 Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb! Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers!

3 Do not spend your strength[a] on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings.

4 It is not for kings, Lemuel—it is not for kings to drink wine,not for rulers to crave beer,

5 lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.

6 Let beer be for those who are perishing, wine for those who are in anguish!

7 Let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

9 Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

10 [b]A wife of noble character who can find? She

is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household;



for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

27 She watches over the affairs of her household and

does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

29 “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Sydney Carleton Named to Spring 2026 Dean’s Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi

Sydney Carleton, of Tolono, IL, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2026 Honor Roll lists.

Carleton, in the B.A. in Allied Health Studies program, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of

The Earth reaches “aphelion”

Last week I told you about a unique opportunity to find the planet Uranus in binoculars by first locating the planet Mars. Mars rises in the east-northeast at 3am but you'll want to wait an hour or so for it to gain some altitude. The planet Uranus is just above the red planet. On paper, you should be able to see the planet Uranus with just your eye, but binoculars will help.

This coming Monday, about 12:30pm, the Earth reaches “aphelion,” the point in our orbit farthest

In the night sky

By David Leake



from the Sun. If you're keeping score, we'll be 94,502,962 miles from our closest star. How should we celebrate? That's not a misprint. Many think the reason it's hot in the summer is because we're closest to the Sun. And, you

know, that makes sense. But we are closest to the Sun in January! The seasons have little to do with distance to the Sun and more about the angle that the sunlight strikes the ground. It's more concentrated in the summer months.

3.50-3.74.

To be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, academics and business. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action. Recognized among the nation's most beautiful, Ole Miss' main campus is in Oxford, which is routinely acknowledged as one of the country's best college towns.



Hello Everyone!

I hope all of you are having a great week! We completed our Vacation Bible School last week at Countryside, and we had a great time! We worked with Sidney United Church and Sidney Christian Church. All 3 congregations came together and ministered to the kids the Great News of Jesus! We look forward to doing it again next year!

The woman had high hopes for her son. She was a pioneer woman, used to hard work and the daily struggles as she and her husband provided for their family. She had a difficult labor with her son, but it was all worth it when she held him in her arms. She knew life would not be easy for him, but even that this tender age, she saw potential in him. He could become one of the greats.

The woman taught her son the Word of God, but the young boy was largely self taught, and he loved to read books by the fire. That was where he was most comfortable. A few years later, his mother contacted a milk sickness and died very suddenly. Yet he would never forget her. She never got to see her son, Abraham Lincoln, become President of the United States. Her name was Nancy Hanks. She taught him to be humble and be strong in the Lord.

Mr. Lincoln experienced failure after failure in his life, but he knew he had been created for a purpose. He lost his Senate race to Steven Douglas in 1858, but awakened the conscience of a nation. As soon as he was elected President in 1860, the Southern states seceded. He worked for the next 4 years to make us one nation under God. Many nights during the Civil War, President Lincoln could be found in his office in the White House, on his knees in prayer to Almighty God. Lincoln knew that only

in God could he succeed.

From his second inaugural on March 4, 1865:

“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God Gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who has borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve a just a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”

A few weeks later, on April 14, 1865, Lincoln's life was ended by John Wilkes Booth. At 7:22 the next morning, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton uttered the immortal words: “Now he belongs to the ages.”

Jesus Said, “Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you.” True greatness like President Lincoln is becoming a servant like the Lord Jesus. His Words in the Gospels remind us what being a servant is all about. Serving in the Kingdom of God is the highest honor there is. Giving of yourself, walking the extra mile for your enemy, bandaging his wounds, “Caring for him who has borne the battle”, as Lincoln said, that should be the goal for followers of Jesus. Jesus Washed the Disciples' feet out of Divine Love; Jesus Carried the Cross out of Divine Love; Jesus Died for us out of Divine Love; Jesus Was Resurrected on Easter Sunday out of Divine Love. God Loves us so much He Gave us everything. He Wants us to Love one another. It's that simple!

God Bless all of you!

Pastor Jeff Stahl

Countryside and Ogden United Methodist Churches

OSF Peace Meal Menu

Here is the Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, July 2 through Wednesday, July 8.

Thursday, 7/2/26 – Corn dogs, tator tots, green beans with bacon and onions, fruit cup, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 7/3/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed for the July fourth holiday.

Saturday, 7/4/26 – BBQ pasta salad with chicken and veggies, grapes, pistachio fluff, and a half pint of milk.

Sunday, 7/5/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

Monday, 7/6/26 – Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, wheat bread served with

butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 7/7/26 – Tator tot casserole with hamburger, green beans, strawberry crisp, V-8 juice, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 7/8/26 – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older, with a nutritious lunch Monday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday and Wednesday. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information, please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-309-665-5900.

The Homer Peace Meal congregate site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-309-665-5900. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.

Menu substitutions may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.

The OSF Peace Meal menu is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

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