

Happy Mother's Day!

by Ron Thomas

Let me spell the word **m-o-t-h-e-r**, with a message to complement.

M is for **Mature**. Do you remember when mom always seemed to have the right answer, and when she gave the answer, it was with the right spirit and attitude (I remember that).

O is for **Open**. Mothers who love their children will have an "open door policy" with the kids. That simply means that when trouble is brewing in the youth, mom is there to lend a hand.

T is for **Teacher**. I can hardly think of mom without there being some component of teaching involved. Mom taught things of importance like personal hygiene, laundry, or doing the dishes because that was women's work (Boy, did I learn about that!).

H is for **Health**. I remember that when I got sick, I never wanted dad to tend to my needs or concerns. He would have been there and done what was needed, but gruff and "suck it up" just wasn't the same as the tender "honey," and "sweetheart."

E is for **Expectations**. Mothers who love their children will have expectations and, when they are not met, the child (or children) will suffer consequences. I learned early that suffering was less than pleasant.

R is for **Remember**. Mom had (has) a memory that just doesn't need to work as good as it did (at least when I was in trouble!), but on the other hand I am glad it works as well as it does. Let our "memory" work the same, and be sure to wish your mother (and all mothers) a **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

- Bulletin Gold

What is a Mother?

A mother's love is something
that no one can explain—
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring, come what may,
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away.

- Helen Steiner Rice -

The Book Our Mothers Read

We search the world for truth; we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from the quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

- John Greenleaf Whittier -



Mothers write on the hearts of their children what the world's rough hand cannot erase.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To Zach Thompson on his graduation from Youngstown State University with an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP & LUNCHEON: Next Saturday, May 20th, 11:00 a.m. at the St. Clair Ave., Church of Christ. See Twila Adamson for details.

BROTHERS WORK DAY: Saturday, May 27th, 9:00 a.m. to work on projects that need attention here at the building.

GRADUATION PARTIES: Brett Thompson, Saturday, June 10th, 2 to 6 p.m. at our Fellowship Building. Brett graduated from East Liverpool High School.

Also, **Aiden Haught** (grandson of Skip & Sue Haught), **Saturday, June 10th, Noon to 4 p.m.** at the Weirton Heights Church of Christ Fellowship Building. Aiden graduated from Brooke High School.

PANTRY: Face & bath soap.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Debbie Waite (Skilled Care, Room 614).

At Home: Docie Moore, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Mike West, Becky McKitrick, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETING

Hanoverton, Ohio-----May 21-25 ----- Steve Stevens

Be Of Good Cheer

You cannot be SOUR and be a Christian. True Christianity chases gloom. Solomon said, "A merry heart does good like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones" (Proverbs 17:22), and again in chapter 15:13, "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance." More than once Jesus commanded His disciples to "Be of good cheer."

The industrious bee does not stop to complain that there are so many poisonous flowers and thorny branches in his road but buzzes on, selecting the honey where he can find it and passing by the places where it is not. There is enough to complain about and find fault with, if you have the disposition. We often travel on a hard and uneven road. But, with a cheerful spirit and a heart to praise God for His mercies, we may walk therein with comfort and come to the end of our journey in peace.

- Waurika Church of Christ, Waurika, OK (Bulletin Digest) -

A Good "To Do" List

- Listen without interrupting.
 - Speak without accusing.
 - Give without sparing.
 - Pray without ceasing.
 - Answer without arguing.
 - Share without pretending.
 - Enjoy without complaint.
 - Trust without wavering.
 - Forgive without punishing.
 - Promise without forgetting.
- Author Unknown (Bulletin Digest) -

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

- Micah 6:8