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Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, Texas

"A Beautiful Woman"

Recently, *People Magazine* published its annual issue, which contained a list of "The Fifty Most Beautiful People in the World." A picture of Julia Roberts, a talented and attractive movie star, graced the cover. The editors considered her to be the most beautiful person in the world today.

Who is the world's most beautiful woman? She is not a movie star. She does not live in Hollywood. She has never been in a beauty contest. She may be living in your city and, for the most part, go unnoticed as a person. We can learn of her by reading and studying [1 Peter 3:1-6](#). Let us read and see what a truly beautiful woman is like. She is a **Christian**. The apostle Peter wrote this epistle to Christians ([1 Pet. 1:1-2](#)). She is included in it. She is a **godly** person. Peter speaks of her as being like "the holy women" of former times.

As one who is married, she is **in subjection to her husband**. Since this is a command from God ([Eph. 5:22](#)), she believes that a woman gets her greatest happiness and fulfillment in submitting entirely to the will of God. She is characterized by **chaste** behavior. Such behavior **properly influences** others. She realizes she must be a "light" in the world ([Matt. 5:14-16](#)), especially to her family. The conduct of the modern, worldly woman would never lead her husband or anyone else to Christ.

Her adornment is not outward but spiritual. She is not obsessed with carnal attractiveness. She does not prize what the Proverbist calls "passing beauty" ([Prov. 31:30](#)). Rather, she esteems "the beauty of holiness" ([Psa. 29:2](#)). Her beauty is that of "the hidden person of the heart." She has "the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit." Peter says that such a beauty is "very precious in the sight of God." It should also be precious to us.

She is **meek and humble -- gentle and quiet**. She is not as the daughters of Zion were in Isaiah's time. Isaiah writes of them in [Isaiah 3:16-26](#). Rather than being like these women, the one Peter describes is a woman whose spirit is not only meek but also "quiet." She is neither a nag nor a complainer.

What a **wonderful woman** Peter describes in this text. She is a true wife and a godly Christian. She has a remarkable, pervading influence for good. Many women have been molded into such beauty by God's word. It presents several to us: Mary, mother of Jesus ([Luke 2:30](#)); Phoebe ([Rom. 16:1-2](#)); Priscilla, wife of Aquila ([Rom. 16:3-4](#)); and Lois, grandmother of Timothy, and Eunice, his mother ([2 Tim. 1:5](#)). Who is the most beautiful woman in the world? She is the godly woman who is living her life by the word of God.

Gene Tyler

About Us

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Who Are We?

A group of God's children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:
7:30 PM Bible Study



MORNING LESSON

Brian Orf

“Eagles In A Storm”

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it.



SERVICE

Welcome – H Banks
Hymn Director – R McDonald
Opening Prayer– J. Knapp
Morning Lesson – B. Orf
Announcements – M. Mann
Closing Prayer – S. Clanton

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Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
Alex Morolez
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BIBLE CLASSES

Messianic Prophecies – Robert McDonald
Auditorium
I and II Samuel – Jack Smith
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Graded classes for children

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm. When the storms of life come upon us — and all of us will experience them — we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God.

The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God’s power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm. The wise man wrote, *“When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future”* (Eccl. 7:14). Solomon fairly well summarized life. There are good and bad days that attend our lives. Make the best of both. When things go well, rejoice and praise God; when they go wrong, and adversity attacks the soul, rest on the assurance that God is there and he cares. His goodness is shown in the providential help he offers in time of need.

“Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help (us) in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them. The Bible says, *“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.”* — Isaiah 40:31

NEWS AND NOTES

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Not much news on the health front. My aunt is doing about the same. Vital signs are steady but her loss of appetite and general weakness signal the end of earthly life. Thanks for all your thoughts in this time.

On Wednesday night, Aaron Williams said he wanted to be baptized. He didn't want to many spectators. They can be intimidating for a young man (or for some older ones as well). Much joy and a few tears. Welcome to the Lord's family, Aaron.

There is a sign-up list on the table for the farewell party next Saturday. Check it if you plan to come.

Welcome to Brian and his wife this morning. Hope he enjoys his time with the church here. Look forward to the lesson. There is another "meet and greet" for them at the Miles house this afternoon from 2 till 4.