

THE REMINDER

BELLAIRE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 14 MAY 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The memorial service in memory of **Fran Spencer** will be this coming Saturday, May 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bradshaw-Carter Memorial and Funeral Services at 1734 W Alabama St.
- **Pat Butler** continues to gain strength and she will meet with her doctors at the end of June. Pray for complete healing!
- **Anna Miekle**, is struggling with her health and misses getting to be with her Bellaire family. Pray for her strength and health.
- **Holly Ann, Sharon's daughter** has finished her chemotherapy and will have surgery in June. Continue to pray for her healing.
- Continue praying for those with on-going health issues. **Bob Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn, Don Hurd, Fran Spencer, and Johnny Martinez.**
- **Sermon Title: The Laughter of a Mother**

Calendar Items:

- The **Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for this coming Saturday, May 20th at 8:00 a.m. The location this month is Omelette and Waffle Restaurant (8533 Beechnut St.)
- The **Youth Devotional** for all middle school and high school students will be next Sunday, May 21, and Barbara McDonald's house. Please make plans to attend!

SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

SERVICE

Welcome - D. Broadwell
Song Leader - R. McDonald
Opening Prayer - B. Ward
Lesson - S. Garrett
Communion Talk - D. Haley
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - S. Clanton

BIBLE CLASSES

Old Testament Survey

- Brian Haley
- Auditorium

Gospel of Mark

- Daniel Broadwell
- Back Classroom

Classes for children

WHO ARE WE?

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

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Mike Pharris

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
Alex Morolez
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Motherliness

By: Gary Henry (wordpoints.com/motherliness-may-8)

“When God thought of mother, he must have laughed with satisfaction and framed it quickly — so rich, so deep, so divine, so full of soul, power, and beauty was the conception” (Henry Ward Beecher)

SOME HUMAN ATTRIBUTES ARE TYPICALLY FOUND IN WOMEN MORE OFTEN THAN IN MEN, AND “MOTHERLINESS” IS ONE SUCH TRAIT. Indeed, motherliness is so closely associated in our minds with the feminine disposition that it stands as one of the defining characteristics of femininity. The natural tendency to love and cherish, to nourish and nurture, and to encourage and support are so bound up with being a woman that these skills are usually thought to come as part of a woman’s “original equipment.”

But notice carefully the word we’re meditating on today: it’s not just “motherhood,” but “motherliness” that we want to think about. Motherhood is the biological fact of being a mother, and it may or may not be accompanied by motherly attitudes and actions. Usually it is, but not always. And so we properly pay tribute to those women who’ve not only borne children, but having done so, have also given their children (and perhaps others) the great gift of motherliness.

Motherliness is not just a trait; it’s a virtue. It’s something to be admired and praised. Yes, it does come naturally to most women, but the actual following of motherly instincts on a day-to-day basis requires choice. It requires work. And it requires no small measure of sacrifice. Those mothers who have gone beyond motherhood into the realm of real motherliness are to be honored in the very highest way.

In some parts of the world, May is the month when “Mother’s Day” comes around. This is a day to remember our mothers for their greatness — and if they’re still living, to express our appreciation to them personally. Fortunately, greatness as a mother doesn’t require a woman to have achieved many of the things that the world admires; “success” (at least in the usual sense) is simply not necessary. And that’s a good thing because not many of our mothers had any realistic chance to make a mark that the world would notice. But oh, how they loved us! And if today we had little else in life but the love our mothers gave up their lives to give us, we’d still be wealthy, wouldn’t we?

“A rich child often sits in a poor mother’s lap” (Danish Proverb)