

Campaign & Meeting

Our meeting is a great success. First we knocked every door in Belle. We had four baptisms, Taylor and Savannah Shanks, and two more from the Vienna congregation). We also set up 18 Bible studies. Several of these have already been held and we have others to conduct. This is better than I ever expected it to be. Let us continue to remember this effort in our prayers.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
05/11/09 Monday.....	1 Samuel.....19-20	Psalm.....30-31
05/12/09 Tuesday.....	1 Samuel.....21-22	Psalm.....32-33
05/13/09 Wednesday.....	1 Samuel.....23-24	Psalm.....34-35
05/14/09 Thursday.....	1 Samuel.....25-26	Psalm.....36-37
05/15/09 Friday.....	1 Samuel.....27-28	Psalm.....38-39
05/16/09 Saturday.....	1 Samuel.....29-30	Psalm.....40-41
05/17/09 Sunday.....	1 Samuel.....31	Psalm.....42-43

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TIMES OF SERVICE

- Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
- Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
- Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00
- Ladies Bible Class 3rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

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WHEN I CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

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Paul made this statement to a young preacher to remind him of his upbringing. When he wrote "*when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also*" (2Ti 1:5), he celebrated the faithfulness of two women in raising Timothy: Lois (Timothy's grandmother) and Eunice (Timothy's mother). The only thing that is said about his father is that he was a Greek (Acts 16:3). However, even though Timothy's mother is only named one time (as is his grandmother) much is said about them. Lois and Eunice were responsible for Timothy's sincere faith because they brought him up to know the holy scriptures from a child (2 Tim. 3:15). Thus we see that these two Godly women figured importantly in the life of this Godly preacher.

All too often we overlook our mothers and take them for granted. They work to bring our children up in the way that they should go (Prov. 22:6) so that when they are old they will not depart from the Lord. The fondest memories that any of us can have are those of our mother's, doing and sacrificing for us and all the while asking nothing in return except that we turn out to be responsible citizens in society as well as in the church. To far too many Mother's Day, however, has become just another holiday to be capitalized upon. The stores make money selling products for mother's day presents. I looked at some of the "Mother's Day" presents and found them to be no more appealing to one's mother than it would to an Orangutan. If a movie has a romantic scene on it, it is put out as a Mother's Day gift; forget that it is a horror movie that is likely to give anyone with a normal brain night mares from now on, it's a mother's day gift. We have capitalized on it so much that most have even forgotten about what Mother's day is all about. Mother's Day is a day that we have set aside to honor the women who have had a part in our lives; bringing us up and helping us to become responsible citizens in both the church and in our country. It is a day that we have set aside to give honor to her, to say "Thank You" for all of the hard work that she has done. There is

nothing wrong with purchasing her gifts, in fact such is appropriate. But make sure that the gift is appropriate.

How Do We Honor Our Mothers?

1. We honor them by living the Godly lives that they have worked so hard for us to live: *“wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear”* (Heb 12:28). When we live in such a way that we serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear we pay tribute to our mothers who sacrificed so much to make sure that we do so. Those who live in opposition to this principle dishonor their mothers regardless of how many gifts or how expensive gifts they purchase on Mother’s Day.
2. We honor them by being obedient to them, even after we leave the nest. Some have the idea that once we are out on our own we no longer owe our parents anything, especially respect and/or obedience. Solomon, speaking to his son said *“my son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother”* (Pro 1:8). Even after we have left home to go out on our own we are to still be subject to our parents. Eli was punished because though his sons were grown they walked not according to Eli’s instructions, and Eli did not punish them; he allowed them to continue in the Priesthood (1 Sam. 3:11-14).
3. We honor them by caring for them in their old age as they did for us when we were unable to care for ourselves. Paul instructed the church in Ephesus *“Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)”* (Eph 6:2). One of the meanings for the word “honor” is “(II) To prize, to fix a value or price upon something” (*Word Study Dictionary, e-Sword*). When our parents get to the point that they cannot support themselves we as their children are to fix a value or a price to help them out. In other words, we are to set aside so much to help them.

Do We Honor Our Mothers?

The best Mothers Day gift that we can give our Mothers is that of faithfulness. We are to be faithful to the Lord, to the church, to the word of God, to our spouses, our children, to them and then finally to ourselves. If we are faithful in all these things, bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-24) our Mothers will be grateful. It won’t hurt to take them out to dinner, to buy them flowers, etc., but the best thing we can do is to be faithful. Be responsible citizens in both the kingdom of men and of Christ. No greater complement has ever been paid to any mother than this: *“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which first dwelt in thy grandmother Lois, and then in thy mother Eunice, I am persuaded that in thee also.”* What a powerful tribute to motherhood from the pen of an inspired apostle; two women whose names will be remembered forever! Happy Mothers Day mothers!

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER LIST

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreyse, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Savannah Shanks, Taylor Shanks, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Chesley Shanks, Gary Wallace, Sandy Sarchette, and Olivia Shanks. Let us also continue to remember Andy Shanks, Nettie B. Shirley, Chesley Shanks, Dixie Wallace, and Darrell Conley in our daily prayers. The tests came back negative for Lymphoma on Logan Shanks; something that we are very glad to hear. At this point we don’t know what the problem is so we need to keep him in prayer. Gary Cooper is going in for surgery this week so let us continue to remember him.

THOSE TO SERVE May 10, 2009	THOSE TO SERVE May 17, 2009
A.M.	A.M.
Greeters.....Danny Keeney & David Shanks	Greeters.....Tex & Lois Kinman
Announcements.....Gary Wallace	Announcements.....Taylor Shanks
Song Leader.....Thomas McDonald	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Andy Shanks	Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace
Lord’s Supper...Elwood Runge & Taylor Shanks	Lord’s Supper.....Andy Shanks & T. McDonald
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....David Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....Thomas McDonald	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney	Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Gary Wallace	Closing Prayer.....Taylor Shanks
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Song Leader.....Thomas McDonald	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Andy Shanks	Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge
Devotional.....Jerry McDonald	Devotional.....Thomas McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN’S HOME

The items for Fair Haven Children’s Home this week are “Canned Soup,” and “Ro Tel Tomatoes.”

Business Meeting

The next men’s business meeting will be Tuesday May 12, 2009. All of the men are invited to attend and help make decisions for the church here in Belle.

Sermons For The Next Two Weeks

May 10, 2009: A.M. lesson: “Hope: The Anchor of the Soul.” P.M. Lesson: “Having Love and Faith Toward God.”

May 3, 2009: A.M. lesson: “The Marks of Christ Is Mine.” P.M. Lesson: “The Mind of Christ Is Mine.”

Building Cleaning

Tonight is the night that we clean the building. All that can are encouraged to stay and help out with this chore.

