

**PRAYERS**

**Butch and Chris** – They continue to recuperate. Chris is scheduled for another round of chemo this week.

**Chance** – She is doing better but still dealing with some health issues.

**Linda’s Cousin** – recovering from brain surgery.

**Bob Woodring** - Connie’s brother in law – Suffering from heart problems.

**Cade Bonen** – Still on oxygen after having pneumonia.

**Congregation News**

Next Sunday is potluck. Please bring a dish to share and plan to stay for the afternoon singing immediately following.

**Happy Mother’s Day to all of our Mothers**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** The best way to compliment your wife is frequently.

**Those Privileged to Serve**

**Sunday Morning Service:**

**5/13/18**

**5/20/18**

|                   |                |                |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bible Class       | Paul Darling   | Tom Bright     |
| Announcements     | Tom Bright     | Paul Darling   |
| Song Leader       | Colby Crawford | Tom Bright     |
| Opening Prayer    | Paul Darling   | Paul Darling   |
| Lord's Supper     | Colby Crawford | Tom Bright     |
| Scripture Reading | Tom Bright     | Colby Crawford |
| Sermon            | Tom Bright     | Colby Crawford |

**Bible Classes**

**Sunday Morning**

**Wednesday Evening**

|          |                 |                |
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| Adult    | Paul Darling    | Tom Bright     |
| Children | Colby Crawford  | Linda McBrayer |
| Toddlers | Cindy Bright    |                |
| Babies   | Anissa Crawford |                |

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Connie LaRocque  
May 20<sup>th</sup> - Patrick & Bryana Darling Rombs

**Building Cleanup**

Darling

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**Bulletin Submissions**

If you would like anything added to the bulletin such as prayer requests, news, or events, please make submissions by Friday night to: [tlbj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlbj@sbcglobal.net)

# Aberdeen church of Christ

May 13, 2018

## A Mother’s Influence

In a “Snuffy Smith” cartoon, the minister looks surprised to see Snuffy and one of his friends in worship, so he asks, “Well now, what brings you fellers to church on this glorious Sunday?” Snuffy replies, “Ain’t it obvious, parson?!” and jabs his thumb backwards, toward two wives who obviously dragged their husbands, kicking and screaming, to church that morning. The comic strip, though set in fiction, drives at something real: There is no limit to the good a faithful woman can do.

How many men and children are in worship on any given Sunday because of the influence of their wives and mothers? Too many, perhaps, to tell. Countless preachers, elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, and other church leaders started a journey of faithfulness with a mother’s gentle hand on their shoulders. In many cases, the story of a great Bible character begins with a mother. Where would Samuel be without Hannah? or John without Elizabeth? or Timothy without Lois and Eunice? or Jesus without Mary? Elisha must have been raised by a wonderful woman, for, before he left with his mentor, Elijah, he pleaded, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you” (1 Kings 19:20).

It is no wonder, then, that the Bible expects believers to respect their mothers. “Honor your father and your mother” is a fundamental principle set forth several times in both the Old and New Testaments (Ex. 20:12; Lev. 19:3; Deut. 5:16; Matt. 19:19; Eph. 6:2). Under Moses’ Law, disrespect toward one’s mother was an offence punishable by death (Ex. 21:15, 17; Lev. 20:9). In the book of Proverbs, we are encouraged not to forsake the law of our mothers (Prov. 1:8; 6:20), and the person who despises his mother is called a “fool” (Prov. 15:20).

One of the greatest judges of Israel was a woman named Deborah. She came along at a time when the Israelites were crippled by Jabin, king of the Canaanites. His military commander, Sisera, harried them from the northwest end of the Kish on River to the plain of Esdraelon. Israel was demoralized until Deborah called for Barak and admonished him to lead his people into battle. God would give them victory, she told him. Because of her influence, God made Israel free again. Her song of victory reflects the positive power inherent in a mother, for she said, “I, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel” (Judges 5:7).

Abraham Lincoln said, “All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” **Many of us could truthfully repeat that praise. Thank you, mothers, for all that you do!**

## Disappointment

There are times (hopefully not too often) when we experience the feeling of disappointment. In the restaurant business, it was unthinkable to even consider a patron to experience such a feeling. It was key that every customer experience an almost euphoric state every time they visited.

Maybe you experienced it when you got your first bad grade in school and your best friend got a better grade. Quite simply, disappointment is the act or feeling of failing to meet expectations. Those expectations are not necessarily your own, they could be your parents' or your teachers'.

I remember my first t-ball game and expecting to hit a homerun and then striking out (they had strike outs in t-ball when I was a kid). Everyone thought it was cute, except for me and my dad. The disappointment on my father's face was crushing for a 5 year old. "He'd never had to hit a ball on a tee like that before," as I thought to myself. I don't even know if they had round balls back when my dad was a kid. I guess you can sometimes even be disappointed from your disappointments.

I wonder how many times God has been disappointed with the world? The flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the tower of Babel are just a few instances that instantly come to mind. How many times did God save the children of Israel only for them to turn away from Him to follow Baal or something of the like?

In the New Testament, there were people like Aquila and Priscilla in Acts 5 who thought that being perceived as giving everything they had was more important than just giving. I wonder how disappointed God's people were who witnessed such tragedy. What about how Peter and Philip felt when Simon the sorcerer tried to buy the gifts of the Holy Spirit for simply making profit. Even worse, what kind of disappointment must the Apostles have felt when Jesus was crucified and had not yet resurrected?

If the truth be told, brethren have suffered many disappointments throughout the annals of time. Someone said or did something without consideration for the other. There has been much loss because of such. I wonder how many people would be left in the church if everyone who has ever suffered disappointment, left. The building we meet in would most likely be vacant and look like a ghost town.

King David saw victories when losing seemed inevitable. Who would've thought a shepherd boy could've won against Goliath, only David? He also

suffered great loss when he should've known better. Who can forget the tragedies surrounding Bathsheba? But it is only through those victories and losses that the sweet Psalmist of Israel can express such exalted thanksgiving and deep remorse. We too, must walk in the valleys with the right perspective to appreciate, in its fullness, the peaks. David totally relied on God to "create in me a clean heart." Maybe my sins don't come close to David's; I still need the cleansing power of Jesus just the same. My reliance on Jesus can't fully be appreciated if my sins are not as well.

2 Timothy 2:10-15 NKJV " Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. (11) This is a faithful saying: For if we died with *Him*, We shall also live with *Him*. (12) If we endure, we shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us. (13) If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. (14) Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. (15) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

### Who Am I?

He was a fisherman.

He fished in the Sea of Galilee.

His sons were called the "sons of thunder".

Answer from last week

**Saul**

### Welcome to our Assembly. . .

Whether you are a first time visitor or a long time member of this congregation, we are happy to have you with us this morning. For those visiting, please make yourself comfortable. A good deal of information about this church and its activities can be found on this sheet. We encourage and invite anyone interested to participate in the activities offered throughout the week. If you have any questions about the facilities, our worship service, or want more information about the church, feel free to ask anyone present. Someone will be glad to help you!