

CROSSROADS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Four Biblical Mothers to Remember

The Bible speaks highly of mothers who raise children and guide their families in a righteous manner; in the oft-quoted Proverbs 31, the “wife of noble character” is honored by her husband and children for her virtues.

1. Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Perhaps no more famous mother exists than Mary, who at a young age learned from an angel that she would give birth to the long-awaited Messiah. Her song of praise in response, and the well-known events of Christ’s birth, are what usually spring to mind when we think of Mary. But her role as mother brought her grief as well as joy; we can only imagine what it must have been like for her to witness Jesus’ crucifixion. Read her story in John 19.

2. Elizabeth

Mary’s was not the only miraculous birth recorded in the New Testament. Elizabeth was a godly woman who was “righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands and decrees blamelessly”—and yet she and her husband were unable to conceive a child. God answered her prayers late in her life and she gave birth to John the Baptist, but is perhaps best known for her prophetic encouragement of the young (and perhaps frightened) Mary: *“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”* Read her story in Luke 1.

3. Hannah

Hannah is one of the most inspiring mothers in the Bible, although her story is less well-known. Despite years of patience and prayer, she remained unable to have a child. One day “in her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly”—and God answered her prayer at last. But Hannah’s character truly shone when, in gratitude to God, she dedicated her newborn son to His service. Her son would one day become one of Israel’s greatest prophets. Read her story in I Samuel 1.

4. Sarah, the Wife of Abraham

Sarah is one of the great matriarchs of the Bible—yet she didn’t become a mother until very late in life. In fact, her reaction to God’s promise that she would have a son was to laugh, as memorably recorded in Genesis 18. Nevertheless she did give birth to a son, and her lineage would include Jesus Christ himself. Read her story in Genesis 18

There are many more famous mothers described in the Bible; many of them righteous, some not so much, but all used by God to bring about His design. This weekend, as we give thanks for the mothers in our lives, consider how you can embody the traits that define a godly mother—patience, kindheartedness, faithfulness—and consider how you can encourage the mothers in your community, young and old, as they work to meet that same standard. *Jonathan Petersen, BibleGateway Blog*



May 12, 2024

Ready To Serve

Acts 6:1-6
Nathan Reynolds

**Sunday Morning Worship:
10:30 AM**

In Person and Livestream
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**Sunday Morning Bible Classes:
9:30 AM**

Adult Class:

2 Samuel 19:41-22:20

Auditorium

Teacher: Danny Cooper

Young Children’s Class:

Fellowship Room

Teacher: Pam Tomay

Older Children’s Class:

Big Questions

Upstairs Teen Class

Amanda & Chris Schardt

**Sunday Evening Follow-Up:
6:00 PM**

Qualities of Deacons

Bud Wilson

**Wednesday Evening
7:00 PM**

Things I Wish Jesus Hadn’t Said

Chapter 9: Just Ask

Jim Robison

Serving This Week:

Worship Leader: Jim Robison

First Prayer: Clint Myers

Communion: Mark Downey

Rick Goeckeler, Cliff Tucker

Scripture: Dan Harlan

Sermon: Nathan Reynolds

Announcements: Danny Cooper

Prepare Communion: Kristi Reynolds

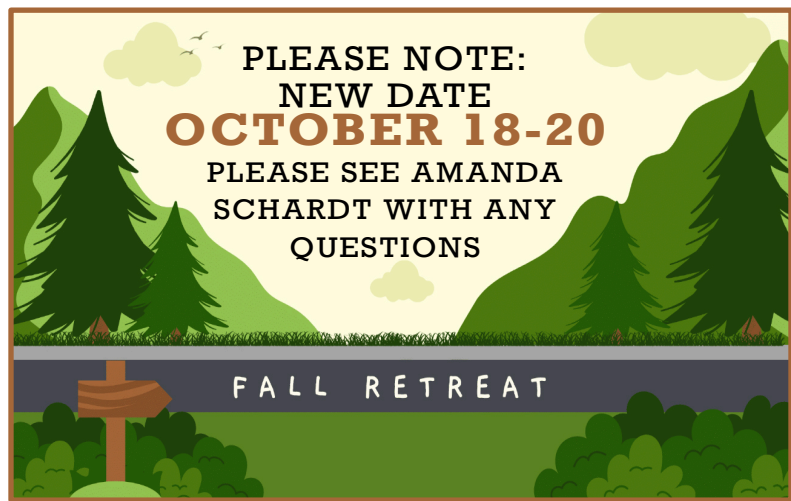
Greeter: Carol Kearns

Monitor: Scott Kleinschnitz

Farewell Luncheon!

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Please join us on Sunday, June 2 following services for a luncheon to say goodbye to the Fye Family. Jake, Julie and Jacob will be moving to Virginia after the school year.



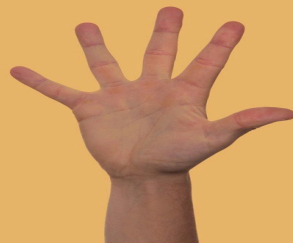
Thanks to everyone who came out to McMurray Hills Manor on Wednesday evening. We had 20 folks there to sing and visit with the residents. Many voices make the hymns sound so very sweet. The residents commented on how much they appreciated and enjoyed our time with them. We will keep you posted on the date and time of our next visit...please consider joining us!

Happy
Mother's
Day

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'" Proverbs 31:28-29

For your convenience contribution boxes are in the foyer and under the attendance/contribution registry in the front of the auditorium. If you are not able to attend our In Person Services please mail your contributions to:
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Acts 6:1-7

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“Do all that we can to grow closer to God and to one another so that together we might draw others to Him.”