

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to share with you an article I read about mothers. Happy Mothers Day!

The Law of Your Mother! by James Smith, 1861

“Do not forsake the law of your mother!” Proverbs 1:8. A mother’s *influence* is great; a mother’s *love* is strong. Every mother therefore should endeavor to use her influence wisely, and for her child’s eternal good. A very great responsibility rests upon godly mothers, which they should realize, and realizing—should act under a sense of it. The mother’s *life*—should be the child’s lesson; and the mother’s *words*—should be the child’s law. The *authority* of the mother—is essentially the authority of love; and the *teachings* of the mother—should be the teachings of love. With these thoughts in the mind, we want to enforce the inspired admonition to the young, *for*

The OBJECT to Be Regarded. A godly mother’s law. O what a privilege to have a godly mother! One who knowsthe value of the soul, the person of the Savior, the way of salvation, and the power of vital piety in her own heart.

Such a mother will *teach* her child . . .to value what is really important and spiritual;.....to secure a saving interest in eternal felicity;.....to avoid the sinful and the dangerous;.....to do the necessary and the moral; to enjoy the lawful and the profitable;.....to prepare for the future and eternal.

In a word, she will enforce on her child the advice of the Savior, “Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.” The salvation of the child’s soul—will be nearest her heart. The early and entire consecration of her child to God—will be the *object* at which she aims. For this she will teach, and pray and act. Nor will less than this, ever satisfy her maternal mind.

Every child should . . .
carefully attend to a mother’s teaching,.....treasure up a mother’s lessons,.....bear in mind the object of a mother’s prayers,.....and endeavor to carry out a mother’s wishes.

The TEMPTATION to Be Resisted. When young people leave home, and enter into a place of business, or some school to learn a trade, or a profession—they find themselves surrounded by new *circumstances*. They often fall in with new *companions*, and are plied with new *temptations*.

Away from home, away from under a mother’s *eye*, out of the reach of the sound of a mother’s *voice*—they are apt to *forget* the *law* of their mother. They once thought that they never would, never could—but they do!

Not only so, they are tempted to *forsake* a mother’s law, and adopt a new and untried rule of life, perhaps the very opposite to that which their mother gave them.

Then they begin to pursue a different *course*, and a downward course too. This is smooth and easy at first. The flesh is pleased, youthful lusts are gratified, bad habits are contracted, and death, eternal death, is sought in the error of their ways! O how many young men, how many young women, have been ruined, by forsaking the law of their mother! Hence,

The ADMONITION, “Do not forsake the law of your mother.”

Think of a mother’s *love*—so strong, so tender, and so constant....Think of a mother’s *wisdom*—implanted in her heart, by your mother’s God.....Think of a mother’s *concern* for her child—how deep, how lively, how uninterrupted.

A child may forget its mother—but the mother will never forget her child. The child’s interest in its mother may die out—but the mother’s interest in her child never will.

A mother’s *love*—is an undying love.....A mother’s *wisdom*—is quick and inventive. A mother’s *concern* for her offspring—is as lasting as her life.

Think of meeting your mother before God in judgment! Then her *lessons* will all be revived in your memory—then her *prayers* and *tears* will come up before you anew. Then she will rejoice in your salvation—OR acquiesce in the sentence of the just judge, when he bids you to depart from him into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels! Yes, your mother will acquiesce in what is just, even in the eternal condemnation of her child—as a

hardened, persevering rebel against God!

O how solemn the thought—a mother obliged to agree to the banishment of her child from God and eternal glory—unto eternal Hell! Think of having the *image* of your mother—a holy mother, a glorified mother—stamped upon your *memory* forever in Hell. Think of *hearing* that tender, touching voice—warning, entreating, and beseeching you to flee to Jesus—stamped upon your *mind* forever in Hell. Think of having the *law* of your mother, and the *efforts* of your mother to save you—ever before you, when all hope is gone, and every way of escape is barred, and barred forever!

Think of how you may now add to her joy, by deciding for God; OR increase her sorrow, by going on still in your trespasses.

Young man, young woman, by all the tenderness of a mother's love, by the intense concern of a mother's heart—if you would not shorten the days of her life, or embitter her dying hours, I beseech you, "*Do not forsake the law of your mother!*"

By the dread thought of meeting your mother as a *witness against you* at the final judgment, and hearing her testify her approval of the sentence of condemnation, pronounced on you, by the Savior you have insulted and rejected—I beseech you, "*Do not forsake the law of your mother!*"

By the horrid thought of being . . . haunted by the remembrance of your mother's *form*,.....tormented by the remembrance of your mother's *prayers*, and pierced through and through with the recollection of your mother's *tears*—in Hell forever; I beseech you, "Do not forsake the law of your mother!"

As you may greatly add to your mother's joys, OR increase your mother's sorrows; by all the *love* of a child, by the *duty* of a child—I beg you, "Do not forsake the law of your mother!"

Few realize the value of a mother as they should, while they have one—especially a *godly* mother. But when death has done its work in her, when her soul has departed, to look at a mother's corpse, to follow the coffin that contains a mother's remains, or to stand by a mother's grave—will awaken strange thoughts, new feelings, and perhaps bitter regrets. While you have a mother—love her, obey her, and make her heart glad.

Many forget and forsake the law of their mother, when away from her. This is unwise, it is unkind, it is ungrateful. A mother's advice . . . is *unselfish*; it is only for her *child's good*,..it is the offspring of the *deepest love* and often the result of the most earnest *fervent prayers*.

But fascinated by our *companions*,.....deceived by an *unbelieving heart*,.....allured by a *false and vain world*, and ensnared by a *cruel and crafty devil*

—too many of our young people forsake the law of their mother! Many will wish—but wish in vain, that they *never had* such a mother!

It will increase their condemnation,.....it will add to their torments, and.....will give intensity to the bitter pangs generated by hopeless despair!

The thoughts of what their mother *was*, what their mother *did*, and how their mother tried to *prevent their ruin*—will make Hell ten times hotter than it would otherwise be—to many a child of godly parents.

But on the other hand, many will bless God forever for . . . a mother's love,.....a mother's example,..... and a mother's law.

That *love*—won the heart for Jesus ;that *example*—was a constant lesson of warning, reproof and instruction; and that *law*—constrained the soul to bow to the scepter of Jesus, and trust alone in his blessed name.

Young friends, endeavor to realize the *value* of a godly mother, while you have one! Never, never, let anyone, or anything tempt you to forsake her law—lest in Hell you should bitterly and eternally regret it! But let a mother's *love*, a mother's *example*, and a mother's *law* lead you at once to Jesus—that you may meet your mother with joy at last, and dwell with her in Heaven forever!

Again, I wish all our mothers and wives a blessed Happy Mother's Day

Doug

SESSION NOTES

Session met on Thursday, April 28 with members present.

New member

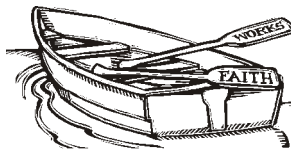
On March 27th Michelle Topolosky was received into membership of New Bedford Presbyterian Church.

Baptism

Logan Michael Thomas was presented for Infant Baptism on March 27th also. He is the son of Michelle Topolosky and Christopher Jean Thomas



At the Women’s Retreat meeting one of the mission projects that we collected money for was to buy a boat that they use to go up and down the coast in Haiti with food for the poorest of the poor people there. The boat costs a little over \$800 to build and we collected over \$500 so the session agreed to give enough to make up the difference to send to Haiti for the boat.



The boats they had been using were destroyed or disappeared during their earthquake and only one was saved . They feed between 200 -300 people a day out of one boat.

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

In the song, "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day.—and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21 year old soldier fighting for America’s freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, centuries prior sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world. The chorus offers this challenge:

*“What did he die for when he died for you and me
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?
I believe we will answer each to heaven
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.
Look inside and ask the question,
What did he die for?”*

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise every day we’re challenged to live so as to honor Jesus’ supreme

sacrifice. He calls us to spend our “priceless liberty” using our blessings to bless others.

DEACONS NOTES

Deacons met on Monday, April 25th with members present.

SENIORS



If you know of high school seniors who will be graduating this year, please let us know. Please don’t assume we know who they are. Also if there are any college graduates let us know who they are.

Please remember in prayer the people who are hospitalized, receiving treatments, recuperating at home and those who have ask for prayer.



- Nancy Templeton-----Overlook
- Shirley Cramer-----Home
- Chuck Ruby-----Avalon Nursing Home
- Jo Ruby-----Home
- George & Marie Snyder-----Home
- Bob & Jean Rishel-----Shenango Home (Bob 315)
- Jean (240)
- Denny Eppinger-----Rehab in Denver
- Rod Smith----- Home (LaVon’s brother)
- Patty Scarnati—(Margie’s sister) Home
- Jack Keeseey Jr.-----Home
- June Gates-----Home
- Elizabeth Wallace-----Home
- Nancy Templeton-----Horizon Hospital
- Ron Root-----Horizon Hospital
- Dot Jones-----Silver Oaks



WOMEN'S NOTES

Circles

The Deborah Circle will meet at the church on Monday, May 10th at 9:00A.M.

The Rebekah Circle will meet on Monday, May 16, at 6:30P.M.

The Lydia Circle will meet at the home of Jean Chrobak on Monday , May 16th at 7:30P.M.

Ladies!! We will be having a Tea for all ladies of the church and guests if you would like to invite someone. It will be held at the church on May 14th at 10:30A.M. Our featured speaker will be June Bennett who will perform a selection of hymns and give the



Ladies Tea

history and meaning behind each one. We are asking each woman to bring their favorite tea cup. If you have questions see Matthews, Angela Houk or Linda Canami & Terry Emery..



HELP!!! Please get your recipes in to Helen Ruby, Nancy Cummings or Linda Brubaker for the cookbook that is being compiled. We

know there are many good cooks in this congregation and we would love to have your recipes to include in our book.



We are inviting women of the church and friends to the Bible Study of *Daniel* by Beth Moore. This Bible Study will start on Monday,

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meetings will be every Monday. For questions

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

- Ray Pence-----02
- Debi Fynes-----02
- Grant Dieter-----05
- Maelee Whiting-----08
- Kim Runyan-----09
- Doris Spence-----12
- Duane Boyles-----14
- Vern Eppinger-----14
- Doug Wallace-----16
- Ava Riachy-----16
- Ashley Shaffer-----19
- Isabella DeVite----- 19
- Laurel Sanders-----22
- Nancy Templeton-----24
- Roy Komar-----27
- Natalie Bell-----30



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Join us on **THURSDAY, May 5th at 6:30P.M.** for the National Day of Prayer Worship and prayer service. It will be held here at our church and other churches in our area have been invited to



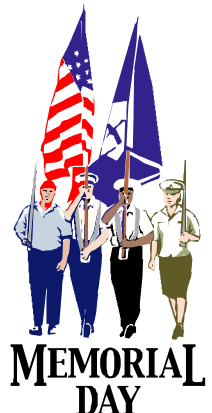
participate. Dessert and coffee will follow the service. A sign up sheet will be available the month of April so we may know how many we're accommodating that evening. Come, make this an evening of unified prayer with people in our communities.

I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust. Psalm 18:2

MEMORIAL DAY

Again this year we will be honoring all veterans at our service on May 29th. If you have never turned in a picture of yourself as a serviceman please do so as soon as possible.

Give it to Nathan Book or turn it in



MEMORIAL DAY

When the children were asked “Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?” one child replied, “God knew she likes me a lot more than other people’s moms like me.”

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

YOUTH NEWS

Hallelujah!! He Is Risen!! We continue to praise God for the blessings he gives us.

As I write this, I am still thankful and feel so blessed for our Sunrise Service this year. If you missed it, you may want to see the DVD. I would like to thank all of our youth who participated, whether it was by greeting, praying, or taking up the offering. Our youth worship team did an amazing job in leading us in glorifying God. Your words and music touched me so much as we celebrated our risen King. Our seniors, Kristi Jones and Samantha Shugars, did a truly wonderful job giving their testimonies. Girls, I can’t stop thinking about your words that morning. I have also heard the same responses from many others who heard you both speak. You are truly an inspiration. I pray that you will take these words and more importantly act on those words as you attend college in the fall. I would also like to thank all those who attended and support our youth. You heard in the testimonies how important a church family is in the faith walk’s of our children.



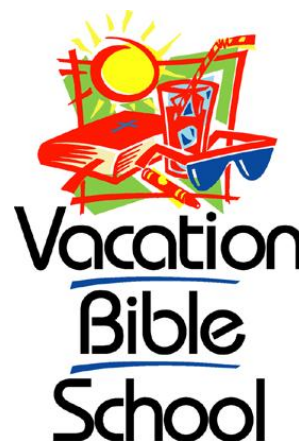
Other activities of the

month were stuffing eggs and helping out with the Easter Egg Hunt. A total of \$151.50 was raised at the bake sale. Thank you to Julie Whiting who was the coordinator for this (in her spare time), and thank you to all who baked or purchased items.

On April 15th, we FINALLY had the lock-in. There were not near as many kids as I had been warned about, but we did end up with a total of 65. It was a great group and we had A LOT of fun. Thank you to all the chaperones and to Nancy Bretz and Cindy Bell for the chocolate fountain once again this year.



The Children’s Choir sang beautifully on Palm Sunday!



Bible School is coming!! The program this year is Son Rock Kids Camp. The planning has begun and we are very excited. VBS this year will be June 13th-17th in the morning hours. If you are available to help in

any way, please let Geniene know as soon as possible!!

