



# Lifeline

CHURCH of CHRIST  
at Galena



## Even Jesus Had a Mother

This is the season when the advertisers are pushing their cards, candy, flowers, etc. to honor our mothers. While we might not like the commercialization of the special day, it is good to reflect on the role mother's play in our lives.

There's a beautiful and heart-touching song that I listen to from time to time by Pentatonix called "Mary Did You Know?" It asks whether she knew, as she held her baby boy that one day he would walk on water, that he would one day save our sons and daughters, etc. What an awesome role she played in nurturing the Son of God.

Obviously, Mary was a unique young woman, more than that she was a mother and a virgin. God knew her character, and knew that she would be a good and caring mother for his Son. God knew the importance of the role of mothers. So God chose her for a reason.

Mothers are to be honored and celebrated because being a mother is not a trivial thing. It is a tremendous responsibility to be watchful for a child's health, education and spiritual values. We are reminded of Timothy's mother and grandmother, who obviously had a great role in nurturing him. "For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well." (II Tim. 1:5)

Paul told Titus to instruct the older women to "encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children." (Titus 2:4).

But celebrating Mother's Day involves some others—children! This is a time to honor those who have raised us, and even reflect upon those who are no longer with us. Paul's instruction to the Ephesians is well known. "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH." (Eph. 6:2-3) This was not a new commandment, as Paul was quoting from the Ten Commandments given to Israel by Moses in Exodus 20:12.

"To honor" means to show respect or esteem. Obviously how we show this changes as we get older. God teaches that one way we honor mothers when we are young is to embrace the attitude of obedience, as Paul pointed out in Ephesians 6. Tim Todd told the story of two boys walking to school and talking about their families. One said, "I've figured out a system for getting along with my Mom. It's very simple. She tells me what to do...AND I DO IT!!!" What a great idea.

While "obey your parents" may not apply when we are 50 years old, to "honor" does not change. In various churches, there are groups that go to assisted living homes to sing and otherwise interact with the residents. And how many of these older citizens are lonely because their children seldom, if ever, come to visit them. One way to honor God is to honor our parents.

"Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." (Prov. 31:28-29) ❖

# Momma Blue Jay



For a few weeks one spring a quiet vigil made just outside Emily and Sarah's bedroom window when they were young. A mother blue jay built a nest and laid eggs in a pine tree where she sat every day. With our thoughts turned toward honoring mothers today I thought there are a few lessons we can learn from momma blue jay which have been wonderfully illustrated in some of our own godly mothers.

**1. Vigilant:** If there is anything a momma blue jay is good at, it is being watchful. She is always looking out for her little ones to ensure their safety. Of the virtuous woman King Lemuel's mother taught him, "She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness." (Proverbs 31:27) The excellent wife and mother looks with a circumspect view for the needs of her family. Mothers have a keen sense of when their children are in danger or may get themselves into trouble. Thank God for wise mothers who understand the words of Paul when he said, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). Be thankful for a mother who "watched you like a hawk" (or a blue jay) in your youth because she cared enough to keep you from evil.

**2. Patient:** Sitting, just sitting. How could she stand to just sit there? Momma blue jay instinctively knew that is what it takes to hatch baby blue jays. So, she was content to sit. Patient mothers know how to sit, a lot. Not because they are inactive or lazy but, because they are patient. They sit up with crying babies, sit with a sick toddler, sit in the darkness while childhood fears drift into sweet dreams, she can sit with her Bible, sit and read "just one more story," sit and watch her child play or at ball games, or sit and cuddle. Sitting. Just sitting. Momma knows if you want to "hatch" good kids it takes a lot of sitting. She avoids exasperation of herself and her children for the good of both (Colossians 3:21).

**3. Caring:** Momma blue jays do what they do primarily because of their God given instincts. Godly mothers need to be trained to care with the understanding derived from the word of God and older mothers. Mothers learn to love in ways that often seem very natural yet the scripture says, "we know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the

brethren" (1 John 3:16). The ultimate source and example of love is God Himself. Older women are instructed to teach the young women, "that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored" (Titus 2:5). Mothers who apply their hearts to seek God's wisdom in order to be God's kind of mother are caring and loving souls which live out the language of love.

**4. Provision:** Momma blue jay made some interesting provisions; a nest prepared on the back side of pine tree; obscure enough to blend with the branches; yet with an easy look out; approachable from only one direct and plenty of afternoon sun. Mothers are often great providers. Of the excellent wife it was said, "She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She makes coverings for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple" (Proverbs 31:21-22). In organizing the home mothers may make clothes, buy them in the "off" season, go to a garage sale, store them for the next year or child. She plans and provides for her household. Shopping for food, planning and preparing meals is an exercise routine in and of itself. "She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar. She rises also while it is still night, And gives food to her household, And portions to her maidens" (Proverbs 31:14-15). Color and creativity are brought into the home to provide a place for living. Mothers provide for so much more than what they are credited most of the time.

Momma blue jay maintained her quiet sentry just outside the window for some time. We finally got to see the results of her watchful quest. The eggs hatched and there were three little beaks peaking out of the nest. Momma blue jay provides some lessons that are practical and real. God's creation is interesting like that. There are lessons everywhere.

I don't particularly know much about blue jays. But, I know a godly mother when I see one. I have seen them in action and lived with a couple of them in my life; one while growing up and the one I call my wife and wonderful mother of our children. 🍷



## LORD'S SUPPER MEDITATION

### Why Did Jesus Come to Die? ...To Bring Us to God

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,”  
(1 Peter 3:18)

## The Honor of a Mother (Proverbs 31)

**Introduction:** Sarah is seen as one who was greatly blessed (Gen. 17:16). The birth of a son was the cause for rejoicing among Hebrews (Gen. 21:6). Indeed, the woman of God will have “Her children rise up and call her blessed.” (Prov. 31:28) Why such honor and blessing associated with motherhood?

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Motherhood

- A) She is the bearer of a life that has come from God!
- B) Who will give all and not forget her child. (Isa. 49:15)

### II. Her \_\_\_\_\_ Status

- A) Both parents were to be honored. (Ex. 20:12)
  1. Her status higher than in any other legal system (Lev. 19:3)
  2. To heed their teaching. (Prov. 1:8)
- B) She is to be \_\_\_\_\_ for her position.
  1. Gruesome warning to disobedience (Prov. 30:17).
    - a. Obedience MUST be taught (Prov. 13:24)
    - b. Respect for authority crucial
  2. One of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 66:12-13).

### III. Her \_\_\_\_\_ Character

- A) Significant observation by the inspired historians.
  1. Seven of Judah's Kings did “good”, eight did “evil”.
    - a. All of the last three before Judah fell to Babylon are listed as being “evil in the sight of the Lord.”
    - b. Decades before, Jezebel & her daughter, Athaliah, had set in motion the destruction of the nation (2 Chron. 22:1-3; 24:7).
  2. The success of a good king. (2 Ch. 27:6)
- B) Seen in the person of Mary.

### IV. Her \_\_\_\_\_ Love

- A) The love of Mary (Lk. 2:48; John 2:1-5; 19:25-27)
- B) Directive to love
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:4)
    2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:4)
      - a. Because they are a gift of God
      - b. Because they are a part of us that will carry on a statement of what we are and what we love.
      - c. Because it is the purpose of our life to see that the God of heaven is glorified in ALL we do.

### V. A Command With a \_\_\_\_\_

- A) That life may go well - Eph. 6:2-3
- B) Careful conduct can improve the quality & length of days

**Conclusion:** May we all give due HONOR to the God-fearing mothers who give themselves to the solemn task of shaping the lives of these precious ones. May all the mothers apprehend the trust that God has placed in your hands to mold a child into one who will serve God in the years to come and carry on the banner of the King.

## “Except Ye Become as Little Children” (Matthew 18:1-4)

**Introduction:** The disciples of Jesus discussed many topics and had many questions to be sure. However, there was one questions that kept coming to the surface again and again; “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” (Mark 9:33-34; Luke 22:24-27; Matthew 20:20-23). Jesus clearly answered this question in our text and we still need to learn what it means to “become as little children.”

- I. \_\_\_\_\_
- A) A little child has no understanding of right and wrong (Deut. 1:39; Isaiah 7:16)
  - B) We, as disciples of Jesus, should become innocent.
    - 1. We are all guilty of sin (Romans 3:23).
    - 2. We are accountable to God (Romans 14:10-12; Acts 17:30-31).
  - C) We can become innocent of sin (Matthew 18:3; Acts 3:19; Colossians 2:13).
- II. \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Children largely have a generous, forgiving attitude.
  - B) We should be forgiving in a similar manner.
    - 1. Ready and eager to forgive (Eph. 4:32).
    - 2. Don't stay angry (Eph. 4:26; 1 Cor. 14:20)
    - 3. Be as forgetful as God (Hebrews 8:12).
- III. \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Children are ready and eager to learn and be taught.
  - B) Are we that eager to be taught?
    - 1. Jesus instructs us to be learners (Matt. 11:29).
    - 2. Remember what Paul told Timothy (2 Tim. 3:14-15).
  - C) What does it mean to be teachable?
    - 1. Willing to be taught and learn.
    - 2. Not a “know it all” (1 Cor. 8:1-3).
    - 3. Willing to change (Luke 13:3).
  - D) In our learning we must then learn to teach others (Hebrews 5:12-14).
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Children are dependent upon others.
  - B) We are solely depending upon God (Acts 17:25, 28; James 1:17; 1 Tim. 6:17).
  - C) The practical application of these things is in our prayers (Matt. 6:8, 25-33).
  - D) Most importantly we are dependent on God for salvation (Rom. 3:24-26; Eph. 1:7).
- V. \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Children are to learn and practice submission to their parents (Eph. 6:1, 3).
  - B) We must learn to be submissive to God (Eph. 5:1; 1 Pet. 1:13-14; Heb. 5:8-9).

**Conclusion:** In spite of our own questions and wondering about who might be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven let us learn and live out Jesus illustration of children. Are you willing to be converted and become like a child of God? Are you ready to humble yourself as a child? In doing so you will become the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.



*Your Mom  
Asked Us to  
Remind You To...*



1. Be an “On-Timer”
2. Be a “Front-Seater”
3. Be a “Hymn-Singer”
4. Be a “Visitor-Greeter”
5. Be an “Eager-Encourager”
6. Be a “Neighbor-Bringer”
7. Be a “Cheerful-Giver”
8. Be a “Willing-Helper”
9. Be a “Sunday-Nighter”
10. Be a “Wednesday-Nighter”



# Prayer List

**Shut In Members:**

Marjorie Dodge &  
Grace Singleton

**Galena Family:**

Helen Bailey  
Shannon Michell

**Friends & Family Members:**

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Brent Buchanan  
Ronnie Dillo  
Stewart Dodge

Tyler Dowling  
Eric Foushee  
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Anne Loughmiller  
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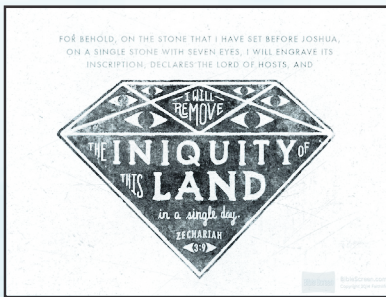
**New Information:**

**Allison Unruh** was released from rehab yesterday!  
New address is:  
3965 Seven Springs Road  
Elizabeth IN, 47117

**Bonnie Evaline** (Christina Farmer's aunt) is still in Baptist Health Floyd and is awaiting pacemaker surgery. Her husband Junior is sleeping most of the time and not eating as well. Cards may be sent to:

Junior and Bonnie Evaline  
7713 S Becks Mill Road  
Salem, IN 47167

don't forget to  
**SILENCE**  
your phone



**WE PROPHETABLE LIFE MAJOR LESSONS** | from the **MINOR PROPHETS**  
**READ ZECHARIAH FOR WEDNESDAY!**

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Barker</b> May 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Dowling</b> May 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Loughmiller</b> June 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mitchell</b> April 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Scott</b> May 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stout</b> May 14 <sup>th</sup>
Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol	Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don	Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan	Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank	Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver	Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D.

**MAY SERVANTS**

**Building Cleaning & Communion:**  
Dowling & Miller

**Benevolence Organizers:**  
McKinney & Stout



**MAY**

13 - Don Sieg B'day  
17 - Randol Woolbright B'day  
20 - Jenny Stout B'day  
22 - Carmen S. B'day  
24 - Colton Sieg B'day  
26 - Daryn & Laura ANN B'day  
30 - LauraBarker B'day

**BIRTHDAYS  
ANNIVERSARIES**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

### NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday Morning (05/14)

**Announcements:** Dale Woolbright  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Bill Buchanan  
**Song Leader:** Donny Sieg  
**Lord's Table:** Mike Loughmiller (Lead)  
R. Scott, G. Schoenbaechler, T. Maudlin  
**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer  
**Closing Prayer:** Daryn Barker

#### Sunday PM (05/14)

**Announcements:** Dale Woolbright  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Nick Loughmiller  
**Song Leader:** Dylan Culver  
**Lord's Table:** Mike Loughmiller (Lead)  
R. Scott  
**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer  
**Closing Prayer:** Keith Keehn

#### Wednesday (05/17)

**Announcements:** Scott Mitchell  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Jonathan Maudlin  
**Song Leader:** Ryan Woolbright  
**Invitation:** Don Sieg  
**Closing Prayer:** Shanon Miller

### NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday Morning (05/21)

**Announcements:** Bill Buchanan  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Shanon Miller  
**Song Leader:** Dylan Culver  
**Lord's Table:** Kyle Dowling (Lead)  
E. Mitchell, L. Dooley, K. Keehn  
**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer  
**Closing Prayer:** Ryan Woolbright

#### Sunday PM (05/21)

**Announcements:** Bill Buchanan  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Jim Hudson  
**Song Leader:** Seth Shaffer  
**Lord's Table:** Kyle Dowling (Lead)  
E. Mitchell  
**Sermon:** Shannon Shaffer  
**Closing Prayer:** Benny Loughmiller

#### Wednesday (05/24)

**Announcements:** Tim Maudlin  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prayer:** Randy Scott  
**Song Leader:** Don Sieg  
**Invitation:** Jeff Farmer  
**Closing Prayer:** Michael Stout

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# CHURCH of CHRIST at Galena

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#### *Meeting at*

5466 Featheringill Road  
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#### *Sunday*

Worship: 9:00 AM  
Bible Classes: 10:00 AM  
Worship: 3:00 PM

#### *Wednesday*

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

#### *Website*

[http://churchofChrist  
inGalena.com](http://churchofChristinGalena.com)