



THE VISION

May 2021

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”

Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

“My Favorite Moms of the Bible”

I came across the following article from Jennifer Price. Jennifer wears many hats, here is just one: In 2005, she cofounded Ten Thousand Homes, an organization dedicated to bringing hope and homes to thousands of children orphaned in sub-Saharan Africa. Currently, she and her family live in South Africa. She wrote a devotion on Mothers in the Bible that taught her the meaning of being a Biblical mother. I wish to share her article with us, she writes:

“The Bible is full of amazing women and mothers who set such a good example for us to follow. I love reading about the moms of the Bible who had real struggles in their midst and yet showed such a faith and endurance.

That’s where the example is for me – where the stuff of real life meets us and gives us the opportunity to walk out our faith. Here are three of my favorite moms of the Bible and why they inspire me.

Moms of the Bible Example #1: Eve ~ Genesis 1-5

Let’s just start at the beginning with Eve, shall we? After God created man and woman, he saw that it was good. However, even in Paradise, Eve gave into temptation

and ate the forbidden fruit. She sinned. Her sin could have drove her down a deep path of depression and death, but instead she still chose to continue with the task given to her by God in (Genesis 1:28), to be fruitful and multiply. Even through some mishaps along the way with their son, it still resulted in a pretty amazing lineage.

Moms of the Bible Example #2: Bathsheba ~ 2 Samuel 11

I can’t imagine what Bathsheba was feeling when she was summoned to be with the king. David’s indiscretions with her led to much heartbreak as she found herself pregnant, then widowed, then married to the man that caused all of this. Despite all of that, she learned to love King David and kept strong for her son, Solomon. Did you know she’s one of only five women mentioned in the Messiah’s genealogy in (Matthew 1)? Instead of letting her heart-ache lead to despair or walking life as a victim, she decided to live life fully with a heart of love.

Moms of the Bible Example #3: Mary, the mother of Jesus ~ Luke 1

Sometimes I wonder just how Mary felt when the angel Gabriel appeared before her to tell her that she was going to give birth to

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Deacon's Devotional

Content or Complacent?

Lately, I've heard the same story on at least three different occasions: "I invited some of our church family to return to worship with us, but they simply said, 'Why go to church when I can worship at home in my pajamas?'" It isn't their fault for feeling that way. We are all victims of unfortunate circumstances that have led us to this point in time. I wish it were as easy as coming back and pretending that nothing abnormal has happened over the last 14 months. Unfortunately, that isn't going to happen. As vaccines continue to roll out and restrictions (hopefully) lessen, we will see a rise in activity in and out of the church walls. It will take many more months for a feel of normalcy to return to our church family, but the fact remains that some of our brothers and sisters will never feel comfortable enough to return to us. We must fight for their fellowship and encourage them to return to us while taking every precaution necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible.

As we continue with Sunday School and begin activities again such as Wednesday night prayer meeting, the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month, and CARE on Sunday afternoons, we need to remember that outreach is as much of a characteristic of a Christian as coming to a Sunday service and can be even more powerfully motivating. Our church family thrives when we work toward a common goal. The number of volunteers that show up to help with Sports Camp or Vacation Bible School never ceases to amaze me. Or how we manage to surpass every giving goal that we have throughout the year for our missions' offerings. Is the benevolence fund getting low? The money given through the Christmas doves and Easter crosses come to the rescue. Are there needy families in the county? We collect food through the Soup-er Bowl as well as regular food and supply donations that are collected every Tuesday at the church. Not to mention all the many fundraisers and activities the WMU is involved in. There are too many ways to get involved for us not to be, and we'll get there, it will simply take more time.

If you're someone who is fearful of coming back to your church home or perhaps you have grown complacent over the last year, the opportunities for you to be involved have not passed you by. We encourage you to be plugged-in in whatever capacity you can be right now. Perhaps you already know this and simply need a reminder: there is more to church than just the Sunday service. The opportunities for you to make an impact are slowly becoming more available and we hope you will answer the call when the Lord comes knocking on your heart.

-Seth Gandee

Deacon of the Week

5/2—Gus Saunders
5/9—Al West
5/16—Debra Wood
5/23—Sonya Anthony
5/30—David Crummett

Nursery Workers

5/2—Howard Warren/TBD
5/9—L. Walton/B. DeRosa
5/16—Jaime/Bailey Moore
5/23—H. Warren/A. Zepeda
5/30—Beverley/Connie West

May Ushers

Leslie Belvin
Chris Hutson
Barbara Mangrum
Howard Warren

May Tellers

Helen Spence
Bill Breeden



CHURCH WORKERS

Sunday School Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

Older Children's Church

5/2—TBD
5/9—J. Hall/S. McElfresh
5/16—M. McNeil/D. Gandee
5/23—Gordon/Alice Smith
5/30—Allie Holman

Younger Children's Church

5/2—Mike/Sarah Zipf
5/9—S. Anthony/N. Dyson
5/16—D. Goude/J. Marshall
5/23—L. Sentz/R. Wells
5/30—Tammy Greggs/Youth



Want To Donate A Tree?

Would you like to donate a tree in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One or in Honor of a Special Occasion?

Your financial donations will support the church landscape replacement. Please see the flyer in your bulletin, on our website or in the Narthex for specific tree prices.

A financial donation of any amount will be appreciated. Place your donation form & payment in the labeled box in the Narthex.

Contact Paulette Ashe at 642-3251 for questions.
Thanks for your generosity!

What's Happening
In The WMU

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

We surpassed our goal of \$3,000.00 and are so thankful for your generous mission giving. You have contributed **\$4,519.00** to the Annie Armstrong North American Missions.

To God Be The Glory!!



Standing Rock Mission

For many years now we have partnered with WMUV in ministry to the Native Americans on Standing Rock. Due to COVID, there will be only a small team traveling there this year in late July.

We can still participate in the ministry though by sending needed items to our friends on the Reservation. Please contact a member of the WMU or refer to the insert in your bulletins for needed items.

Items will be collected from May 1-June 13. You may leave these in the bins under the WMU board in the hallway.

We thank you for your contributions to share and show Jesus' love on Standing Rock. God bless you all as you seek and serve our Lord.



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the Messiah. The Bible tells us that she was afraid and asked how it could be because she was a virgin, a legitimate question. Even through her fear and wondering, she accepted the overwhelming task to carry the Savior of the world, risking whispers behind her back, criticism, and judgement, to name a few. Mary was real about her emotions, but she pushed through how she was feeling because she had an awareness about laying down her life. She knew the risk and the uncomfortable stares were worth being obedient to God.

I struggle with trying to attain perfectionism, but as that struggle to be the "perfect" Mom seems to be ever

present around me, I'm remembering as Mother's Day approaches that my precious kids aren't looking for perfection. They are looking for a mommy who will love them right where they are. They are watching and observing the way I handle the difficult situations of life and learning invaluable lessons. Being real and not trying to create a perfect facade is what brings me closer to my kids."

"Her children will rise up and call her blessed," (Proverbs 31:28).

Happy Mother's Day and may our Lord Bless you,
Pastor Bud Goude



Good News!!

*We are finally getting back to "normal". Beginning on **Sunday, May 2** we will resume the partaking of the **Lord's Supper** on the first Sunday of the month.*

*The **Adult Prayer Meeting** will resume on **Wednesday, May 5** at **6:30 p.m.** and*

C.A.R.E** will resume on **Sunday, May 16** at **2:00 pm.

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:45 am
 Worship Service: 11:00 am
 C.A.R.E. Ministry: 2:00 pm
 (beginning 5/16)



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Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm: Youth Bible Study
 6:00pm: Children's Choir & Bible Study
 6:30pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 (beginning 5/5)
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Children's Game Day 1:00pm
2 Lord's Supper 11am Deacon Mtg 3pm Youth Council 12:00pm	3 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00pm	4	5 Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting begins again 6:30pm (in Sanctuary)	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	12	12	13	14 Vision Deadline	15
16 Children's Council 12:00pm C.A.R.E Begins Again 2:00pm	17 American Heritage Girls 6:30pm	18 Armstrong Circle 6:30pm	19	20 Acree Circle 10:00am	21	22 Youth Movie Night 6:00pm
23	24 American Heritage Girls Review Board 6:30pm	25	26	27	28	29
30 American Heritage Girls Memorial Day Color Guard 11:00am	31 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Memorial Day					

May Birthdays:

Lauren Hall	5/1
Clements Carr	5/2
Charlie Holt	5/2
Gretel Smith	5/3
James DeRosa	5/6
Gene Smith	5/6
Thomas Hardy	5/7
Pat Fowler	5/8
Gabriel Cahoon	5/8
Alex Arquette	5/16
Donna Hogge	5/18
Earl Conkling	5/20
Anson Belvin	5/21
Lessie Ferber	5/21
Madison Hutson	5/21
Lynn Walton	5/22
Della Belvin	5/24
Denise Gandee	5/24
Joyce Williams	5/26
Keith Martin	5/27
Taylor Green	5/31



Anniversaries:

Jimmy & Della Belvin	5/3
Charles & Beverly West	5/10
Jeff & Theresa Svoboda	5/23
Howard & Sharon Warren	5/27
Justin & Mallory Wagner	5/28
Stan & Denise Gandee	5/30
Ted & Carol Fisher	5/30