

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

May 8, 2022

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5:16

Behold, Thy Mother! by Duane Patton

While Jesus hung, dying on the cross for the sins of the world (**1 John 2:2**), He charged the apostle, John, with the care of His own mother. Consider the following text as a brief reminder of this incident:

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home (**John 19:25-27**, NKJV).

The King James Version also employs the phrase "Behold, thy mother!" which, to some readers, may give an air of austerity or piety, but the word "behold" is simply to be understood as an imperative. In other words, Jesus demanded that John pay very careful attention to the a delegated, but personal responsibility concerning Mary given to him from that moment onward. We often think about responsibility in terms of parent to child, but have we stopped to consider the grave responsibility children have to their parents. Moreover, does anyone give thought to the need to love and support and protect one's own mother? Even when Jesus was dying as a perfect sacrifice for the errors of the entire world, He made strict provision for the care of His own mother. He entrusted her well-being to that of another – to that of the one for whom He was, at that very moment, dying!

What is it that we owe to our mother? Is it not the kindness, support and respect she deserves since she made the decision to carry her child from conception to birth? Many expecting mothers today are not so courageous or selfless as are others; instead, they are among those who feel inconvenienced by the child being nourished and protected within their own bodies. Maybe they are ashamed of their condition by reason of their new social circumstances. These might be hindered from an otherwise normal gestation and delivery by medical risks, so they decide not to carry the human being living within them to full term, so they decide not to spare the life of their child as an alternative to the saving of their own lives. Is it not strange what some may do to their children prior to birth that they would not dream of doing afterward? May God give us such a heart to demand that all people begin to show the kindness, support and respect mothers deserve. Perhaps if we begin showing all mothers this kind of love, more mothers will understand and defend the import and value of being a mother!

Seeking First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

Services:

Sunday:

9 AM Bible Class

10AM Worship

6 PM Worship

Wednesday:

6 PM Prayer

& Bible Class

Local of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children's Home

Gulf Coast Bible Camp

Local Food Pantry

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Recent Prayer Requests & Announcements

Liz Logan: Still hospitalized based on doctor's recommendations. Please continue to pray.

Charlie Tanner: Having heart problems, and he needs our prayers at this time.

Judy Hinton: Recent heart Surgery. She and her family would appreciate prayers.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors of 2022! Lawson Nabors, Alayjah Nettles and Anniyah Nettles are completing twelve years of hard work – WAY TO GO!!

Maci Patton is graduating from The University of Southern Mississippi next Friday, May 13th having completed her bachelors in Psychology. CONGRATS Maci!

Others: _____

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

Please refer to previous Newsletter for those who need continued prayers

Linda Kenney	Earl Kenney	Keiundra Huddleston	Barbara Patton
Lynnessa Best	Kimi Atkins	Greg Blanchard	Cindy Stevens

Have requests or other announcements? Send email to vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org

Rightly Dividing the Word

A weekly synopsis of every book of the Bible with a memory verse designed to increase our faith

2 Chronicles: This is a history of Judah and her kings from Solomon (ca., 970 BC) until the fall of the nation to the kingdom of Babylon (586 BC). While the book illustrates the building of Solomon's glorious Temple, it ends on a tragic and bitter note. The nation of Israel had fallen from the state of grace and the relationship they previously enjoyed. Due to their rebellious, unrepentant heart they fulfilled the curses of which Moses warned them so long before (viz., Deut. 30:15-20)

This week's memory verse:

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"

(2 Chronicles 7:14, NKJV)



Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.