

THE MESSENGER

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"Leading others to know Jesus Christ"

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Treasuring His Word...

From the Pastor's Heart:

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! I might should redirect those compliments to parents who either funded or supported their children in various ways to accomplish the goal. I know that if it were not for Kay, our kids would have never made it through college, with all the paperwork, forms, fees, communications, and schedule scrambles. That being the case, in honor of many moms who have done so much, I thought I would give a recap of my Mother's day sermon, "How Do You Spell Mother?" Hopefully, this acrostic will help us to remember how God has designed Moms to reflect His character and goodness. I certainly thank God for my mother (and father) who continues to be a great support to me and my brother (each verse begins with the next letter in the word "Mother"):

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28).

Mom, thank you for your personal attention in our lives, for giving us a wonderful environment in which to grow, and for never releasing us from your heart's embrace!

"O satisfy us in the morning with Thy lovingkindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:14).

Thank you for your satisfying love and the song that swells in our hearts when we think of you, filling us with gladness!

"There is none like Thee, O LORD; Thou art great, and great is Thy name in might. Who would not fear Thee, O King of the nations? Indeed it is Thy due! (Jeremiah 10:6-7b).

Thank you for being our mother. You deserve to be honored! It is thy due!

"How blessed are those who dwell in Thy house! They are ever praising Thee. How blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the highways to Zion!" (Psalm 84:4-5).

Mom, we thank the Lord for being raised in your house! What a wonderful place to live! And we thank Him that we still know the way home!

"Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow" (James 1:17).

Mom, you are a gift to us from God, perfectly designed to be a blessing from the heart of the Heavenly Father. Thank you for consistently being yourself! How rich we are!

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-19).

So, Moms, we rejoice and give thanks for you! May we not quench all God has had in mind to do for us through you!



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 27, 2018

8:15 a.m. - Orchestra Practice
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. - **No** Evening Service
7:00 p.m. - **No** Youth Snack

Monday, May 28, 2018

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

6:30 p.m. - Stitch 'N Pray

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

5:00 p.m. - Family Supper
5:30 p.m. - Prayer & Outreach
5:30 p.m. - Summer JAM
6:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. - E3 Student Ministries



Please support Care Net Chilton's 2018 Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign. Please pick up a baby bottle today and fill them up with change, cash, or checks. Then return the filled bottles on Sunday, June 17th (Father's Day).

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Deacons of the Week:

Gerald Carter, Ronnie Porter

Church Security:

Rodney Hurst's Team



Baby Dedication

We will be having a Baby Dedication ceremony on June 24th during the morning service in the sanctuary. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact Bro. Matt. You do not have to be a church member to participate.



Reminder:

We will begin worshipping in the sanctuary for the morning services on June 3rd.