

GREAT PURPOSE

The sermon Sunday morning had to do with the great purpose of the church. We have a great responsibility to carry out that purpose. The great purpose of the church is spiritual. We have been “called out” of the world by our obedience to the gospel of Christ (II Thessalonians 2:14). Peter stated it this way. *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy ”* (I Peter 2:9, 10).

The first purpose of the church is to preach the gospel. *“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”* (Mark 16:15). The gospel is to be preached so that souls can and will be saved (Mark 16:16; Romans 1:16; I Corinthians 15:1-4).

One of the purposes that I touch on briefly in the lesson was to provide an atmosphere conducive to Christian growth. Paul stated in Eph. 4:15,16, *“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”* By speaking the truth in love we encourage every member to use their abilities and work together to further the cause of Christ. When everyone does their part, the body will be edified and growth will occur.

—L. Cole

HOME

“A child on a farm sees a plane fly overhead and dreams of a faraway place. A traveler on the plane sees the farmhouse . . . and dreams of home” (Carl Burns).

IF OUR LANGUAGE HAS ANY MAGICAL WORDS IN IT, “HOME” IS SURELY ONE OF THEM. Few can say the word thoughtfully and remained unmoved. But if the homes from which we came are important to us, the mothers who made those homes shouldn’t be forgotten. Fathers matter too, of course, but if it’s patriarchs who beget families, it’s matriarchs who make homes. And with the approach of Mother’s Day, we ought to be thinking of generous ways to say “thank you.”

Modern mothers, unfortunately, are often seduced into believing that “home” is not as important a concept as their grandmothers thought it was. To the great detriment of our culture and our civilization, too many good women have come to think of childbearing and child-nurturing as inconvenient obstacles that stand between them and the

happiness they deserve “out there.” Modern fathers are not without their own share of blame, to be sure, but there’s a special sense in which the loss of a motherly presence in our homes is tragic. I’ll go so far as to say this: a home can more easily survive the loss of Dad’s presence than it can Mom’s, and Moms these days need to be honestly confronting the extent to which their absence is voluntary.

But one of the wonderful virtues of this thing that we call “home” is how resilient it is. None of us had homes that were perfect, but despite that fact, most of us can look back with a good deal of gratitude. Somehow we survived the mistakes that were made, and now it’s nourishing to remember the environment where we got our start. It’s not often possible to “go back home,” at least physically, but it’s a mighty good thing to go back home emotionally every chance we get. Those who get “above their raising,” so to speak, lose many of the best things in life. So we need to reconnect with our origins, however humble they may have been. We have to go forward in this world; that’s just the way life works. But the time will surely come, if it hasn’t already, when our hearts will need to go back home . . . for a visit.

“I have come back again to where I belong; not an enchanted place, but the walls are strong” (Dorothy H. Rath).

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HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Let me spell the word m-o-t-h-e-r, with a message to complement.

M is for Mature. Do you remember when mom always seemed to have the right answer, and when she gave the answer, it was with the right spirit and attitude (I remember that).

O is for Open. Mothers who love their children will have an “open door policy” with the kids. That simply means that when trouble is brewing in the youth, mom is there to lend a hand.

T is for Teacher. Can hardly think of mom without there being some component of teaching involved. Mom taught things of importance like personal hygiene, laundry, or doing the dishes because that was women’s work! (Boy, did I learn about that!)

H is for Health. I remember that when I got sick, I never wanted dad to tend to my needs or concerns. He would have been there and done what was needed, but gruff and “suck it up” just wasn’t the same as the tender “honey,” and “sweet heart.”

E is for Expectations. Mothers who love their children will have expectation and, when they are not met, the child (or children) will suffer consequences. I learned early that suffering was less than pleasant.

R is for Remember. Mom had (has) a memory that just doesn’t need to work as good as it did (at least when I was in trouble!), but on the other hand I am glad it works as

well as it does. Let our “memory” work the same, and be sure to wish your mother (and all mothers) a HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

Ron Thomas , BulletinGold, 05/17

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP---SUNDAY---9:00 AM
MAY 14, 2017**

Coordinator Billy Halliburton
Announcements George Clay

Scripture Reading...Acts 13:46,47 Austin Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley

Opening Prayer. Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith
Ted Russell, Gavin Spurlin

Closing PrayerBen Silcox
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper
[Greeters, please be here by 8:40 to greet before services]

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon —Jack Honeycutt speaking
PM Sermon —Here Me NowProv. 5

WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM
Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Scripture Reading...Prov.5:15-17 . Austin Clay

Opening Prayer Kaleb Bush
Lord’s Supper Robert Hackett
. Addison Halliburton
Closing Prayer Steve Anderson

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM
Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Jacky Carver, Sr.
First Prayer. Mitchell Brooks
Opening Prayer Dallas Eddie

Closing Prayer Roger Draper

Prepare Communion for **May**
Patsy Reece

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement.

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(Good to have Sue and Carl Buckner visiting with us this week)

PANTRY ITEMS: This week: Bathroom Tissue

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

05/07/17

Wednesday.....	43
Worship Sunday AM	90
Bible Study Sunday AM	82
Daily Bible Readers	38
Worship Sunday PM	56

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 14th. Jack Honeycutt speaking on India work.

June 18-22nd. Montrose Gospel Meeting with James Rogers. Regular times Sunday. Weeknights at 7:00

VBS—July 9-13th. 6:30 each night.

READING SCHEDULE FOR MAY

01 II Chron 28-30	16 Job 8-10
02 II Chron 31-33	17 Job 11-13
03 II Chron 34-36	18 Job 14-16
04 Ezra 1-3	19 Job 17-19
05 Ezra 4-7	20 Job 20-23
06 Ezra 8-10	21 Job 24-27
07 Neh 1-4	22 Job 28-30
08 Neh 4-7	23 Job 31-33
09 Neh 8-10	24 Job 34-36
10 Neh 11-13	25 Job 37-39
11 Esther 1-3	26 Job 40-42
12 Esther 4-6	27 Psalm 1-5
13 Esther 7-10	28 Psalm 6-8
14 Job 1-4	29 Psalm 9-11
15 Job 5-7	30 Psalm 12=14
	31 Psalm 15-17