

Proverbs 31:10

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Mothers Day Poem "Before I was a Mom" Author unknown

Before I was a Mom I made and ate hot meals. I had unstained clothing. I had quiet conversations on the phone. Before I was a Mom, I slept as late as I wanted and never worried about how late I got into bed. I brushed my hair and my teeth everyday. Before I was a Mom I cleaned my house each day. I never tripped over toys or forgot words of lullabies. Before I was a Mom I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous. I never thought about immunizations. Before I was a Mom I had never been Puked on Pooped on Spit on Chewed on Peed on Or pinched by tiny fingers. Before I was a Mom I had complete control of: My thoughts, My body and My mind. I slept all night. Before I was a Mom I never held down a screaming child So that doctors could do tests Or give shots. I never looked into teary eyes and cried. I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin. I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep. Before I was a Mom I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces When I couldn't stop the hurt. I never knew that something so small Could affect my life so much. I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mom. Before I was a Mom I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body. I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby. I didn't know that bond between a Mother and her child. I didn't know that something so small Could make me feel so important. Before I was a Mom I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay. I had never known The warmth, The joy, The love, The heartache, The wonder, Or the satisfaction of being a Mom. I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much before I was a Mom.

Reference Titus 2:3-5 Mentions of Eve, Hana, Sarah. Bathsheba, Joshebed, Mary



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We want to welcome you all to University! We are so glad each of you have decided to worship with us today. If you are visiting us we welcome you back the next time you are able and would ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Again thanks and welcome!

Looking for a church home? We would love to visit with you being a part of the work here. Looking for a bible study? We can set up personal or group bible studies based on your schedule. Know of a need or know of someone who does. Please take the time to visit with us we would love to know how we may serve you.

Take the time to download our free app on your smart phone and stay connected.

Remember Mom  
Happy Mother's Day! This is a special time to acknowledge and remember the special mother's in our lives. Whether its from the past or still in the present we love and appreciate all you have done in our lives to make us the people we are today. Thanks Mom

Since it is Mother's day I thought we could look at mothers in general that are spoke of in the bible. The word mother appears almost 300 times in the bible. What does it have to say about mothers? What can we learn? Because sometimes when Mothers Day rolls around some may think of Mothers being perfect or having to be perfect. We all know we are not. None of us are. So we will take a look at Mothers as a whole for great examples we can use in everyday life.

### Worship And Study Opportunities

**Sunday:**  
Bible School.....9:30 A.M  
Worship.....10:30 A.M  
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

**Wednesday:**  
Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.  
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**.....Brad McKinzie

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Weldon Flanagan

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....	51
Morning Worship: .....	92
Evening Worship: .....	34
Mid-Week: .....	35
Ladies Class: .....	
Contribution: .....	\$5,596.00
Weekly Budget: .....	\$3,750.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer: .....Bryan Cain

Closing Prayer: .....Joshua Sharum

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Tommy Bowden

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Eric Sharum

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

**PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Leroy & Pat, Brad & LaDonna, Johnny Burch and Dala Melton and all the ones on our continued prayer list.

**INVITATION:** You are invited to help celebrate Dave and Shirley Sharum's 50th Wedding Anniversary this Saturday May 13th from 2-4 p.m. at the Student Learning Center. No gifts please.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Thank you for all the prayers, visits, calls, food and cards during my recovery. Kathy Allbritten

**MAY CALENDAR**

- 8 - MNFTM
- 14 - Mother's Day
- 21 - Monthly Luncheon
- 29 - Memorial Day

**EXTENDED CARE:**

Jack Treffinger is in McMahan in room A82B

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 106.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Ed Valdez
- 3 - Elizabeth Coffey
- 4 - Shirley Mueller
- 12 - Janna Barrington
- 24 - James Lee
- 24 - Jo Ann Valdez
- 27 - Cathy Brennan
- 27 - Letha Owens

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Kathy Allbritten, Roy Bennett, Barbara Bolton, Claudine Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy & her grandson Lee & daughter Beckie, Kenny Richardson, Dwaine Zacharias, David Byrd's father, Bryan Cain's father, Joshua Kelsey, Lenna Kelsey, Randy Hill, Kim Warren, Joyce Ray, Dala Melton & Teri Lynn Disney.

**HOME IS WHERE MOTHER IS**

A child was asked, "Where is your home?" The little fellow replied, "Where mother is." Ah, this is home!

She has been endowed with special feminine and solicitous traits which nobly qualify her for the strenuous and honorable task of being a homemaker. What night-watching! What self-denial! What tears! What concern! What joy! What helpfulness is seen in the home mother makes! She forges the ties of an undying love and welds the bonds of a family trust as she makes them proud in their poverty, sincere in their simplicity and one in their plurality. This is home. And this is bliss.

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.  
—Genesis 3:20

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.  
—Proverbs 31:15

Her children arise up, and call her blessed.  
—Proverbs 31:28

In Case You Missed It

**Isaiah 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

The Hebrew word for "love" is formed by the same root letters as the word, obligation," "debt," or "duty." In Hebrew, the only difference between these two words is a few vowel points. But you say, "Isn't love the very opposite of obligation?" Well, yes and no. The Hebrew language has a wonderful way of relating the two that seem incompatible. Our common romantic view of love in movies and books draws heavily on strong feelings of affection or passion. Even our love for God can flow from those kinds of feelings. But love based on obligation is another matter, and it's significant that the Jewish marriage contract, contains a list of "obligations" that a husband is required to fulfill for his wife. He might be passionately "in love" with her when he signs this contract, yet the wisdom of experience says this passion may wither with time, so the marriage ceremony formally "obligates" him to his spouse. By accepting these "obligations", he agrees that love is nurtured by commitment. It's been said that "Love which flows from obligation endures, but when obligation follows love, both are doomed." "Our relationship to Jesus also reflects this reality. His "obligation" to us flowed from an decision of His will and commitment to love us...which cost Him His human life. We might speculate on the Lord's feelings for us, but we don't have to wonder at all about His obligation, or the absolute security we have in His love for us. Our love for Him can be the same. Feelings of love are wonderful. But they also come and go. And there'll be times when we wonder, Is God really there? And that's when the sure foundation of commitment will arise in the heart of every true lover. God's great love for us is expressed in His commitment; to cover our debt of sin; guide us through this earthly life, and be our eternal Heavenly Husband. Cleansed by His blood and filled with His Spirit we can love Him and one another with the same commitment. The feelings will follow.