

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Learning from a Mother's Love

by Edd Sterchi

The Bible depicts God's constant care for His children. In the 103rd Psalm and in Proverbs 3, God is described as a concerned and disciplining father. Isaiah 27 mentions God as a gardener tending His garden. And in the 23rd Psalm, we read of God as a shepherd.

But in Isaiah, God likens His love for Israel, to the love of a mother for her child: "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13; 49:15). There is nothing more natural than for a mother to cherish, care for, and comfort her child. For example:

- The unconditional love mothers demonstrate for their children is probably the closest thing on earth to His incredible love for us.
- The gentle tenderness a mother expresses in handling her newborn child is so reminiscent of the tender loving care God promises to all the faithful.
- The sincere sympathy mothers show for hurt elbows and hurt hearts is very much like the heart-felt compassion God feels and gives to each of us.
- The sacrifice and unselfishness mothers exhibit time and time again toward their children reminds us of how benevolent and generous God has been to you and me.
- The soft special kisses and the always sweet smiles that mothers so generously give can help us to understand and appreciate the joy God has for us now and forevermore.

Just watch a mother with her child sometime. Take note of the sacrifice, dedication, care, tenderness, love, comfort, and joy she exhibits. Then remember, this is the way God loves us. So thank you, mothers, for giving us a glimpse of God's immense love!

Dates to Remember

May 19th **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am
 May 20th **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House
 June 30th **Potluck** after services

CHILDREN'S
HOMES, INC.



Southern
Christian
CHILDREN'S HOME

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Nursing Home 3rd Sunday 2 p.m.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Tuna	Ivarest	Gatorate	Canned Chicken	Bottled Water
Diapers (Newborn & Size 1)	Rotel	Velveeta	Cereal	Flour
Granola Bars	Pringles	Vienna Sausage	Healthy Snacks	

Elders

Danny Brightwell
291-3439

Shelby Qualls
346-5255

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Bryan Phillips 373-0546
 David Brightwell 291-1122

Alan Love 243-4608
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Family News

➤ Danny Beebe's surgery was successful. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to fully recover.

* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	David Brightwell	Doyle Wyatt
OPENING PRAYER	Brent Qualls	Sanders Lee Wyatt
CLOSING PRAYER	Brad Sipe	Larry Young



Kelly Webb
Bryan Phillips

Alan Love
Danny Runion

Davis Love
Larry Young

DOOR GREETERS

MAY 12TH **LARRY & YVETTE YOUNG**

MAY 19TH **JOE & HOLLY COOPER**

CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR MAY

DIANA WYATT & TRENA HUMPHREY'S

Nursery

May 12th **Trena Humphrey**

May 19th **Dana Ingram**

Communion for Shut-In

May 12th **Frank Fowler**

May 19th **Danny Brightwell**

Power in Prayer Project

Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in how to follow You and become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight. Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that You have allowed them the honor of raising.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe

Health: Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Larry Cooley	Emma Jean Cooper	Wilma Cooper
Wayne Crosby	Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Ruth Lewis
James Nicholson	Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith
Joanne Weston	Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Andrew Weaver	Jeff Young
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Wanda Mcconnaughay	Dan Clark
Troy Gaston	Phil Haageneson	Nick & Mary Kosmitis	

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Jerri Haney, Audrey Eddings, Mary Alice Short, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan

May Birthdays

Danny Beebe 5 th	Lydia Sipe 10 th	Levi Taylor 12 th
Kollin Hoskinds 12 th	Tristan Elms 15 th	Whitney Morehead 19 th
Ellie Fowler 22 nd	Doyle Wyatt 22 nd	Marty Webb 28 th
Will Ingram 28 th	Linda Taylor 31 st	

May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 th	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 th
Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 th	Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 th
Billy & Peggy Beebe 30 th	

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.



Theodore Mesturgh