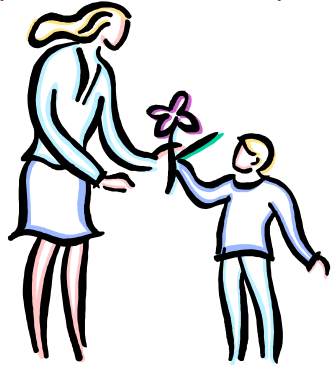


Sunrise Christian Church

May 2010 Family Newsletter

Happy Mother's Day, Moms!



Her children will rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her (Proverbs 31:28)

Love, Learn, Lead

SCC's purpose statement is Love, Learn, and Lead. And the power of a mother's touch helps us to understand what God desires for us. He wants us to dwell in His love, and to return that love back to Him and others, to learn to conform our lives to Christ's, and then to take what we have experienced to lead others to that same saving relationship.

Though used it before, I believe it's well worth repeating: George Washington said, "***The greatest teacher I every had was my***

mother." I hope you have similar sentiments about your mother. If so, take time to thank God for her. And if you did not have a mother like Washington's, then thank Him anyway for what she was able to do for you, knowing that she was but human- just like you and me.

Love: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:30-31).
 Learn: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matt. 11:29).
 Lead: "Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20).

THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun, God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true, You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,

For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He

died.

It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
 He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
 and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
 He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

'Go into the world and tell them it's true
 That I love them all - Just like I love U.'

So many great people are spelled with a U,
 Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
 He'd like them to know,
 But it all starts with U.



Mom, I loved you yesterday, I love you tomorrow and everyday.

You were there for me my first day of school, to hold my hand and give me courage to go. You listened to me when I needed to talk, you talked to me when I needed to listen. You let me grow and learn from my own mistakes. You never left my side when I was feeling down, I knew you would be there to pick me up.

I wish there was a way I could repay all the things you have done for me, but

there's nothing great enough to repay the greatest mother of all.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day
With little time to stop and pray
For life's been anything but calm
Since You called on me to be a mom
Running errands, matching socks
Building dreams with building blocks
Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes
And other stuff that children lose
Fitting lids on bottled bugs
Wiping tears and giving hugs
A stack of last weeks mail to read
So where's the quiet time I need?
Yet when I steal a minute, Lord
Just at the sink or ironing board
To ask the blessings of Your grace
I see then, in my small one's face
That you have blessed me
All the while
And I stop to kiss
That precious smile

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Read and consider

this thought:

Learning the language of God
(From the book, *He Loves Me!*, by
Wayne Jacobsen)

Trusting the Father's love for you simply means that every day, in every circumstance, you can rest assured God knows who you are, cares more deeply about you than you do yourself, and is capable of working out His glory in you.

When you trust Him, you will find your self cooperating with His work going on in you and around you. Trust is not coasting through life assuming that whatever happens must be god's will. Rather it is an active partnership that rises out of your relationship with Him. Without that, what many call trust is simply a Christian version of fatalism or complacency.

Whenever I talk about trust, this question invariably arises: "Does that mean I just do nothing and God do it all?" We are schooled in trusting our won efforts that we can't see anything beyond that. We equate trusting Him with doing nothing because we know that most of what we do is driven by the fact that we don't think He's doing anything at all.

Trusting god doesn't lead to lethargy or providing an excuse to be slothful. Those who are learning to trust God will discover how to actively participate with Him in the work He is doing. Even though Paul warned us against trusting our own efforts, he showed us that cooperating with Him can be costly. "To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully work in me" (Col. 1:29).

The difference is striking. For many years I thought I knew what God wanted with my life and pursued it with a passion. Others encouraged me, thinking it was what God wanted, too.

Most of that agenda, however, was motivated by my own insecurities and need to be successful. No matter how I dressed that up by calling it God's promise, or thinking that my

success would benefit the kingdom of God, He did no help me pursue my agenda.

Trying to make it happen on my own led to frustration and burnout. As I've grown to trust Him more and see more clearly what He wants to accomplish in and through my life, I find myself even more willing to go the extra mile in what He asks me to do. When I'm on His agenda, I find, like Paul, that it taps a deeper reserve than mere human effort. It allows me to draw on his strength, which does not burn me out.

😊 **Thanks, Carol, for the loan of this book.**

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Boise Bible College is one of Sunrise Christian Church's supported ministries. The college started in 1945 as a dream of some godly people in a small church in Boise. From this dream grew classes, and then late the purchase of the grounds on West Marigold St., with construction of buildings dedicated solely to this purpose following shortly afterwards.

Actual generations have gone through the doors of this college, and in truth, BBC have sent workers to various parts around the world. While I was at the college, the door opened into China so that some of the students could go there to teach "conversational" English. This also gave them a chance to share Christ with the people they met.

The College has an annual Spring Conference in May which they invite ministers, missionaries, and instructors to teach classes relevant to the issues facing the church today. And though there is a love offering taken at certain times during the week, the conference is by and large free and

open to the public. The dates this year are **May 11-13th** and schedules are now available. **Terry Stine**, president of the college, also asks for our prayers as they wrap up this year and make plans for the next. Pray also for the next “crop” of students, and the finances to support them.

The Restoration Movement

The Restoration Movement- known now as the Churches of Christ, Christian Churches, and the Disciples of Christ, began in the hearts of men and women in the early days of America. Two of the early and significant figure in the Restoration Movement were the father and son team, Thomas and Alexander Campbell. Thomas left his native land, Ireland, on April 1, 1807, and after sailing for thirty-five days came to Philadelphia. The Presbyterian Synod of North America was in session at Philadelphia when he arrived. Thomas was cordially received by the synod and was commended to preach in Washington County, Pa. Yet, the spirit of sectarianism was very bitter at that time in that region, even the different branches of the Presbyterian faith had no fellowship with each other. Thomas Campbell deplored such a state of affairs and sought to bring about peace between the discordant branches of the Presbyterian faith. He encouraged members of different churches to come together and eat the Lord's Supper with the members of his church. This displeased his church, and he was brought before the presbytery for trial. He acknowledged what he had done and pleaded with the presbytery for Christian liberty and fraternity but his efforts were in vain. The presbytery severely rebuked him. He then appealed to the synod, and though it acquitted him, it rebuked him for his course of action.

Emotions in his own church ran high toward him, until he finally withdrew from the synod. This left him as an independent preacher, with no denominational ties or obligations. About this time his son, Alexander- now a preacher in his own right, arrived in Pennsylvania from Ireland with the rest of Thomas’ family. Separately and unknown by his father, Alexander had arrived at the same conclusion as his father- that the church was to be united, and that the Lord’s Supper was in particular the one time when we should be so. Having been asked to leave the Presbyterian Church, they joined with the Redstone Baptist Association and later the Mahoning Baptist Association. Both father and son were active in promoting both a reliance upon scripture alone, and the necessity of a united church. Yet unity could, should not be attained at any price as loyalty to God and His word must be the basis of that unity. Being avid writers they both became well-known for the articles they published and distributed. Mahoning Baptist Association. In 1809 Thomas helped form The Christian Association of Washington which consisted of Thomas Campbell and 21 of his associates. During their second meeting, the committee decided that a document should be drafted outlining the purpose and function of the Association. ***The Declaration and Address*** was drafted by Campbell and read at a special meeting in September of that year. Ideally, this association, which promoted "**simple evangelical Christianity**," would also create similar associations elsewhere. The founders' vision was that a grassroots movement would spring up and spread from the Eastern states to the vast expanses of the Western frontier, ushering in a brand new age for the church. And some of the points made in this document are still valid yet today:

1.) That they form a religious association free from all opinions to be called "The Christian Association of Washington". **2.)** That each member designate whatever sum of money he could for (A) supporting a preaching ministry that will put into practice whatever the Bible says about doctrine, worship, discipline, and government (B) giving Bibles to the poor. **3.)** That we exist for just one purpose—to promote simple evangelical Christianity. Allowing support for those ministers who preach and practice pure New Testament Christianity without imposing anything else for which there is not a clear "Thus saith the Lord!" **4.)** That they rely upon Jesus as the Church's head and depend upon Christian friends to donate monies to support preachers who will preach the eternal Gospel and administer the ordinances in exact conformity with the Bible. **-To be continued-**

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From Alan Marshall’s newsletter (he’s an evangelist in and around London, England): “There have been blatant subtractions and additions to the Holy Scriptures in “Christendom” for centuries and right up to the present. Therefore, among the English nominally churchd and un-churchd, a disinterest in and mistrust of the Bible has long given birth to ignorance and vague assumption of God. This is likely the main reason these are the most difficult to reach and content to remain as they are..... I believe there is more hope for those who have become British through residency, although times will tell, as these also adopt the English way towards things religious, i.e. “Faith is a good thing and any path is acceptable,” ignorance is bliss. Although we are few God continues to bless us, feel free to come and see.”

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**“This is what the LORD says: ‘Stand at the
crossroads and look; ask for the ancient
paths, ask where the good way is, and walk
in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’”**
(Jeremiah 6:16)