



MINISTRY OF WOMEN

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BABY NEWS

NEW:

OAKLEY JUDAH

ON: MARCH 30TH

TO: JUSTIN & EMILY ANJEMA

HOLLY FRANCES

ON: MARCH 31ST

CHRIS & JANENE WIERENGA

LILAH ANNE-MARIE

ON: APRIL 20TH

TO: JOHN & ERIN BOOY

ALAYTHIA HELEN-MAY

ON: MAY 28TH

TO: BROCK & ANNA JAMIESON

ELIJAH DAVID

ON: APRIL 18TH

TO: TOM & ASHLEY VANBOVEN

MAGDALINE JUNIPER

ON: JUNE 11TH

TO: MIKE & MICHELLE DEARING

LIAM SCOTT

ON: JULY 21ST

TO: BRENT & ERIN CAMPBELL

Forever In Our Hearts

ELIJAH JAMES

ON: AUGUST 11TH, 2012

TO: BRYAN & ALICIA
ARSENEAULT



EXPECTING:

SEPTEMBER

AMY KELLY

NOVEMBER

JULIE KLASSEN

DECEMBER

MANDY OTTAWAY

JANUARY

RUTH OOSTERHOF

MARCH

CRYSTAL COLVIN

Dialogue From Deb...

We tend to look back after a job is finished to evaluate our efforts. I think if you ask our boys today, they would probably agree that communication was never an issue in our home. We used every opportunity God gave us to talk or explain new things to them. So, as they grew, they were able to discern certain often-repeated catch phrases for our family and what they meant. For example, the one they learned to be very apprehensive about was "family pow-wow." This one usually meant that like shepherds, we were going to have to re-establish the parameters for our little sheep. It meant that we needed to reinforce a house rule or that we needed for them to understand clarification on something that was being misunderstood. (Prov. 22:6 train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it).

As they grew and began to choose friends, we found the need to explain the concept of choosing wisely. I can't tell you the number of times "bad company corrupts good morals" (1 Cor. 15:33) needed explaining. For us, that statement went hand in hand with "guilty by association."

As a family we relied on "when in doubt...do without." This one was usable by all of us especially when we were trying to reach a group decision. It was one that the kids especially accepted because they realized

that it applied to the parents as well, and that, in the end, the decision would be the right one arrived at by all.

The "golden rule" of "do unto others" was a good one while our children were growing up and learning how to interact and share with each other.

I remember a particular conversation with our Jamie when as a young teen, he desperately wanted our approval on something we felt as parents was not a wise choice for him. After listening to him present his case in a mature impressive way, Jake and I thought on it and decided it was indeed going to be his decision, but that we wouldn't support him in it if it went against scripture--he would not have our backing. He thought for awhile on that statement and did finally make the right choice although he made it known that, were circumstances different, he'd probably do it his way. Not too long after that conversation, we overheard him talking with his brother about something and the point he was definitely trying to instill in him was that he wouldn't support his decision to..... Alas; They do listen!

To quote scripture is of course the very best advice we can pass on; and although these catch phrases were not scripture, the Lord allowed us to use them for our children to further embrace our stand we took from



scripture. We always leaned on "what does scripture have to say about it?"

I've had some wonderful conversations with one of my daughter-in-laws regarding the end times. We've talked about some of the prophecies circulating on YouTube and about the rapture and tribulation. We're thankful we can continue to ground ourselves on the solid Holy Word of God. 2 Tim. 3:16 tells us "All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

In these days of trials when we can almost feel the earth groaning for the return of our Saviour, we need to embrace the truth of scripture. Everything we need to know is in that book of instructions. We need to trust His Word and believe that what He says He will do. We must trust that He, being our Father, has our absolute best interest at heart. Let's not put a question mark where God put a period!

Deb



UPCOMING EVENTS



True Woman 12 Conference

A group of 55 women from Peoples Church will travel by coach bus to Indiana in September. We anticipate this event to be a time of learning and growing in Him. Please remember us in prayer as we prepare and travel to and from this event.



FALL BIBLE STUDY!

Our fall Bible studies are ready to start up on **Tuesday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and fellowship with other sisters in Christ as we study and learn His Word together.

We've attached a detailed outline of each study for you to examine at your leisure.



The Ministry of Women's next event is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 2nd**. Our plans are still in the making, but be sure that all ladies are welcome to come out for a great time of fellowship and encouragement. Watch for more details arriving in your mailboxes soon.

A MOTHER'S MISSION FIELD

I am a Mom. I love my chosen vocation as "Mother," and thank God often for my babies and for the privilege of being able to stay home with them. It is a joy watching our girls grow, getting to know them at each new stage of their little lives. If you're a mom, you're probably nodding and smiling as you read this, with some fond memory of your own children flitting in your mind.

So why, when faced with that "What do you do?" question, do we often hesitate, offering up such responses as "Well, now I'm just at home with my kids, but I used to be a (insert impressive job-title here), instead of gushing "I'm a Mom! The Lord has blessed me with children, and I get to spend my days pouring into them, to the glory of God!"? Well, perhaps you are like me, and some days the joy, excitement, and honour of being a mom can get a little lost under the piles of laundry, diapers, and dishes. The crying, the late night feedings, the temper tantrums... did I mention the laundry? And you begin to wonder why you left your career, in pursuit of soggy cheerios, and runny noses.

But, in the midst of those tough and overwhelming days, the Lord is good, and He is molding my heart, and revealing to me the eternal purpose of my 'Mommy' role, as I study His Word, and care for my children. We know that scripture says children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3), and when we hold

our babies for the first time, we instantly believe it to be true. We have read of the noble and righteous deeds of the Proverbs 31 woman, and hold it as a goal to pursue; and we have seen in 1 Timothy 2:15 that women shall be saved in childbearing. But perhaps the most awesome, and daunting, endeavour of our mothering career is subtly outlined in 2 Timothy.

In 2 Tim. 1:5 Paul writes: "For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice..." (NASB)

He says also in 3:14- "You however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (NASB) (emphasis mine)

What an honour indeed! Paul encourages Timothy in his faith by reminding him of the noteworthy faith of his mother and grandmother. Not only did they teach him the Word of God, but their *godly character left an imprint in Timothy's heart that would later influence him to seek salvation in Christ. God has given us the power in His Spirit to be that example to our children also.*

W.L. Caldwell wrote these words in 1928, and they capture well the responsibility and privilege it is to be a mother, as Paul does in 2 Timothy: "Well may

we pause to pay honour to her who after Jesus Christ is God's best gift to men, mother. It

was she who shared her life with us when as yet our members were unformed, into the valley of the shadow of death she walked that we might have the light of life. In her arms was the garner of our food and the soft couch for our repose... Her blessed hands plied the needle by day and night to make our clothes. She put the book under our arm and started us off to school. But best of all, she taught our baby lips to lisp the name of Jesus and told us first the wondrous story of a Saviour's love..." W.L. Caldwell
I'll likely never have my name written on an office door; I will not be the recipient of raises or promotions; there will be no plaques, or awards presented to me in honour of my achievements; but as I live for Christ, and pursue the gifts of wifehood, motherhood, and biblical womanhood, learning to train up my children in the way they should go (Prov.22:6), I know I will be working towards a goal with eternal value.



Erin Booy

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our pastors, elders, and their families
- Our sick and those with health concerns
- Helena Klassen and her speedy recovery
- Clearance for Pastor Josue to leave Cuba to minister among us
- Our young adults as they prepare to go back to school.
- Those in our midst who have lost loved ones.

NEW GROUP! "Sisters Together"

The Ministry of Women would like to announce a new group which has started up for single ladies 50 and over. This group called Sisters Together meet on a fairly regular basis and enjoy a casual time of devotions and fellowship. For more information, please contact Pat Mensinga or Pat Freeman.



Your Little Corner Of The World

BY: JOYCE VANKLAVEREN

Gifts of radiant warmth, sunflowers are the happiest of flowers, and their meanings include loyalty and longevity. They are unique in their ability to provide energy in the form of nourishment and vibrance, an attribute which mirrors the sun and the energy provided by its heat and light.

No flower can lift spirits quite like sunflowers can. Bright and cheery, bold yet comfortable, the sunflower is a warm and caring presence and make an amazing gift. With brilliant yellow petals that surround the flower's center, sunflowers have an unmistakable sun-like appearance that has made them a passionate flower choice for many. Sunflowers come in a number of varieties, ranging from small to large and from daylight yellows to sunset reds.

Extend your summer well into the fall by bringing some sunflowers into the house or make someone's day by sharing these hardy gifts from God.

Pumpkin Wheat Honey Muffins

Many thanks to Jody Goss for discovering this recipe and suggesting some changes to make these muffins healthier. This recipe is great for breakfast, brunch or a quick snack. It also freezes well. If you send it along with the kids to school, please leave out the walnuts!

½ cup raisins	¼ tsp. salt
1 ½ cups whole wheat flour	2 eggs
½ cup packed brown sugar	¾ cup pumpkin puree
1 tsp. cinnamon	½ cup canola oil
½ tsp. cloves	½ cup apple sauce
½ tsp. ginger	½ cup honey
¾ tsp. baking powder	½ cup chopped walnuts
½ tsp. baking soda	

Make a well in the centre, and put in the eggs, pumpkin, oil, applesauce and honey. Mix just until the dry ingredients are absorbed.

Drain excess water from the raisins, and stir in along with the walnuts.

Spoon mixture into muffins cups so they are about 2/3 full.

Bake for 18 minutes, or until the tops spring back when lightly touched.

Cool in pan before removing



*Recipe doubles easily; also works in mini-loaf pans though the bake time must be adjusted.

WEDDING NEWS!

Hailey DeRoy & Stephen Nolan will be married on August 19th in Burlington

Charissa Eastman & Luke Newson will be married on September 22nd in London!

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
Grease a 12 cup muffin pan (or line with papers).
Place the raisins in a cup, and add enough boiling water to cover. Let stand until needed to plump.
In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, baking powder, baking soda and salt.