



First Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

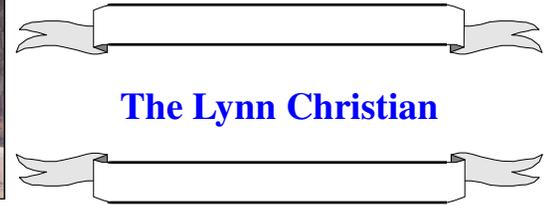
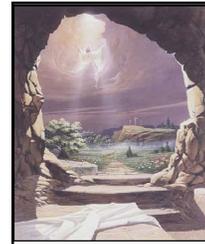
Bible School.....9:30 AM
 Sunday AM Worship.....10:30AM
 Jr/Sr High Youth Activities.....6:00PM

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How Do You Spell Mother?

There are many of you that remember the poem “M-O-T-H-E-R” by Howard Johnson. He used the letters that spell the word mother and used each letter to describe the virtues of a mother from his point of view and showed his gratitude to his mother to honor her. The poem has been repeated, and even put to song over the years. This was not a new idea; in fact, the use of an acrostic as it is called was used and shown to us back in the Old Testament.

An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.” (Prov. 31:10). This famous passage, Proverbs 31:10-31, is used quite often on Mother’s Day and it describes the attributes of “the virtuous woman” as some versions of the Bible translate it. But what many people do not know that these 22 verses were put together as an acrostic. Each of these verses starts and successively moves through the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The writer of this proverb begins by giving us some very important instruction that his mother gave to him to live and rule by, and he concludes by giving a special tribute to his own mother as to what kind of an example she has been. He does so by using every letter of the Hebrew alphabet implying that describing her would use up all the human language.

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We can put it into those same terms today when we say that for us to be able to fully describe our mother would cover from “A to Z.”

However, the simple translation of the word “virtuous” here has somewhat taken away from what is meant here; I believe we can see more. We tend to think today that this simply refers to moral purity, but the description of this woman is far more than that. Yes, the Hebrew word describing a woman (Ruth 3:11; Proverbs 12:4; 31:10; 31:29) is translated “virtuous” or “virtuously,” but when that word is used to describe a man, which it more often is, it is translated into such words as “strong,” “valiant,” and “worthy.” It is commonly translated “army.” With that in mind, an ideal woman is one who is strong, brave, industrious, and trustworthy. She is worth an entire army of people to her husband and to her children and even her country. Even when considered a weaker vessel, this is the woman God intended her to be. Above all, she is especially a Godly woman. *“Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her...Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.”* (Prov. 31:28, 30).

These verses are usually acknowledgement given to mothers or Mother’s Day, but the honor should not be held to just one day out of the year. Remember the command given to us several times in God’s Word: “Honor your mother!” that command is not just for a 24 hour period; this is to be done every day of the year as well.

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
April 27 6:30PMWalk Through	May 08 MOTHER’S DAY . . . Family Sunday . . .
April 30 10:00AMLadies Bible Study	May 11 4:00PMFirst Care Ministry 6:30PM Walk Through 7:15PM Worship Ministry
May 01 12:00PM Annual Meeting	May 12 . . . Leadership Reports Due . . .
May 04 6:30PMWalk Through	May 14 2-5PMOpen House for Paul Nolen (church basement)
May 07 9-11AMLynn Food Bank Open 10:00AMLadies Bible Study	

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Ladies Bible Study

The ladies will meet on Saturday, April 30th at 10:00AM, and also on Saturday May 7th at 10:00AM.

Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of First Church of Christ is scheduled for Sunday, May 1st, immediately following AM Worship Service.

Church Camp Information

Church Camp sign-up has begun. Campers need to register early to receive a \$25 discount. Camp schedules are available at the church. Also, scholarships are available through the Missions Ministry. Missions will pay:

\$100—full week of camp

\$ 45—Heart Start

\$15—Alpha-Bits

Missions will provide scholarships to kids attending the church. Kids outside of the church can receive scholarships if they do not have a church family.

Missions Ministry

Next meeting for Missions will be Sunday, May 8th at 4:30PM.



Graduation Open House

The church family has been invited to an Open House for Paul Nolen. It will be held in the church basement from 2:00PM—5:00PM on Saturday, May 14th.

Family Movie Night

On May 15th we are starting back up Family Movie Night here at the church at 6:00PM. Bring a friend! Popcorn and refreshments are available.



Leadership Meeting

Leadership meeting is Monday, May 16th at 7:00PM. Doug Nolen will lead devotions from the book "Simple Church", pages 120 through 134.

Spring Program

The First Care children are having their Spring Program on Friday, May 20th at 7:00PM. Come and listen to the them sing songs that they have been practicing all winter long. Please stay afterwards for refreshments and fellowship!



Carry-In Dinner

We will recognize our Graduates of 2011 on Sunday, May 29th at 12:00PM. Please join us for a Carry-In Dinner after AM Worship Service as we acknowledge and congratulate our grads!



Prayer Concerns

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Helen Gesell; Heather Good; Jerry Harris;
Karmen Kellams; Elaine Wells; Esther Williams;
Johna Yandl

Our Missionaries including:

Purdue Christian Campus House

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

Bob Bretzinger—Sandy Thornburg's brother
Trinity Buck—classmate of Olivia Thurston (3rd Grade)
Pamela Cole— Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law
Janice Dill—Bob Thornburg's sister

Assisted Living and/or Nursing home:

Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier

Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

These names and concerns have been reported or updated to the church in the last month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.

Servant Spotlight

by Rebecca Glunt

In Luke 18:16 Jesus told his disciples to, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." In Acts 2:38, when the people asked Peter what they should do after hearing the truth of Christ, "Peter replied, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." On Sunday April 17, 2011 Aaron Bruner was baptized into Christ and became the newest member of First Church of Christ.

Aaron is the eight year old son of Jeremy and Melissa Bruner. He is in the second grade at Community Christian in Richmond. He enjoys being in the Upwards basketball program. This Christian program has devotions at the practices and at half-time during the games. Aaron is also in his fourth year playing baseball. In the summer he also enjoys going to church camp.

Along with Aaron, Melissa and Jeremy also have a six year old daughter named Colby. She is in kindergarten at Community Christian as well. She has enjoyed taking piano lessons for the last year.

Jeremy has served as a trustee in the past and currently is head of the maintenance ministry. He also organizes the Home Bible Study Fellowship. Melissa has taught the 2's and 3's in the past and currently teaches the kindergarten through second grade Sunday School class. They have helped with VBS in the past as well.

In their spare time, Jeremy enjoys woodworking and Melissa enjoys doing oil paintings. Jeremy and Melissa are graduates of Purdue University in 1999 and 1998 respectively. Melissa's degree is in Management with a minor in Finance and Jeremy has a B.S. in Construction Engineer/Management. Melissa works part time at Smith Dairy and has been there for eleven years as a Corporate Financial Analyst, doing accounting work and bank presentations. She has worked as a Consultant for Ernst and Young, LLP for two years prior to her current position as an internal auditor. Jeremy has worked for eleven years as a Project Manager at businesses such as Oberle and Lakoff in Richmond. Currently, he works for Wayne Dairy as a Project Engineer Manager.

When this writer asked Melissa what their favorite verse was she replied that their family has posted in their house and tries to live by the words found in Joshua 24:15 which states, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. *But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*" (italics added). The church body rejoices with the Bruner family in Aaron's decision to serve the Lord.