

# THE BEACON OF TRUTH

May 12, 2019

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

## Encouragement for Mothers Chase Green

One of the most important and, yet, often unappreciated roles of life is the role of motherhood. On a day in which we try to express our gratitude for our many faithful Christian mothers, let me list a few things for which I am thankful.

- I am thankful for Christian mothers who are virtuous in all their doings (Prov. 31:10).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers whose husbands safely trust in them (Prov. 31:11).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who do good unto their husbands all of their days (Prov. 31:12).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who work willingly with their hands (Prov. 31:13).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who diligently prepare meals for both their families and for others (Prov. 31:14-15).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who work hard in other tasks in addition to their wifely and motherly tasks (Prov. 31:16).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who are the embodiment of strength (Prov. 31:17).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers whose candles don't go out by night (Prov. 31:18).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers whose daily labors may at times seem ordinary, but in actuality are extraordinary (Prov. 31:19).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers whose hearts care not only for their own, but for the poor and downtrodden as well (Prov. 31:20) (cntd pg 2)

### By the Numbers:

Week of 5/5/19

Contribution – \$2422

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes – 32

Sunday Worship\* – 45

Wednesday Night – Canceled

\*Total for the day

### Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: No (1 Cor. 15:50).

Q: What is the sting of death?

Answer to be given next week!

### SERMON SPOTLIGHT:

AM — The Dignity of Motherhood & Its Downfall

1. How can godly mothers make a home conducive to the family's spiritual health?
2. How can other members of the family help mothers accomplish this?

PM — What Happens After Death?

1. What Bible verses talk about this?

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday  
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.

### Website

Beaconcofc.com (under construction)

### Preacher

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### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6).
3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30).
4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33).
5. Be baptized (immersed) (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
6. Continue faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).

Mailing Address

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## NEWS AND NOTES TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Joy Skipper — John & Ruth Coston — Stetson Ortega — Lindy Brown — Kaitlyn Wilson — Kathy Lawrence — Debbie Grice — Virginia Wainwright — Jessica Hancock — Melba Tippen Creech — Dewey Young — Congrats to Nathan & Victoria Bird and family as they welcomed Mila Isabel Bird on May 5th, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 22 inches long!

### OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Please help us restock our food pantry. We are currently in need of the following items: Canned meats, canned fruit, pasta, canned chili, etc.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for our next event! Don't miss out on these opportunities for fellowship and fun!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal — 4th Sunday of each month in between services unless otherwise noted.

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- I am thankful for Christian mothers who ensure that their households are properly clothed for the elements (Prov. 31:21).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who liven their homes with beautiful decorations and clothing (Prov. 31:22).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers whose husbands' influence are helped, not hindered, because of them (Prov. 31:23).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers whose hard work pays off financially for their families (Prov. 31:24).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who wear strength and honor like garments of virtue (Prov. 31:25).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who use their speech for wisdom and kindness (Prov. 31:26).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who look after the affairs of their households well and avoid the temptations of laziness (Prov. 31:27).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who earn the blessing of their children and the praise of their husbands (Prov. 31:28).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who excel in virtue (Prov. 31:29).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers who fear the Lord (Prov. 31:30).
- I am thankful for Christian mothers whose own works praise her (Prov. 31:31).

On second thought, I'm not just thankful. I'm VERY thankful!

With Christian love, Chase

### *A God Who Never Sleeps!* *Rodney Nulph*

A song that is found in many of our different hymn books has a line that goes something like this, "There's an all-seeing eye watching you, everyday mind the course you pursue." The ever-present eye of God is an irrefutable fact. The Psalmist rhetorically asked, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" (Psalm 139:7). "He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep" (Psalm 121:3b-4, NKJV). While God's omniscience and omnipresence are known facts, sometimes we may forget these attributes of God, especially when we find ourselves in difficult times. The prophet Habakkuk seemed to have forgotten about the awesome fact that God is everywhere all the time, and His power never wanes, nor does He sleep! Habakkuk felt as though God was not hearing his pleas and may have even forgotten about the heinous sins that Judah was committing (Habakkuk 1:2-4). In this interesting dialogue between the prophet and God, God reminded Habakkuk that although it may seem that He was not active, **such is never the case!** God answered Habakkuk (1:5-11) and powerfully reminded him that He sees all, knows all and will vindicate the righteous and bring vengeance upon the unrighteous. Just exactly Who is this God Who never sleeps?

**He is amazing.** "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: **for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you**" (Habakkuk 1:5). Mankind simply cannot always see the continuous activity of God. When life's burdens press down, we far too often forget that God is still there and is still at work. Even as Habakkuk's faith was faltering because he felt as though God was not listening, God was busy fashioning the events on earth to complete His very plans. These plans were so amazing that Habakkuk would be "utterly astounded" (NKJV). We must always remember that God does not settle all of His accounts on Friday! There is never a time when God is not in control of everything this world can possibly muster up. He is amazing!

**He is authoritative.** "For, lo, **I raise up** the Chaldeans..." (Habakkuk 1:6a). God was the authority and power behind this destruction. The Chaldeans (i.e. Babylonians), surely thought they were the authority and that they were determining the fate of Judah, but such was not the case! We, like Habakkuk, sometimes forget that it is God Almighty that rules among the nations, or as the Psalmist would pen, "he is the governor among the nations" (Psalm 22:28). There is no power except that which comes from God (Romans 13:1). Jesus reminded Pontius Pilate, "...Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above..." (John 19:11). God is authoritative!

**He is able.** "Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction" (Habakkuk 1:12). Like Habakkuk, we must recount and remember that the God we serve is more than able to handle the world He created. God does not need our input or "wisdom"! Job was quickly reminded of that fact when he questioned God (Job 38-41). I love how Paul penned it. "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20). God is able because He is "strong and mighty" (Psalm 24:8), because power belongs to Him (Psalm 62:11) and He is abundant in strength (Psalm 147:5). Whether man recognizes it or not, God is able!

How often do we fail to recognize that no matter what this life brings, God is bigger? Our humanity, like Habakkuk's humanity, sometimes forgets the amazing nature of God; we sometimes fail to call to mind the authoritative power of God, and we sometimes even go so far as to forget the ability of the God we serve. Dear reader, there is simply **nothing** too big for God! May we face life's struggles with confidence because our **God never sleeps!**

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." 1 Tim. 6:7

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