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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

It really is true! There is no place like home. Well, maybe we should say there is no place like the home God designed. That really is true. When husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and children all fulfill their God-ordained roles and responsibilities in the home, family life is delightful.

Most families, however, have not experienced the joys of a Bible-based family life. A significant number of families have suffered the ravages of a war - the result of the modern humanistic attack and bombardment of all that is sacred in the home. A host of influences have challenged the husband's and father's position as loving leader of the family; the wife's and mother's role of a homemaker and the children's place of honor and obedience to their parents. Succumbing to humanistic influences, the structure of the home has collapsed and family life is seemingly in hopeless disarray.

The collapse results from both the rejection of God's way and the implementation of man's will. The real culprit is the humanistic influence in modern society on selfishness. The influences of modern society are constantly stressing the view of "do your own thing." Or, as one mother who felt the burden of motherhood said, "I need to do something for myself." One author even wrote a book on *The Art of Selfishness*.

Husbands and fathers, armed with this philosophy show no hesitation at leaving a wife and children to move in with some woman they met, or sometimes with a series of women. Wives and mothers display no embarrassment in announcing on the Dr. Phil show how they walked out on their families to feed their egos in furthering a career. Children are often left to a day care, baby sitter or even the watchful eye of the TV. The result? Home life as God ordained it is gone.

Family life as God ordained it can, however, be restored. It begins with parents becoming or being Christians. Genuine Christians have learned to "deny" themselves (Luke 9:28) and unselfishly give themselves to others - including their own families. This is the basis of family as God views it. It all begins with recognizing and trusting both the wisdom and authority of God. God created man, then woman, and God designed, then instituted the home. Who knows the basis of a happy family life better than its designer? God has revealed in the scriptures His plan for family life.

L. A. Stauffer

BulletinBoard



AM Lesson - Jack - "Modest Apparel"
PM Lesson - Steve - "Discipleship - Questions and Answers"

Please keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee Boyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitsch and Don Hurd.**

NEWS AND NOTES: Most of us are experiencing good health, for which we should give thanks. Some are not so fortunate. Laura Claburn is having some difficulty with the procedure performed a couple of weeks ago. Anna hasn't been out much in quite a while. Continue to remember these folks. Geoff and Sarah's baby, Dietrich, continues to have trouble. He is still in the hospital in Dallas. Special prayers for that young one, and the entire Knapp family as they go thru the emotional ordeal.

Youth devotional is tonight at the Smith's house.

Our spring gospel meeting is next weekend. March 21-23. Kenny Moorner will be with us. Times and topics are posted on the bulletin board, as well as on the invitations on the table. Let's do all we can to make it a great time.

"Some people are so narrow-minded that they have to stack their prejudices vertically."

"Just as one dog can start all the dogs around to barking, so one grouch can impact all around."

"Keep Me Reasonably Sweet"

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older, and someday will be old. Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of the pains of others. Help me to endure them with patience, but seal my lips of my own aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of telling them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody. Make me helpful, but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

author unknown

"I didn't come to be told I'm burning the candle at both ends," said the patient to his doctor. "I came for more wax."

"When it comes time to die...make sure all you have left to do is die."

Assignments for today

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Morning Service

Announcements.....Mark Mann
Hymn Director.....Lee Williams
Scripture Reading.....I Cor. 2:1-8
Scripture Reader.....David Gorski
Opening Prayer.....Jim Carithers
Closing Prayer.....Mark Mann

Evening Service

Hymn Director.....Greg Williams
Opening Prayer.....Scott Clanton
Closing Prayer.....Mark Mann

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible study
5:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

7:30 PM Study and Devotional
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