**SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 8, 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Darryl Griffing

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Darryl Griffing **Prayer-** Darryl Griffing

**Song Leader-** Roger German **Song Leader**- Buck Phillips

**-- Comments** – Andy Fuller **Comments** – Connor LaChappelle

**-- Assisting –** John MacQuilliam **Communion** – Curran LaChappelle

**-- Assisting** – Brandon Esqu**e**

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Scripture –** Curran LaChappelle **Scripture** – Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Ben Wofford **Closing Prayer**- Dan Woodward

**Wednesday Night – May 11, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Phillip Dorn

**Song Leader** – Ben Wofford

**Invitation –** Curran LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer –** Dan Woodward

**May 22 Evening Service** – Ben Wofford

**May 29 Evening Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **May** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **8** | MacQuilliam | Please Be Considerate |
| **15** | Davis | Clean the area around your seat |

**Power of a Mother’s Words**

***“She opens her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness” (Proverbs 31:26).* The new family moved in next door. Bennie found out that his new friend next door was named Brian. It wasn’t long until Bennie and his family heard all kinds of screaming, threatening, and yelling coming from Brian’s mother. “I think she is the meanest mother in the world!” Bennie told his mom. “I’m glad you don’t scream like that. No wonder Brian always wants to come to our house.”**

**The power of words, especially coming from a mom cannot be overly estimated. Guard your words, tone, and volume! For today: May your words be pleasing to the Lord and a blessing to your family today.**

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***Schedule of Services***

**Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.**

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**Deacons: Cliff Davis, Darryl Griffing, Buck Phillips**

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***Playing With Fire***

1. In the days of the judges, what tribe had its cities burned by other tribes?

2. What tribe of Israel sacked Jerusalem and burned it?

3. What Israelite city was burned up by Pharaoh?

4. What king committed suicide by burning down his palace?

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***Mother Is An Occupation***

**By Harrell E Reynolds**

A few months ago, when I was picking up the children at school, another mother I knew well, rushed up to me. Emily was fuming with indignation. "Do you know what you and I are?" she demanded.

Before I could answer - and I didn't really have one handy - she blurted out the reason for her question. It seemed she had just returned from renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office. Asked by the woman recorder to state her "occupation," Emily had hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. "What I mean is," explained the recorder, "Do you have a job, or are you just a ---"?

***Mother Is An Occupation***

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"Of course I have a job," snapped Emily. "I'm a mother."

"We don't list "mother" as an occupation; "housewife" covers it," said the recorder emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high-sounding title, like “Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar." "And what is your occupation?" she probed.

What made me say it, I do not know. The words simply popped out. "I'm --- a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The clerk paused, ballpoint pen frozen in mid-air, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pompous pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire. "Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing program of research (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters (the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are in satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway buoyed up by my glamorous new career, my lab assistants greeted me --- age 13, 7, and 3. And upstairs, I could hear our new experimental model (six months) in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern.

I felt triumphant. I had scored a beat on bureaucracy. And I had gone down on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another --- ". Home...what a glorious career. Especially when there's a title on the door.

***Happy Mother’s Day***

**By Kevin Cauley**

Today is the day that we know and celebrate as Mother’s Day. It is the one time out of the year that we set aside a day to remember and honor our mothers. More telephone calls home are made today than any other day of the year. Many will be taking their mother someplace special to eat. Children will give their mothers some special gifts.

There are others whose mothers have passed from this life to the next. While these mothers are not around for us to personally enjoy, we can certainly relish the memories that we have of their example, instruction, and love. Some will, perhaps, visit the grave of their mother. However we celebrate Mother’s Day, the good mother will always hold a special place within our hearts. More than ever, we need Mother’s Day as a day to not only remember our mothers, but as a day to set forth the example for what a good mother ought to be.

A troubling aspect to our society is the desire of some relegate motherhood into a subservient or 2nd Class element of society. Yes, there is a radical element in our nation that would change motherhood from what we know to be a beautiful creation of God into something bizarre and Frankensteinian.

The Bible tells us of that beautiful mother who knows the importance of her relationship with her husband and honors it. She seeks godliness in her life so that she can rear her children to honor God in their lives as well. She respects God’s institution of marriage and is faithful no matter what difficulties and burdens may come her way. She knows that there is no quick and easy path through life, but that which the Lord provides for her through His guidance (Matthew 11:30).

So, on this Mother’s Day, let us remember and know what a true mother is and never seek to change God’s pattern for a good mother. Instead, let us proclaim without embarrassment, God’s plan for motherhood.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Benjamin [Judges 20:48]

2. Judah [Judges 1:8]

3. Gezer [1 Kings 9:16]

4. Zimri [1 Kings 16:18]

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