

Sun Valley Bulletin

Sun Valley Church of Christ

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The Modern Family is Crumbling

I heard a public service ad on the radio that infuriated me, and at first I couldn't figure out why. It was an ad encouraging everyone to act on their instincts if they suspect some mother is abusing her children. Why would that provoke me? I'll tell you why. The most arrogant and self-righteous critics of mothers are those who have never raised children; would not have children! but they will certainly harrass any mother who makes the personal sacrifice to have and to raise more than one of her own. If you don't measure up to these self-absorbed critics, they will accuse you of being child-abusers.

Today is Mother's Day and I salute all of the devoted women who have denied themselves their personal ambitions to give themselves to their children, nourishing and cherishing them as long as there remains breath in their bodies. What kind of a fool would voluntarily become a mother in our day? Who needs it? Women today fill our administrative offices all the way to the top. In our courts, the judges are women, the District Attorneys are women, and the defense attorneys are women. Women fill most of our bureaucratic offices. If you get pulled over by a traffic cop, she is likely to be a woman. Men have become such a worthless race! Why would any woman marry one? Men can't have babies and they certainly lack the gifts that God gave women. What are they good for?

Pity the poor woman who becomes a mother in our times. If she has two or three children, she has to leave them to be raised by someone not their mother, to pursue her career or at least a good paying job. All day she worries about her children and wishes she could be with them and struggles to keep the wolves at bay, to be tough

enough to keep from being run over by ambitious co-workers. When she arrives at home, the children need to be fed, led and put to bed all while she mulls over the wolves and vixen at work who want to eat her lunch. If the children get out of line, she is not allowed to spank them. There are thousands of sterile academics who will rebuke her lack of self-control for punishing a child whom the surrogate parents have not taught to respect authority. While she gathers her strength to keep the children from tearing the house apart, someone is calling the police because they heard her raise her voice. Women are dying early of heart disease and lung cancer and leaving their children orphans. Every year a fresh crop of pretty women enter the arena, smoking like chimneys, drinking like the grizzled veterans, foul mouthed and dressed like street walkers. How is a godly woman to compete?

Of course, mothers could stay at home, but who wants the guilt? If there is not enough money to pay the bills, whose fault is it? Hers! Doesn't she know that she is wasting her potential being just a mother? Women have come so far in our times! We almost elected a woman president!. How could you set back the women's movement by accepting the stone age principles of Leave it to Beaver?

It is no surprise that American fertility rates are below replacement levels. We are dying out. But godly mothers should rejoice. Your children are replacing the children of the worldly because they are not being born or raised to carry on their traditions. Your children rise up and call you blessed. With joy they carry on your ideals which are the ideals of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because you have been a beloved mother, your children and grandchildren gather around you in your golden years and make you justifiably proud. tp

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News and Notes

The sick and injured

Rosario Resendez miscarried last week at four months of pregnancy. Unaking and James Currier Jim Padgett's brother Milton Paul Stallings' sister-in-law Rhonda Elaine Phillips is being treated for cancer in the aftermath of her surgery.

The shut-in

Bernice Odell
Elsie Kirkpatrick
Varina Corbin
Francis Walling
Arranelle Meisner
Osburn and Marjorie Holt

Gospel Meetings

Flint Hill

May 3-8, M-F 7:30 pm

David Wheeler, Jr.

"Defending Genesis"

Singing, May 1st

Eastside in Athens

June 12-13

"A Well-Rounded Christian"

9th grade through college age

For study materials, go to the website:

www.eastside-church.org

Worship Leaders

Lord's Table: Lee Roy Golden, Larry Courington, Wayne Odell, Joel Resendez

Song Leaders: May 10-Bill Lammons, 13-Terry Partain, 17-Roger Golden, 20-Terry Partain

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Bible Study Scripture reading	Larry Courington	Charles Bain
Bible Study Prayer	Roger Golden	Fred Watts
Sunday AM opening prayer	Fred Watts	Paul Stallings
Sunday AM dismissal prayer	Bryan Golden	Bill Lammons
Sunday PM Scripture reading	Lee Roy Golden	Larry Courington
Sunday PM opening prayer	Jim Padgett	Roger Golden
Sunday PM dismissal	Brad Golden	Brad Golden
Wednesday PM Scripture reading	Don Womble	Wayne Odell
Wednesday PM Opening prayer	Forrest Berry	Bryan Golden
Wednesday PM Offer invitation	Herb Palmer	Roger Golden
Wednesday PM Closing prayer	Terry Partain	Herb Palmer

Announcements for May: Herb Palmer - 854-2029