

HIRAM CHURCH OF CHRIST

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

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"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:11

"Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Matt Johnson

Opening Prayer: Matt Johnson

Song Leader: Kwame Abdul

Second Prayer: Devin Bryant

Lord's Table: Clarence Proctor
Melvin J Bryant III

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II

Closing Prayer: Alex Johnson

Attendance

Morning Hour: 14

Bible Class: 16

Worship: 20

Wednesday: 12

Contribution: \$1206.00

Weekly Service Times

	The Morning Hour	9:00am
	Bible Class	10:00am
	Morning Worship	11:00am
	Wed. Evening Bible Classes	7:30pm

The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study - Rightly Dividing
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

Missions: India & Childhaven

PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10



BIBLICAL WARNING

SUGAR-COATED PREACHING IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR SOUL.
2 Timothy 4:3-4

WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?



What would our lives look like?

ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Mary Brock's daughter Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia),

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Ellen** (member of the Westside church of Christ in Ohio) has petition our prayers due to some extreme hardships she's faced with.
- ▶ **Becky's** mom boyfriend, Randy is scheduled to have open heart surgery to repair three different problems and is in need of prayer.
- ▶ **The Webb's** daughter is doing much better with chemo treatments.
- ▶ **Carolyn** recently fractured her tibia. The doctor waned her to use a wheelchair or walker, but she has been hobbling around with them. She has been going through other health issues as well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mrs. Joanie** has not been feeling well lately. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Troup** had mouth surgery and is in need of our prayers.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested continued prayers for his son in law.
- ▶ **Erica** is in need of prayer for her overall health. She appreciates the calls and prayers. Also, she has asked that we keep her sister, Ashley in prayers.
- ▶ **Patty** will be going to Kansas soon for surgery.
- ▶ **Sis. Arnold** has requested prayers for her niece who has aggressive stage 3 cancer.
- ▶ **Sis. Cruise** has some serious health issues and is in need of prayer.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

✓ May Birthdays

Tarie - 2nd

Kenneth - 6th

Devin and Melvin - 17th

A Potluck lunch is planned at Mr. Ron's on Wednesday. His son-in-law had surgery.

✓ Anniversaries

Sebastian and Erica - 9th

Fellowship dinner is the last Sunday of each month.

✓ Local Church News.

✓ Traveling.

Sis. Pudgy, Sis. Penny, Sis. Brock

✓ Patty is in Oklahoma for a while.

✓ Hiram Church of Christ News

Congratulations are due! Melvin J.

Bryant III graduated from Kennesaw

State University on May 8, 2019!

"The Love of a M.O.T.H.E.R"

Proverbs 31:26-31

By

Melvin J. Bryant II

A "M.O.T.H.E.R" has many names, she wears many different titles, such as: A wife, she can be a sister, She can be a cousin, She's a worker, A friend, A confidant, an example to those around her because of her chaste conduct, She's a judge, a disciplinarian, a councilor (when there is conflict in the family or with her children, she resolves disputes with them ;-). She grocery shops, then she's a cook (a chef) and she fixes the food the way the child(ren) likes it and the way her husband likes it ;-). She's a taxi driver (an Uber or Lyft driver) a chauffeur, A supporter, a maid (*that is...*she cleans and takes care of the house), She's a dry cleaning company (she washes cloths, dries them and even irons them for her family when needed). She's a doctor AND a nurse, a caregiver! When the child or husband get's sick, she's the one who aids and nurses them back to health. And, if that's not enough, she also must be a lover to her husband (for those women who are married ;-). A M.O.T.H.E.R. wears MANY different hats and although she is overworked and under appreciated, a Mother does not complain, she does not gripe, she does not grumble about her responsibilities for she LOVES her job and responsibility as a Mother! A M.O.T.H.E.R is one of the GREATEST jobs a woman can have!

She's longsuffering, She's uncomplaining, She's self sacrificing and puts her family above all else. And ONE of the most IMPORTANT things many people FAIL to realize is that a Mother WORKS 365 days out of a year - SEVEN days a week! She goes to bed late when needed, And, rises up early as needed! EVERYDAY she's doing SOMETHING for the benefit of her family! That's what you call a Mother's Love! AND, why should she not be appreciated more often than once a year?!

I did some research at, salary.com, ziprecruiter.com, careerbuilder.com and a few others, And tallied up most of the responsibilities and duties (*that is*, the jobs) a Mother does everyday - each year, And "IF" we were to tally up a Mother's YEARLY salary, here are some of the numbers that we would come up with! (1) "IF" she was paid for cooking, the salary would be \$21,720.00 per year! (2) "IF" she was paid for cleaning, the salary would be \$25,560.00 per year! (3) "IF" she was paid for child care, the average yearly salary for child care is \$21,972.00. The TOTAL for ALL the jobs a M.O.T.H.E.R does comes to OVER \$250,000.00 a year, and this total does NOT include overtime pay and a per diem for working at night!

However, as a Mother, she does NOT look for the reward of ALL the hard work she puts in, BUT; she should be recognized DAILY, and appreciated for what she does by those with whom she cares for! This is why we ought to be glad that they have a day in our country - that recognizes Mother's, but we ought to recognize our Mother's OFTEN for ALL the hard work they put in! I want us to examine a few;

I. CHARACTERISTICS OF A M.O.T.H.E.R - "M"

- A. A Mother should be a "Mentor!" (Proverbs 31:26).
 - ♥ Her primary pupils of this Mentorship are her children.
 - ♥ They are the recipients of the wisdom that comes from their Mother's mouth!
 - ♥ A godly "Mother" is NOT teaching her children the wisdom of this world!
- B. What wisdom should a Mother teach her child or children? (Psalms 111:10).
 - ♥ One of the most saddest things that a Mother can do is NOT teach their children the importance of fearing the Lord our God!
 - ♥ King Lemuels mom taught him the wisdom of God. (Proverbs 31:1ff cf. 2 Timothy 1:5).

II. “M.O.T.H.E.R” - “O”

- A. A Mother should be “Obedient!” (Ephesians 5:22-24).
 ♥ Now, “Obedient” is defined as one who is “complying or willing to comply with orders or requests; submissive to another's will!” She should be (most importantly) “Obedient” to the Lord! When a wife (Mother) submits to the husband, she is to be “Obedient” and “submit” as far as she can do it, without violating higher command to obey God. She is NOT to “submit” to her husband when he tries to make her violate the will of God! (Acts 5:29).
- B. Single sisters in the Lord is to be “Obedient” to Christ although she may not have a husband! (1 Corinthians 7:34).
 ♥ In Ephesians 5:24, it tells us, “Therefore, just as the CHURCH is subject to Christ...” The church is made up of MALE and FEMALE (Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually - 1 Corinthians 12:27). Since we are the church, even “IF” you're NOT married, the command is for the CHURCH to be “subject to Christ”.
 ♥ So even as a single sister, she should care about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy in body and in spirit! (1 Corinthians 7:34).

III. “M.O.T.H.E.R” - “T”

- A. A Mother should be “Trustworthy” (Exodus 2:1-3).
 ♥ Two of the most “Trustworthy” Mother's in the Bible is Jochebed (Moses' Mother) and Hannah (Samuel's Mother)! Now one may ask, “*How was Moses' Mother trustworthy?*” The word “trustworthy” is defined as, “one who is able to be relied on to do or provide what is needed or right.”
 ♥ She knew that the Pharaoh of Egypt wanted all male children put to death, BUT; she KNEW the right thing to do was to protect her child at ALL cost! She KNEW that she needed to PROVIDE what was right for her son!
 ♥ She had enough FAITH and understood that even during the HARD times of life they were facing as a people, God will still provide for them! Her “Trustworthiness” was in the Lord!
- B. Hannah was a “Trustworthy Mother” (1 Samuel 1:8-11).
 She was “trustworthy” regarding the promise she made to the Lord. (1 Samuel 1:24-28).

IV. “M.O.T.H.E.R” - “H”

- A. Mother's should be “Honored”! (Ephesians 6:1-2).
 ♥ That word “Honor” there comes from a Greek word “*timao*” which means, “to show high regards for, honor, revere.” (BDAG 1004).
 ♥ So as we celebrate Mother's day today, Mother's are to be honored, NOT just on today, but OFTEN for the care they provide and all the hard work they do for us as children and others!

V. “M.O.T.H.E.R” - “E”

- A. Mother's should be an “Encourager” (Titus 2:1-5).
 ♥ A Mother should be an “Encourager” not only to her own children, BUT; to those who she can (and is to) influence!
 ♥ That word, “Admonish” comes from a Greek word, “*sophronizo*”, which means, “to instruct in prudent or behavior that is becoming and show good judgment, to ENCOURAGE, advise, to urge!” (BDAG pg. 986).” So, the older Mother's in the church is to be an “Encourager” to younger sister in the church by “encouraging” them to; love their husbands, love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their OWN husbands!

VI. “M.O.T.H.E.R” - “R”

- A. Mother's should know how to show “Respect” (Ephesians 5:33).
 ♥ Although she is to “Respect” her husband, she deserves ALL the love and honor the child and husband can provide. Happy Mother's Day. May God continue to bless you and your efforts.