

when it comes to the mother lottery. She's a walking master's class on the topic.

I am a continual reader of Proverbs, the greatest and God-given collection of wisdom. I always love coming to the last chapter because it describes a most excellent woman, wife, and mother. The snapshot of the lady in Proverbs 31 drips with character, strength, blessing, and godliness. Everybody around her is better off because of her in their lives. Unapologetically she sets the bar very high. Usually, when I get to the end of verse 31 of Proverbs 31, I look up and across the room, and there she is!

Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise. Proverbs 31:28-31 (NLT2)

Have a blessed Mother's Day. Love you, Pastor Hans

(I understand that Mother's Day and Father's Day are mixed bags. For children young and grown either or both of these can be a struggle, a deep wound, a dark hole, a day that cannot pass too quickly. For mothers and fathers they can be anything but a day of honor and celebration, but instead be heaps of regrets, stagnant pools of wasted time and opportunity, and a haunting collection of mess-ups.

Please know, I didn't share the above to hurt you, quite the opposite. For one I simply wanted to give praise to whom praise is due, not to do so is ceding the ground to those who shouldn't have it - good Moms and Dads deserve a place of honor. For another, I do know from experience that God is not afraid to walk with us into the dark and broken places of our past, of our soul and heart. He never does so without bringing along abundant grace and mercy. He also, despite the failure of some, brings people into our lives who are willing to genuinely care about us and love us. It is never too late to heal or to repent.)



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger, Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Rickie Jeffers, Willis Parrish, John King, Family and Friends, Our Church's Ministries
Our community, that we do actually SHARE.

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland, Noah Martin, Rebekah Wilhelmy, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Dylan Werner, Brian Sula, Michael Thomasson, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or an e-mail to: **BATTprayer@yahoo.com**

Prayers:



May 14, 2023

Pastor Note:

I am a great fan of Mothers, Moms, Mamas. I think they are one of God's best inventions and make the world a better place. The reason I am such a fan are five extraordinary women, Moms, whom God in His wisdom, kindness, and grace placed into my life.

Margarete Frei – that's my Mama, the awesome lady who brought my four brothers and me into this world and raised us with unconquerable love.

Maria Eitle – My mama's single sister, my Dote (Godmother), and the Frei boys' second Mom.

Beverly Mecredy – My terrific Mother-in-law, who has accepted and loved me from day one.

Mabel Tubbs – One of the best things that could have ever happened to this white preacher at age 24 was God blessing me with a black Mom. I never was better protected. You had better not ruffled her feathers when it came to anyone she claimed as her family.

Susie Frei – The amazing and exceptional Mother, Mom, Mama of my/our children, and the love of my life.

I can't begin to tell how deeply these women have influenced and impacted my life. They do have some things in common. They were/are all spiritual women with a deep abiding faith in Christ, engaged in prayer, reading their Bibles, being part of a church, serving, and blessing people around them. They were/are all strong, intelligent, independent, and thoughtful women. All of them are members of both the hard-working and lifelong learning clubs. And for some reason, they were/are all outstanding cooks.

My relationship with the first four is that of a son. They have dished out serious mothering to me, the whole gamut, from loving me unconditionally to reading me the riot act. However, over the last forty-one years, I have learned and observed more about outstanding and godly mothering from Susie than anyone else. Watching her as a mother has been one of the great and humbling experiences of my life. Without question, our kids, and we as a family, have hit the jackpot

May Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
 - **Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.**
 - Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
 - Communion Sunday - May 28th
- Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service**

Fellowship Time Snacks
were provided

By - *"Beverly's Class and The Youth"*

Thank you

Next week Merle's class is up!!

Happy Mother's Day

A Bit of Humor Corner



Giving

May 7, 2023

Offering:
\$5,960.00

Facilities:
\$160.00

Annie Armstrong:
\$80.00

Books:
\$229.00

Women's Bible Study:
\$200.00

Attendance:
99

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - 6:30 PM (On Hiatus)

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Sermon Notes:



May 15th - May 21st

DAY 1 - Acts 26
(Proverbs 15)

DAY 2 - Acts 27
(Proverbs 16)

DAY 3 - Acts 28
(Proverbs 17)

DAY 4 - 1 Cor. 1
(Proverbs 18)

DAY 5 - 1 Cor. 2
(Proverbs 19)

DAY 6 - (Proverbs 20)
DAY 7 - (Proverbs 21)

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1 Timothy 6:18

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.