

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

MIDDENDORF BAPTIST CHURCH
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Message
From the Pastor



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The B-I-B-L-E

yes that's the book for me!

It's important to read the Bible not merely for information, but also for transformation. The aim should be to meet God and focus on building a stronger relationship with Him. (Ref. Romans 12:1-2) The Bible is our definitive source for the answers to our questions about God. (Ref. 2 Timothy 3:16) Ultimately, it shows us God's character. The Bible also helps us renew our minds so we can know God's Will.

(Again Ref. Romans 12:2)

One of the most important reasons to read the Bible is for increased knowledge of God that leads to an increased love of God. "To know Him is to love Him." As we see God's character revealed in Scriptures, our affection, awe and reverence with God only grows. (Ref. 1 John 4:7-16)

Don't be intimidated by Scripture.

Instead, start small. You don't have to start from the beginning. In fact, I recommend you start with the New Testament, specifically with the Gospel of John. This can start with you listening to Bible teachings online, reading Christian resources and even children's books.

Look for Jesus throughout Scripture. Start by asking questions and having conversations. Get to know Jesus' personality, His ways, His values and the actions He takes.

Start small

consider reading the Bible for just 20 minutes a day. It will transform your life. It is my fervant prayer that the Holy Spirit gives us all a desire to learn from God's Word and that He leads us as we study the scriptures.

Yours in the love of Christ,
Pastor Beau

I want to wish all of our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. You are a very special person if you are a mother. The 31st Proverb was written by King Lemuel. It begins in verse 1 saying; "The words of King Lemuel the prophecy that his mother taught him." It goes on to say in verse 10; "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." God inspired those words and has preserved them so that they can be shared with you today. If you are a mother reading this you are a woman who's value to God and her family is immeasurable. Thank you to all of you and may God richly bless you.

With much love and gratitude,
Pastor Beau



Newest Mother!
Ashley, Jake, and
Baby Spencer Evans



Her children arise
and call her blessed.

PROVERBS 31:28

Church Golden Mothers



*Frances
Steen*



*Ann
Segars*

*Betty
Roberts*



*Eloise
Bullard*



Mother's Day Spotlight

I was born in Norway Maine in 1970. I have 3 brothers and 1 sister. When I graduated high school, I took classes and worked as a CNA at a local nursing home. I worked several Jobs in the Medical field before deciding to go to Kaplan Collage for Medical Assistant. Upon graduation I was offered a job with a Medical Group where is stayed until I had my second child.

In 1997 I was invited to church by a Lady who I got to know through work. I had known for a long time my life seemed empty and unsatisfying. I was longing for something or someone to fill an empty spot I had. On my second visit to Windham Baptist Church I knew what I had been missing and longing for. Back in the fifth on a Sunday morning in the summer I confessed my sin and asked Jesus to be my Lord and Savior , I was 27 years old. Shortly after that I was Baptized and continued to grow in my Faith.

In August 1999 I got married to my husband of 20 years now. I met Beau at the gym he owned, and the rest is history. My husband got saved shortly after me and we went to Grace Baptist Church together where we served faithfully and got married until we were called to Peaks Island Maine to start a church.

Along the way we had 6 beautiful children: Nicholas age 19, Brady 17, Mia 15, Olivia 13, Joseph 10, and Genna 6. There have been lots of ups and downs, A lot of tears and a lot of laughter but if there is one thing I have learned (the hard way) is that we are not in control. God ALWAYS has

a better way than mine and sometimes there is nothing we can do but get on our knees and pray and pray some more for our children. Continually lifting them up and back to Him, loving them along the way. My heart has been so hurt and crushed beneath the weight of raising kids but when I'm able to realize I'm not in control and God loves my children far more and perfectly than me I'm able to rest in that. Still hurt, still heartbroken but able to rest. God always is faithful and allows there to be many days of laughter and joy and I am in awe that He has allowed and trusted me to be their Mom. Praise God! Like yours, my children will always be my babies! I will always be protective of them and they will ALWAYS be my greatest source of joy.

My favorite verse is 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and a sound mind."



Michelle Boyle

Help Middendorf Baptist Church continue our tradition in honoring our MBC Mothers for Mother's Day.

You can send in your "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" names and who they are from.

Deadline for names is Friday, May 8, 2020

You can message us on Facebook, email us at middendorfbaptistchurch1906@gmail.com,

send us names via website at middendorfbaptist.com, or Message/contact Pastor Beau or any of our Deacons.

We will be reading the names out as part of our Mothers Day Virtual Worship Service on Sunday, May 10, 2020

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES CLASS OF 2020

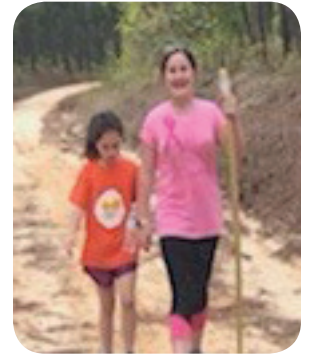
Please send your graduates photo for the June Issue!

We want to make sure we take the time to congratulate the graduates of Middendorf, please send us your graduates picture, grade, school and a short bio.

Please send to aspnancy@bellsouth.net

BRAVE STEPS FOR CHRIST

MIDDENDORF WALK -A THON!



Thank you to all our walkers and supporters! After final donations are collected we will have raised over \$1000!

CHURCH NEEDS OUR ENCOURAGEMENT

Sheepscot Community Church is located in the rural area of Augusta Maine. This church is being ministered by Kyle Black and his wife Katie. Serving a new tiny Church with little SBA presence for fellowship sake can be incredibly discouraging. Some may remember Pastor Kyle from three years ago when he led our Teen Youth Rally here at MBC. Please lets come together in prayer and support in whatever way our Lord leads us on their behalf. They are the parents of five children. Let them hear encouragement from their SC MBC Christian family.

**Their address is: Kyle & Katie Black,
22 Second Avenue, Augusta, Main 043390.**



**"Give your burdens to
the LORD, and he
will take care of you."
Psalm 55:22**

Winners from April!



Left: Charlie Rivers Center: Leah Sims
Right: Matthew Rivers



Genna Boyle



Sawyer Smith

Cross Word

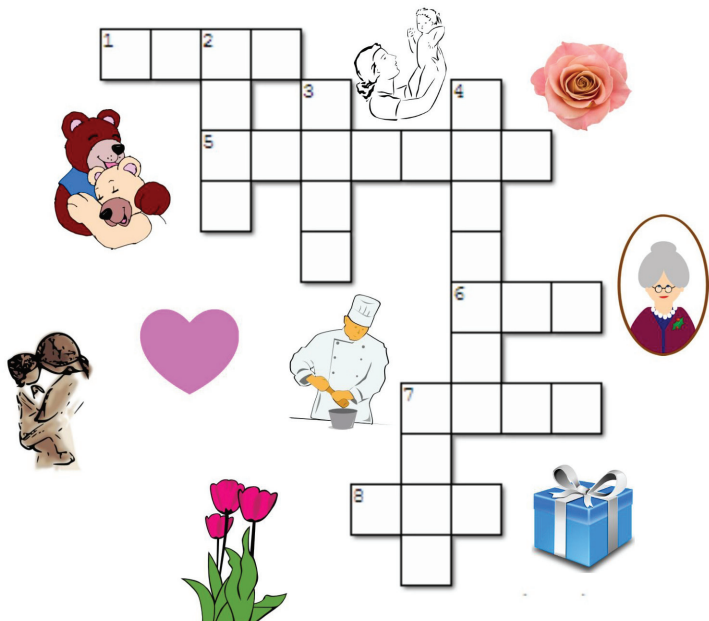
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Have your parents help you take a photo of your finished puzzle and send it to Barbara's Cell Phone!

(843) 307-2495

First 5 WIN!!

Mother's Day Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. I love ____ and kisses from my mom.
5. Mom plants ____ in her garden
6. Happy Mother's ____
7. I will make my mom a Mother's Day ____.
8. ____ is short for mother.

Down

2. This is another word for a present.
3. I ____ my mom.
4. I call my mom's mom and my dad's mom ____.
7. My mom is a great _____. I love everything ____.

Mother's Day Word Search



- MOTHER
- GRANDMA
- FLOWERS
- ADOPTION
- WISE
- CHILD
- LOVE
- PRESENTS
- PERFUME
- LESSONS
- PARENT
- FAMILY
- BIRTH
- KISS
- COOKING

Word Search 0-8

Have your parents help you take a photo of your finished puzzle and send it to Barbara's Cell Phone!

(843) 307-2495 First 5 WIN!!

Senior Adult Lesson

“Encourage”

The Passage: Acts 9:26-28;

11:21-26

The point - Encouragement strengthens relationships

The Bible Meets Life. We've been encouraged all our lives to take our vitamins. So we do. Since the 1940s, we've been popping them in our mouths daily. We know we need these important vitamins and minerals, and even though a healthy diet is likely to give us all we need, half of us buy multivitamins or supplements. A daily dose is good for us. We could use a “daily dose” of something else, too. Let's call a spiritual and emotional vitamin; the vitamin of encouragement. We were created to live in relationship with others, and we hunger for the affirmation of others. We need a healthy supply of encouragement from others to grow as God intends. Just ask any athlete about the benefit they gain when they have the “home field advantage” Encouragement helps.

Unfortunately, too many of us face a deficiency in this area. Our lives and our relationships can grow weak without encouragement. Barnabas was a natural encourager. His life challenges us to be a source of encouragement to others. We support the other person and strengthen our relationship when we look for ways to offer encouragement. The Setting. When most Christians think of the apostle Paul, they picture the tieless, passionate servant of Christ who traveled throughout the Roman Empire preaching the gospel and planting churches. Yet before he met the risen Christ on the road to

Damascus, Paul the apostle was Saul the Pharisee and persecutor of the church. Because of his past, initially not all Christians believed his conversion to be genuine, as Saul's initial reception by the Jerusalem believers demonstrated. Read Acts 9:26-28. Recap (A): In Acts 9, God used Barnabas to bring Saul to a place of prominence. The apostles may not have rejected Saul outright, but they certainly kept their distance. Based on his past record, Saul was not the kind of person a Christian would want to be around. Christians were known to end up in trouble -or dead when Saul came around. Even though Saul's heart had been changed completely after he had a personal encounter with Jesus, the Jerusalem believers did not dare trust him. (B) Barnabas however realized Saul was a changed man. He saw Saul as a man truly transformed by the shed blood of Christ leading to Barnabas sticking out his neck to vouch for him. The disciples may not have trusted Saul but they did trust Barnabas; so they opened the door and their hearts to Saul, and he soon became a dominant force in spreading the gospel. Read Acts 11:21-24 (A) Examine the beautiful picture Luke, the writer of Acts, painted of Barnabas's ministry. Because of persecution, believers had scattered, so that the kingdom of God advanced wherever they went. So as soon as Barnabas saw what God was doing, “he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts”(v23) Barnabas surely strengthened these new saints. To be a Christian was to accept the road of suffering, but it was a journey they could make with joy. Barnabas did more than pay lip service to the joy of his faith; he embodied it. His message and conduct were in sync: “he was a good man,

full of the Holy Spirit and faith” (v.24) (B) Perhaps you are in a season when you are starving for a good word from a friend like Barnabas. Do you have someone who breathes fresh wind into your sails, who sees you your potential and pushes you to grow? If not, begin praying that the Lord would bring that person into your life. Conversely, be that kind of person in someone else's life. Is there a person in your life who seems to be sinking? Are you seeing someone wither? Be a Barnabas and be in the process of investing in another person. Both of you will be blessed.

“How can we intentionally grow into the role of an encourager?” Read Acts 11:25-26. The church of Jesus Christ should be the most encouraging place on earth. Homes committed to Christ should be greenhouses of growth. And they should encourage others to step up and serve. **“What are some things that might get the way of people using their spiritual gifts in the church?”** Encourage Others: List a specific way you could encourage the following people this week. Circle one and make it a priority in the next few days. Neighbor, Coworker, Friend, Family Member, Fellow Church Member, Store Clerk, Another person in your sphere of influence.

Wrap It Up

We might not be called to ministry in the way that Paul and Barnabas were or impact God's kingdom known on that scale. But we should all be encouragers. And who knows? Maybe one we encourage will accomplish more than we can imagine! PRAY: Lets ask God to make us more sensitive to recognize those who might need some encouragement. Thank Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit who is our Encourager.

Prayer Requests

Prayer Focus

Praise Reports

5/3/2020

**Good Morning Class!
I hope you all had a
good week!
Lets share our praise
reports and prayer
request**

**Rachel Branham
(Hospice)
Charles/Gail Bullard
and Family
Duvall/Eloise Bullard
Juana, Celeste, Harold
Sanders (Spain Family)
Renee Sims
Everette Lear
Bobby and Sandra Pope
Gary Vann
Johnny/Sylvia Jones
Wilford Smith (cancer)**

**Bereavement Families:
The Family of
Tony Chavis
The Family of
Shag Scot
The Family of
Thomas Kim Byrd
Our Health Care
Worker
That God would be with
our world and those
affected by this deadly
virus
Our Church Family
Saleeby Ctr Residents &
Staff**

**Praise God
for
Encouragers
we all need
encouragement
from time to
time!**



Social Media is a great tool for sharing information, but remember this, once you press the send button it's too late to take it back. So please read and reread again before pressing send. Remember you also have a Delete Button!

**Looking Ahead to Next
Week**

**Resurrection To Ministry
Unit 3:
Lesson 3
"Forgive"**



**NOW ON THE
LIGHTER SIDE**

It's time to Laugh together

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in. "Are you the owner" Jacob asks the pharmacist. "Yes" says the pharmacist. Says Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?" Pharmacist: "Of course we do." Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?" Pharmacist: "All kinds". Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?" Pharmacist: "Definitely". Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works" Jacob: "Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?" Pharmacist: "Absolutely". Jacob "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?" Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes." Finally Jacob says to the pharmacist: "We'd like to register here for our wedding gifts, please."

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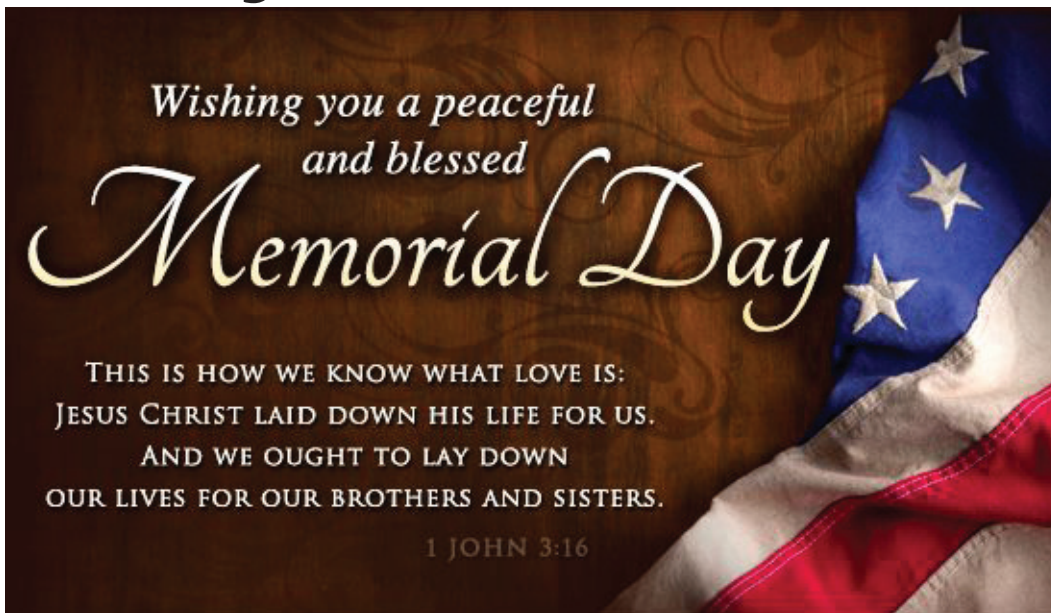
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