

The Woman's Study Bible

Hannah: A Devoted Mother

Hannah, in effect, makes a pact with God; she pledges to give back to Him the precious life He might give to her. Hannah's faith is rewarded, and her son is named Samuel (Heb. *shemuel*, "Heard by God") because she "asked for him from the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:20). According to custom, she probably nursed him several years, giving time for her to convey to Samuel her own spirit of deep reverence and piety and also to knit her heart with his through maternal bonding. Into the defiled worship center she placed her very young, impressionable son. Although humanly it seemed to border on foolishness, this was an act of saintly sacrifice. Her commitment was to God; her gift was pre-arranged with Him. With prophetic insight she planted the next generation just as promised. **Samuel** grew up to become the last judge, an outstanding and gifted prophet, and the one who would anoint the first two kings of Israel. Samuel was the pivotal spiritual leader who turned the nation toward *Yahweh*. His mother Hannah played her part in this spiritual awakening as she trusted God, leaving for all posterity an example of determined devotion in her motherhood.

MARRIAGE: GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIAGE

God' plan for marriage is introduced (Gen. 2:24) and repeated in the Gospels (Matt. 19:5) and in the Epistles (Eph. 5:31). Marriage was perfect in its establishment: one man and one woman in a lifetime commitment. Marriage is a threefold miracle. It is a biological miracle in which two people actually become one flesh; it is a social miracle by which two families are grafted together; it is a spiritual miracle in that the marriage relationship pictures the union of Christ and His bride, the church (Eph. 5:23-27).

WIVES: WOMEN OF STRENGTH

Being a godly wife begins with the right priorities—nourishing your personal relationship to God (Matt. 6:33), ministering to your husband (Prov. 18:22; 19:14), nurturing your children (2 Tim. 1:5), keeping your home (Titus 2:5), then adding whatever other activities time and energy permit (Prov. 31:10-31).

MOTHERHOOD: MOTHERS AND SONS

Never is it too early or too late to begin ministering to your children. Jochebed and Hannah are two women in the Bible who have often been sources of encouragement and example. Both of these godly women had their little boys only until they were weaned, which in those days meant perhaps three to five years (Ex. 2:9, 10; 1 Sam. 1:22). ...Yet both Moses and Samuel grew to become powerful men of God (Ex. 9:16; 1 Sam. 3:19). The influence of a mother on her son can be significant just as the early influence of Jochebed and Hannah no doubt played a vital role in the later success of their sons.

FAMILY: GOD'S OBJECT LESSON

A Christ-centered home offers unlimited potential to study the Bible, to learn theology through object lessons built into the structure of the home, and to give a "word about God" to the world through the testimony of their lives and interactions of family members. Incarnational living, in which parents make it possible for their children to see the sanctification process in their own lives, is crucial (Deut. 6:7-9). In the New Testament, the synoptic Gospels present Jesus' teachings concerning the family (Matt. 19:3-9), and John records His first miracle at a wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11). Acts makes mention of the home, together with the synagogue, as a center for worship (Acts 2:46; 12:12). Husbands and wives who enter parenthood are admonished to take seriously their responsibilities to teach God's Word to their children at every opportunity (Deut. 6:4-9, 20-25; Josh. 4:6, 7). Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and children were included in the extended family.



Morning Worship Services

May 10, 2009

Baptism	<i>Spencer Lewis</i>	Rev. Hayes
Prelude	<i>My Tribute</i>	Sprunger
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>Give Thanks</i> <i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> <i>Bless His Holy Name</i>	Smith Redman Crouch
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message		Rev. Hayes
	(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)	
Responsive Reading 709	Home and Family	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 552	<i>Jesus Is the Song (vv 1,2,3)</i>	Danner
Offertory	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	Clydesdale
Sermon Text	Proverbs 31:30	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>Leaning On the Everlasting Arms</i>	Ladies Choir
Message	Grace	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 489	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	Work
Response 386	<i>The Family of God</i>	Gaither

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Marsha and Noah Hayes in honor of Pastor Dwain's 45th birthday today.



*Charm is deceptive,
and beauty
is fleeting;
but a woman
who fears
the LORD is
to be praised.*

Welcome to Worship

Proverbs 31:30

Evening Worship Service

May 10, 2009

Message **NDP '09** **Dr. Gambrell**

Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.

Front Door: Chuck and Becky McDowell
Side Door: Dee Jordan and Alice Johnson
Drive-Thru: Tom and Agnes Roller
Welcome Desk: Phyllis Medler

Today's Ushers

8:30 a.m. Gerald Smith and Boo Boo Todd
11:00 a.m. Pete Bellamy, Charles Brewer, Ralph Bussey, Porter Kennington and Bronson Summers
6:30 p.m. Wayne Carey and Dwain Spivey

Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers - 11:00 a.m.

Nursery: Nelda Courtney
Children's Church: Jennifer Carter

Security Duty Next Week

May 17—May 20: Paul Prevatte and Bill Hoke

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

The month of May will mark the beginning of our third year of giving to Building on Our Heritage. Two years of giving toward our commitment have gone by. Contributions for the first two years total \$821,237.77 toward our commitments of \$1,335,442.00. We have reached approximately 61% of our three year goal during those two years. Thank you for your faithfulness to our campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Choir

The children's choir has ended for this year and will resume practice in September.

Memorial Day Presentation

We are planning a special Memorial Day presentation, Sunday, May 24, and need your participation. If you have a deceased loved one who served in the military, we would like a photo from that military time as well as a more recent one. Your pictures will be scanned and given back to you. In addition to the photos, please list the person's name, rank, military branch, any active war duty, and the dates served. These people do not have to be members of this church, so please include your relatives, but indicate whose relative they are. Pictures must be received at the church by Monday, May 11.

Spring Jubilee Dinner and Variety Show June 7th

Come show off your talent with us! It could be a song, dance, skit, etc. The meal and show starts at 6:00 p.m. You can go solo, work together as a Sunday School Class, or with a friend. Sign up sheets will be passed around the Sunday School classes and will be available in the church office. You can also e-mail the church at office@fbcnmb.com.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, May 13

6:30 p.m.

Called Church Conference

Nominating Committee Report on Department Directors

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 p.m.

CDC Graduation in the Sanctuary

Thursday, May 21

6:00 p.m.

New Service Steering Committee Meeting

Faith, Hope and Love Sunday School Class

Sunday, May 24

Military Memorial Day Presentation

Sunday, May 24

Gideon Sunday

Wednesday, May 27

6:30 p.m.

RA and GA Recognition

Sunday, May 31

11:00 a.m.

Recognition of Graduates

Sunday, May 31

6:30 p.m.

Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, June 7

6:00 p.m.

Spring Jubilee Youth Fund Raiser

8th Annual Dinner and Variety Show

Family Life Center

Sunday, June 21

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speakers: Peter Copeland and

Summer Missionaries

July 12-18

Summer Youth Camp

August 2—6

Vacation Bible School

"Boomerang Express"

5:15 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Personnel Meeting	5:30 p.m.
TeamKID	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting Class	10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
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Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
RAs and GAs	6:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Sunday

Nominating Committee Meeting	5:00 p.m.
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The rose is in celebration of the birth of Kayley Brooke Richardson, born May 6, daughter of Ashley and Howard Richardson and great granddaughter of Agnes Woods Roller.

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