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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Putting God first in everything.
- Showing Love everyday.
- Leading others to Christ.
- Obeying God's Word.
- Living for the Promise.
- Running the Christian

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God's Minute

Dear New Berean,

May is the month where we show a special love for our mothers but did you know our Heavenly Father shows us a special love every hour, every minute and every second of every day?

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also love one another. (1 John 4:10-11)

Just as our Heavenly showers us with love we should have love pouring out from our hearts and into the lives of others, for it is written: **Beloved, let us love one another: for the love is of God; and every one that**

loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)



Love Letters

In closing Dear friends, remember that a life filled with love, hope and faith, receives the fruit of the spirit, and; **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,**

longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness and temperance: against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Now Christian friends, may; The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

Memory Verse:

Psalm 89:15

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.



Notes from the Music Ministry

The purpose of the Music ministry (choir), is to minister through song according to the Word of God.

The choir is an evangelistic tool that aids in the congregation's worship experience. It is also a tool of discipleship and prepares the heart for service.

It is a ministry, which uses music

to present the "unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ". The Music ministry consists of Men of Distinction, Angelic Voices, Anointed Voices of Praise, Worship and Praise singers as well as Grace and Mercy, the praise dancers.

The ministry has an open door policy and is open to members who would like to join and are

willing to enhance their spiritual growth. If you are interested in joining one of the choirs, please see Bro. Sylvester Newby.



What does the Bible say about Christian mothers?

Being a mother is a very important role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. A Christian mother is told to love her children (Titus 2:4-5), in part so that she does not bring reproach on the Lord and on the Savior whose name she bears.

Children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5). In Titus 2:4, the Greek word *philoteknos* appears in reference to mothers loving their children. This word represents a special kind of "mother love."

The idea that flows out of this word is that of caring for our children, nurturing them, affectionately embracing them, meeting their needs, and tenderly befriending each one as a unique gift from the hand of God.

Several things are commanded of Christian mothers in God's Words.

Availability – morning, noon, and night (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

Involvement – interacting, discussing, thinking, and processing life together (Ephesians

6:4)

Teaching – the Scriptures and a biblical worldview (Psalm 78:5-6; Deuteronomy 4:10; Ephesians 6:4)

Training – helping a child to develop skills and discover his/her strengths (Proverbs 22:6) and spiritual gifts (Romans 12:3-8 and I Corinthians 12)

Discipline – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, firmly (Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 12:5-11; Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15-17)

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.
Proverbs 10:9

A woman of integrity

Are you a woman of integrity? What is a woman of integrity? In today's world there is little interest in honoring God and so there is less concern for morals or ethical integrity. But women of God are not of this world and we should separate ourselves from the world's standards. A woman with integrity is wise. She knows how to humble herself and to stand up for what she believes in when the need arises. She is faithful in God and is not ashamed to

share His message to others. She keeps her word even if it comes at a cost at her expense. She goes beyond what is expected of her. Even when nobody is around to reward her or notice, she always strives to be the best she can be.. **"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full**

well." Psalm 139:14

Believe what the Word says about you and start enjoying your life by striving to be a woman of integrity. We are honoring God when we believe in His Word. Let today be a new beginning to be the woman God intended you to be. Look through the eyes of faith and choose to take some God inspired action now. This can be a new beginning for you!

Benefit from studying God's word

With today's wealth of books and computer help, the bible remains the only source of divine revelation and power that can sustain Christians in their "daily" walk with God. Note these significant promises in the scriptures.

The bible is the source of truth (John 17:17)

The bible is the source of victory.(Eph. 6:17)

The bible is the source of God's blessings when obeyed. (Luke. 11:28)

The bible is the source of growth.(1 Pet. 2:2)

The bible is the source of power. (Rom. 1:16)

The bible is the source of guidance. (Ps. 119:105)

Remember, He who is of God hears God's words. John 8:47



Mothers have always played an important role in shaping the characters of their children. Match each mother with the proper statement:

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| 1. Mother of all living | 10. Gave her son to ministry | a. Naomi, Ruth 1:16 |
| 2. Helped son deceive his father | | b. Salome Matt 20:10 |
| 3. Was paid to care for her son | | c. Jochebed, Exodus 2:8-10 |
| 4. Was commended by Paul | | d. Rachel, Jeremiah 31:15 |
| 5. Sought best for her sons | | e. Rebekah, Genesis 27:6-10 |
| 6. Wept for her children | | f. Athaliah, 2 Kings 11:1 |
| 7. Became mother to a daughter-in-law | | g. Hannah, 1 Samuel 1:11; 2:11 |
| 8. Caused death of John the Baptist | | h. Herodias, Mark 6:22-25 |
| 9. Killed her grandsons | | i. Eunice, 2 Tim 1:5 |
| | | j. Eve, Genesis 3:20 |

Christian mother cont.

Nurture – providing an environment of constant verbal support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love ([Titus 2:4](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#); [Ephesians 4:29-32](#); [5:1-2](#); [Galatians 5:22](#); [1 Peter 3:8-9](#))

Modeling with Integrity – living what you say, being a model from which a child can learn by “catching” the essence of godly living ([Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23](#);

[Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; Psalm 37:18, 37](#)).

The Bible never states that every woman should be a mother. However, it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers should take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Motherhood is not a chore or unpleasant task. Just as a

mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are adolescents, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood must change and develop, the love, care, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives should never cease.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Gal 5:22

For the Garden of your daily living:

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of minds
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITH OUT TURNIPS

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip of service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in the garden because you rep what you sow.

From Sis Deloris Barmore

Our Sick and Shut-in

Father, hear our prayers for the sick and shut in of our church and for those in need. Show your mercy as you make broken bodies whole. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance so they may join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

Amen,
New Berean members

Bring Your Articles and Ideas Calling all New Berean members! If you have an article, a word of encouragement, a poem, an upcoming program or event, or anything uplifting you would like to share, you are welcome to submit it and we will be more than happy to include your article in the New Berean Newsletter. The deadline to have your article included is the 1st Sunday of each month. You can also email your articles to: nbnews01@gmail.com. All articles received after the 1st Sunday may not be included until the following month. We look forward to hearing from you.



Youth Skate Night

June 29, 2013 7pm-10pm

Greenbrier Skating Center, Chesp.

Cost pp \$8.00 includes skates, pizza and drink. See Sis. Sheena or Sis. Charmaine with questions.



New Berean Stars of the Month

Birthday

Bro. Immanuel Watkins

Sis. Lisa Johnson

Sis. Brenda Powell

Sis. Norvella Reynolds

Anniversary

Stars of the Month

Sis. Brenda Powell

Bro. Jerome Holmes

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