

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM THE YOUTH.

**“Mothers have a special way  
Of saying, 'I love you',  
A love that God has given them,  
A love that will hold true  
For Mothers sacrifice so much,  
Providing for the home,  
Creating there an atmosphere  
That reflects God's love  
alone.”**

**By M.S.Lowndes**

## “IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER”

Growing up with my brother there were times where we weren't the perfect little angels some thought we were. We were good kids, but we were boys who liked to have fun. There were times when my dad had to be very stern with us and put us in line. My father grew up hard of hearing in each ear. When he was disciplining my brothers and I, he would always ask, “can you hear what I'm saying? I'm the deaf one, not you.” I'm sure there were times when we disobeyed our father and he thought we were legitimately deaf because we weren't listening to his instructions. I often times wonder if Jesus felt the same way. Jesus spent His entire life trying to preach and teach the will of His Father, but sometimes it seemed like His message was falling on deaf ears. Yes there were times when Jesus actually healed the deaf (Mark 7:31-37), but think of all the times He was preaching to people who heard His words, but decided not to *hear* Him.

I know first hand what it's like to preach week after week and have no reaction at all to what was said. It is amazing how people can let the Word of God go in one ear and out the other. Jesus said to the people of His day, “Take heed that you hear and take heed how you hear”.

A great lesson for us all.

DAN

## “IT'S MY LUCKY DAY?????”

Is it your lucky day? On NBC's Tonight Show, Johnny Carson several years ago read an item from the lost-and-found column of a Mid-western newspaper: "Lost dog--brown fur, some missing due to mange, blind in one eye, deaf, lame leg due to recent traffic accident, slightly arthritic. Goes by the name of 'Lucky.'" Some people have more luck than others. Luck is an interesting thing. Some people think luck is involved when they strike it rich in Vegas. Some people think luck is involved when they receive a promotion, make the big play in a game, or score a free meal. Today, everyone is thinking about luck, four leaf clovers and maybe even a lucky rabbit's foot. When good things happen in our lives, is it luck that's at play, or is it something greater? I am a firm believer that those who follow God's word don't need luck. Someone once said, “I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.” That's a great saying. This life is not about how lucky we are, but instead about how blessed we are. Next time you find some good fortune coming your way, thank God for the blessings He's given you. Instead of rubbing that rabbit's foot, say a prayer to God. We know that “every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...” (James 1:17). Our blessings come from God, not a leprechaun. Thank God for His love and blessings. DAN

## DOOR GREETERS

**Sunday May 19, 2019**

**Doug & Alison Rader**

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Sunday May 19, 2019**

**Dale Sparks**

## NURSERY ATTENDANT-5/19/19

**Daphne Prince & Jonna Satterwhite**

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**ABC 10—KTEN**

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

**Sun: 9:30 AM Class**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**6 :00 PM Evening**

**Wed: 7:00 PM**

## WHAT'S SHE WORTH?

On an isolated Pacific island, it was the custom for a young man to announce his intention of marriage to the entire village. After the announcement, he and the whole community went to the young woman's home. Her father would come outside and then, in front of the whole community, the father and the future groom would barter. The main item of value on the island was the cow. Therefore, a suitor would offer the father a certain number of cows for his daughter. The typical marriage would bring two cows to the bride's father. On rare occasions, he might get three. The record was four cows, going to the father of a bride who had finished school. Johnny Lingo was the island's most eligible bachelor. He came from a wealthy family. Talented and good looking, Johnny was the dream of most young girls on the island. One day, Johnny announced that he had selected a wife. He announced that her name was Lisa. Everyone was shocked. Lisa seemed rather plain and was very shy. The community thought Johnny could have done better. Some even suggested that Lisa's father might have to give Johnny a cow or two. The community gathered at Lisa's house for the bartering. Johnny's opening bid for Lisa was eight cows! Her father almost fainted, but managed to say 'yes.' That evening, Johnny and Lisa were married. They departed to another island where they were to live. For a full year no one saw Johnny or Lisa. Then on their first anniversary, they returned to visit their parents. From the moment they arrived at the dock, the news spread. Everybody said, “Come and see Johnny and Lisa! You won't believe it!” Everybody came, but nobody noticed Johnny. All eyes were on Lisa. She had been transformed! She was a vision of loveliness. She was poised, warm, friendly, and confident. At the end of the day, as Johnny and Lisa were preparing to return to their home, one of Johnny's friends pulled him aside and said, “I want to know the secret of this amazing transformation.” Johnny said, “ I will tell you. From the time Lisa was born, she had been treated as though she was not worth very much. She had begun to believe that about herself. But I announced to the community that she was an 8-cow wife, and I have treated her just that way. She has become the vision of herself that she sees every day in my eyes.” If you want an 8-cow wife or husband, start treating her or him that way. Give it a year and see what happens. If you want a wife and mother worth a lot, start treating her as such.

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# RAIN, RAIN and MORE RAIN "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY"



*From Dan's desk:*



Rain, rain and more rain was what we experienced last week and have for the last several weeks. We had to cancel Wednesday night services last Wednesday because of the weather. We received a call from the Emergency Management here in Palestine advising us that certain roads were covered with water and they advised people to stay off the roads in Palestine. Several were without electricity and as a result the Elders made the decision not to have services. We tried to contact everyone in the congregation, but few were missed and we regret that we were unable to reach you. If you have changed your phone number or you have dropped your land-line phone and you are using a new cell number, will you please let us know in the office, in the event that we need to reach you for some reason or another. We appreciate your help with this effort. We have a calling committee, but if the number is wrong, we cannot make contact with you. We are grateful for the presence of all of you this morning. Today is mother's Day and we have many mothers in the audience this morning. At the end of the service we have a little special gift for all mothers. If you are a mother and you are visiting today, we hope you take one of the gifts from our youth. This is a special time for families. We should all honor the mother in the family every day of the year. God bless each of you for helping to build your families on the Word of God. This morning, my sermon will focus on "Motherhood". I always look forward to presenting a lesson on mothers. If you are visiting with us this morning we want to say thank you for coming and we hope you will come again at your earliest convenience. We hope to see each of you tonight at the evening service.

DAN

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**JOYCE MATLOCK** continues to recover from pneumonia.

**SARA JO HELMS**, daughter of Shelah Jorgensen, has gone home from the hospital. Kidneys are functioning better.

**DEANNA CHAPMAN** was in Houston this last week for additional tests.

**KIRBY HELMS** grandson of Shelia Jorgensen will have surgery soon in Dallas.

**RAY FRANKS**, friend of many here, very ill with cancer related problems.

Please pick up a prayer list on the podiums in the foyer for others who are ill and have asked for our prayers.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

**A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts." Thanks again for coming.**

### **THE PERFECT SON**

A: I have the perfect son.

B: Does he smoke?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: Does he drink whiskey?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: Does he ever come home late?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: I guess you really do have the perfect son. How old is he?

A: He will be six months old next Wednesday.

## **My Hope Is Real & Eternal**

Man's greatest problem is sin. We are all guilty (**Romans 3:23**). The problem with sin is its ultimate consequence: "For the wages of sin is death..." (**Romans 6:23**). That death is not just physical, it is "everlasting destruction" and separation "from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" **2 Thessalonians 1:9**). Imagine being completely cut off from God forever. Talk about a *hopeless* state! Christ coming to this earth as our Savior brought us hope. In His death on the cross, He paid the price for the guilt of our sins (**Hebrews 9:26-28**). Through Christ alone we can find forgiveness and salvation and *sustaining hope*. There is no lasting hope, no real hope, except in Him.

God has given His word to guide us to the hope that is in Jesus Christ. Another year has passed, and another year is well under way. It could hold for you not just the beginning of a new year, but the hope for a new beginning. Talk to us today and start looking for the hope for a new beginning by enrolling in a *Free Bible Study*. It will show you God's way for you to find that ultimate hope. It could literally change your life, give it meaning and bring you what you have been searching for. *SELECTED*