

LIFELINE

Aflame with Faith

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Life Lessons from the Word

Blessed...the final chapter of Proverbs and actually the last half of this chapter we are given insights into the blessings a family has when the wife is of noble character. This portion of Proverbs 31 begins like this, **“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies”** (Pr. 31:10, NIV). First, we need to know what does noble character mean? From the dictionary we find the meaning of noble to be, “having or showing fine personal qualities or high moral principles and ideals.” As a Christian one could say that noble would be synonymous with Christlikeness, or righteous. Then understanding this we define character, as who we are, and again this can and does mean in this case that one has the character of Christ. With this character we see it gives her great worth. Later verses in this proverb will go onto share some of the qualities that this women of noble character brings, but here I want us to understand that the wife of noble character has and is of great value.

Our verse also eludes to the fact that this type of women may not be the norm, but special, and a great prize and pride of the one who finds them and is blessed in marrying them. I have heard it said that there is nothing worse than a bad wife, and nothing better than a good wife. Now I am sure the women could turn this around about men as well, but the point is that as our proverb points out, blessed is the man who gains a wife of noble character. So, guys, don't take it for granted, but cherish and put great value on your wife when she is of noble character, meaning when she is one who acts and lives as Christ in our lives.

Blessings, PD

In the Old Testament, fire often symbolizes the presence of God's Spirit. For example, God called to Moses from a burning bush (Exodus 3:2-6 and defeated the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1Kings 18:30-39). In the New Testament, tongues of fire rested atop the believers gathered on Pentecost (Acts 2:3)

Some Christians have described a burning or current-like sensation when they encounter God. Methodism founder John Wesley said his heart was “strangely warmed” during worship. After such an encounter, people often feel compelled to share the Good News of Jesus. The flame of faith inside one believer can spark a revival of faith in others. As Charles Spurgeon said, “A burning heart will soon find for itself a flaming tongue.”

New to Life Church? What's Next?

Here at Life Church we share communion on the first Sunday of each month. We have bible classes at 9:30 on Sundays; midweek bible study, prayer time and Caravan Kids; Celebrate Recovery meets on Friday nights; Young Adults meet on Tuesday nights. We have nursery area for birth to 2 years, Children's Church after Worship Set on Sunday mornings. **Now all we need is you!** We hope you get connected!





~ In May ~

UCM Graduation, May 4
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, Sunday, May 12

Celebrate with the mom's you love!

DEBBIE BECKER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, May 16, 6:30 pm
 Come help Debbie celebrate her birthday! Cards

MADISON CHANAULT'S GRADUATION PARTY, May 18 12 –2 here at the church! Sarah would like to invite everyone from the church to attend that can.

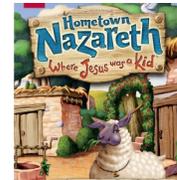
PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 19

Children's Ministry

Caravan Kid's Club is winding down for this year. Our last night will be May 22. We will have an End of the Year party for parents and anyone who would like to attend! The kids have earned a few badges and hopefully learned a few things this year. Looking forward to continuing again in the fall.



We are gearing up for another great VBS. Stay tuned for more exciting details



June 24-28
 6-8 pm

There are lots of areas to be of service! Check it out!



Men's Ministry

The guys are gearing up for some summer fun and fellowship.

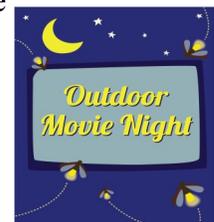
Check with Jeff for more details!



Singles & Young Adults

- There is talk of some movie nights in the tent this spring and summer!

Sounds like fun! Grab the popcorn and invite some friends!!



The 3rd Saturday of each month is Life Naz's day to volunteer

If you are looking for a place to volunteer this year, the Food Center is a good place to start. See Anna for details on how to volunteer.

If you would like to donate to the Food Center see Anna for a list of items they need.



Standing in the Gap Ministries Celebrate Recovery Groups

will be partnering with us here at Life Church! They will hold their Celebrate Recovery Group meetings here on Friday nights from 5 pm to 8:30 pm.



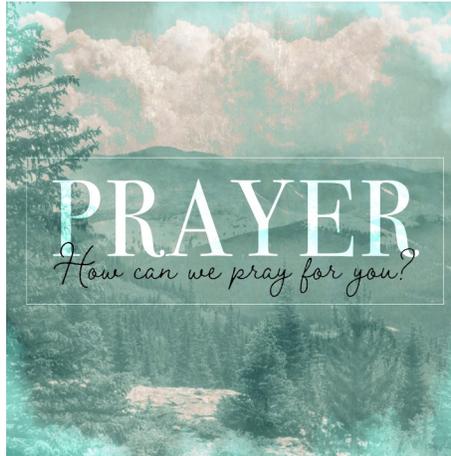
Church Office Hours

Sandy will be in the office Monday thru Friday from 1:30 to 5:30 and Pastor will be available most mornings.

Prayer Requests

Let Us Pray...

- * VBS coming in June
- * Outreach opportunities
- * Blessing Our Community
- * Celebrate Recovery Meetings
- * Jesus Film showing in Sedalia
- * The Lost
- * The Least of These
- * Military, First Responders
- * Police and Firefighters
- * Our Schools, Teachers, Students
- * All Unspoken Requests



Birthdays



Beth Dilley 5/7
Dan Sutton 5/8
Ben Smith 5/9
Jamie Moana 5/11
Debbie Becker 5/19

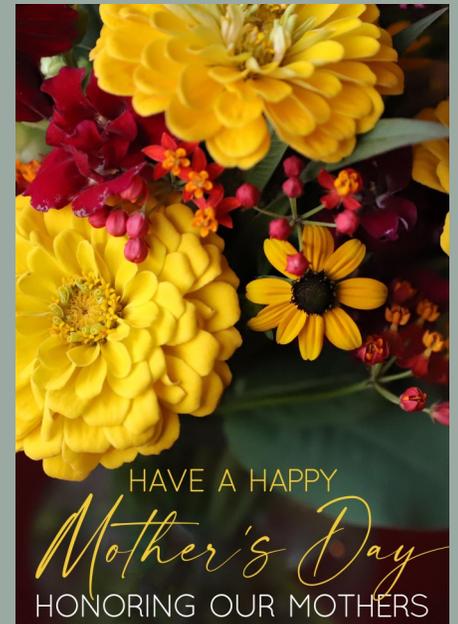
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People hold many feelings on Mother's Day. I pray for those celebrating, mourning, yearning or experiencing mixed emotions. Wrap all in your care, God of love.

You Are My Witnesses

John White (1924-2002) was a medical missionary, psychiatry professor, church planter and prolific author who wrote about faith and outreach. He refuted the notion that being an effective witness for Christ is akin to being a salesperson. Christians are representing and sharing a person, he said, not touting a product.

"A good witness is like a signpost," he added. "It doesn't matter whether it is old, young, pretty, ugly. It has to point the right direction and be able to be understood. We are witnesses to Christ; we point to him."

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John 15:9, NIV *in my love.*