

# Walnut Street Church of Christ

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### A Mother's Steadfast Love

The love of a mother is one of the most powerful forces known to man. A beautiful Bible picture of motherhood is found in the woman named Hannah. In 1 Samuel 1, we read of her faithful prayer asking God to bless her with a child. She promised God that she would dedicate him to the service of the Lord. When the child Samuel was born, Hannah kept her promise. Although she left Samuel in the service of the temple at around age two or three, she never forgot him. She continued to make him a robe to wear each year, and delivered it to him herself (1 Samuel 2:19). One can only imagine the care she went through thinking of his needs as he grew, even though he wasn't with her. What a faithful mother!

By her faithful remembrance of Samuel, Hannah was exhibiting one of the characteristics of God. Isaiah 49:15 says, "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you." God has such a powerful love for His people. He never forgets His children!

Your mother certainly loves you. But what great comfort we can take today in knowing God loves you even more! Let us be thankful for such steadfast love!

*Matt Clifton  
McCrary, AR*

### Mark Your Calendar

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 A.M. Bible Study

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

#### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:00 P.M. Bible Study

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18: Leadership Meeting  
6:30PM

Sew N Sew

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Ladies Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

#### BIRTHDAYS

May 19: Kathy Howard

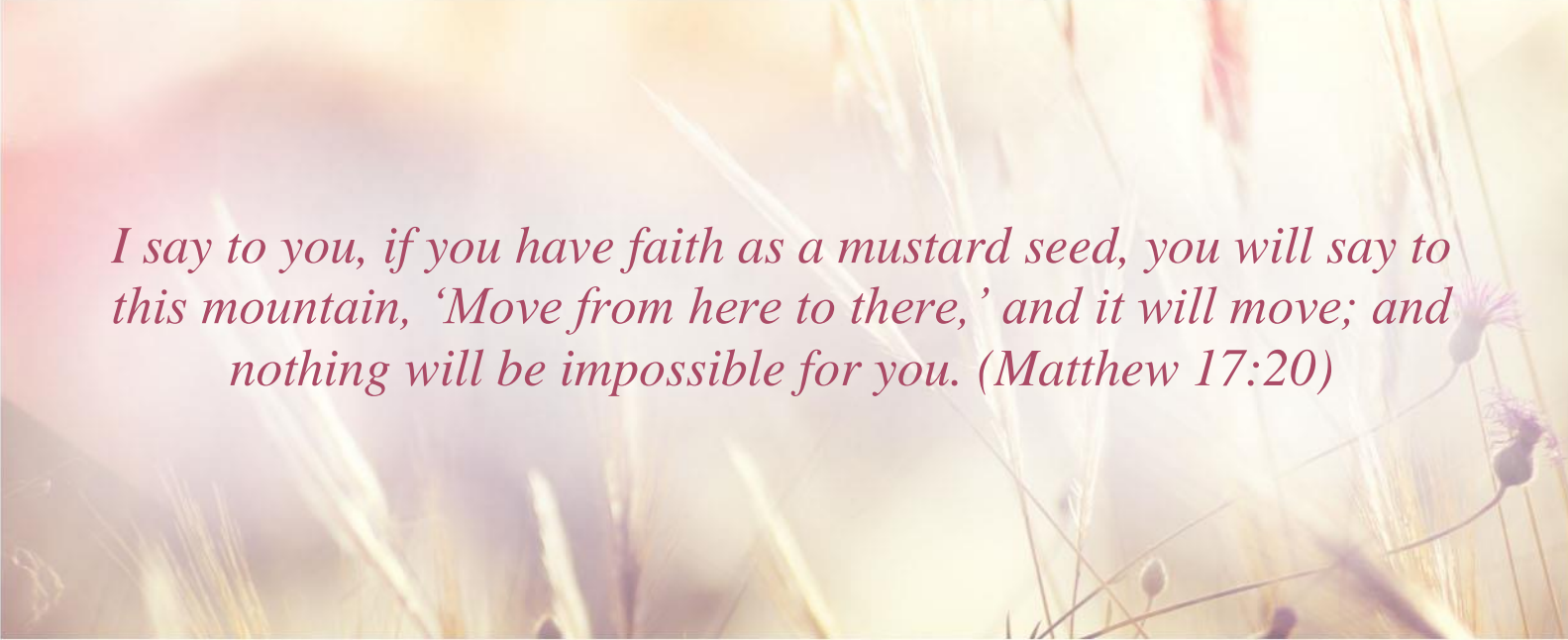
May 22: Daisy Creswell

# A Caring Church

The title phrase is one commonly heard when describing particular congregations. But what does it mean to be a caring church? Is this church a caring church? Let's find out.

**A Caring Church is a Sharing Church.** A caring church is thankful Christ has shared with them and thus is willing to share with others (Hebrews 13:16; 2 Corinthians 9:13). A caring church shares with one another, both blessings and burdens (Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2). A caring church shares the gospel with the lost and shares with those who spread the gospel (Philemon 6; Philippians 4:15).

**A Caring Church is a Declaring Church.** A caring church is one that declares Jesus as Lord and Savior (1 John 1:1-3; Romans 1:1-6). A caring church is one which declares the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:4). A caring church is one that will declare praise to God in proper heart-felt worship (John 4:24; Hebrews 2:12).



*I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20)*

**A Caring Church is a Preparing Church.** A caring church is one that prepares for eternity (1 Corinthians 15:23-24; Hebrews 11:16). A caring church is one that prepares its members to live pure, faithful, and active lives for Christ (2 Timothy 2:20-22; Ephesians 2:10). Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people and the caring church is preparing its members for heaven (John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-3).

A caring church cares for its members, cares for others, cares for what is right, and cares for God. As a result, a caring church will always be sharing, declaring, and preparing. Do you care enough to help keep this church a caring church?

*Edd Sterchi  
Campbellsville, KY*

## Wisdom from Children

“Never try to baptize a cat.” (Laura, 12)

“When your Dad is mad and asks, “Do I look stupid?”, don’t answer him (Heather, 16).

“Never dare your little brother to paint the family car.” (Philip, 13)

“Wear a hat when feeding seagulls.” (Rocky, 9)



## **The Facial Anatomy of a Soul Winner**

I was thinking the other day about all the sayings I used to hear concerning parts of our heads that were meant to keep us alert and going in life. We have all heard them from time to time in our lives: from parents, teachers, and coaches. But I was also thinking of how they can apply to our trying to reach others with the message of Christ. Note, for example:

- Keep your thinking cap on.
- Keep your eyes on the ball.
- Keep your ears open.
- Keep your nose to the grindstone.
- Keep a stiff upper lip.
- Keep on smiling.
- Keep your chin up.

In other words, we need to keep thinking of ways to reach people, keep focused on the goal, keep listening for opportunities, keep after it, keep courageous, keep optimistic, and keep staying proud of who we are as a Christian. It is only then that we will be able to face others with the message of hope and influence others toward Christ. Christian, what does your face look like?

*Edd Sterchi  
Campbellsville, KY*

## **A Tribute to our Mothers...**

There is simply no way we can ever really thank mother for all she has done for us. She is the one who will be awake all night when we are sick. Praying to God to make us well and be ever ready to bear the pain that we may be experiencing. She is the one to wake up early in the morning to make the nicest tiffin and endure all our tantrums. Mothers are the ones who would forever complain that we are not eating enough or not eating right. They would cook all sorts of things so that we are strong and healthy. Mothers in fact, worry more for our examinations than we must. They would take pains to complete our school projects leaving all other works behind while we play around with friends or just while away time watching movies.

Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies that have had a special place in our hearts and lives.

*Borrowed*

## **ABOUT US**

Minister- Ken Walters  
Usher: Wiley Berryman  
Song Leaders - David Smith  
Jack L Jones  
Church Secretary -  
Kristie Tokarski

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### **Board of Directors**

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### **ATTENDANCE**

May 7, 2017

Bible Study - 19

Morning Worship - 47

Evening Worship - 20

## *Please Remember in Prayer*

**DelanDa Bloodworth, Ed Young, Jeff Beard, Perry Lunsford, Evelyn Pullin, Joyce Collins, Carol Batton, JoAnn Houston, Kay Curtis, Johnny & Janie Vinton, Jean & Steve Griffith, David & Mark Smith, Janice Browning, Myrtle Baker, Pat & Sheila Morrison, Donald Dickerson, John & Susan Duncan, Richard Butler, Ann Clark, Vennis Vogt, Donna Caughron, Lupe Alvarado, Teresa Bosco, Judy Haertner, Eddie Vaughn, Shara Tietz, Patrick Nitsch, Patrick Krueger, and Brian Stine**

## **Announcements**

**Please pray for Kathy Dennison and her family. Her nephew passed away on Thursday. Her nephew's mother will also need open heart surgery as soon as she is strong enough.**

**Steven Griffith has developed pneumonia. Please pray for his recovery.**

**Wiley Berryman is continuing his radiation treatments five days a week. Please remember him in your prayers.**

**Bud Haggerty has been having a hard time. He enjoys having visitors. We were glad to see him and his daughter at church Sunday! He still needs a ride to services. Please let us know if you can help.**

**Ann Clark is in Remarkable Healthcare Room #104B. She is recovering from her surgery. She loves visitors!**

**Please continue to pray for Mara, she is Lanell Jones' granddaughter. She had tubes put in her ears and her adenoids removed.**

**Ines Rodriguez will have surgery in the next few weeks. Mike has asked for prayers for her.**

**Mack Woodward has been doing well recently. Please continue to pray for him.**

**Congratulations to Martha Rohde! She will be the new Church Secretary!! We are SO excited to welcome her! She is in the process of training and will start mid-June.**

**Kristie and Hunter Tokarski have moved. Her new address is: 1507 Willow Bluff Dr. Pflugerville, TX 78660.**

**The monthly Leadership Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

**This congregation will be sponsoring a historical Christian Evidences class at the Library in June. The class will focus on the historical nature of the bible and at least three thousand will be invited. But, there is a lot of work to do: Organizing the event, distributing the 3,000 postcards, a setup and teardown the classroom each of the 5 nights, and bring snacks. Your help in with this outreach to the community will build your ability to "go and make disciples."**