

# Farmerville Messenger

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For the Family of God  
in Farmerville, Louisiana*

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**Happy Mother's Day!**

May 9, 2021

## Farmerville Church Of Christ

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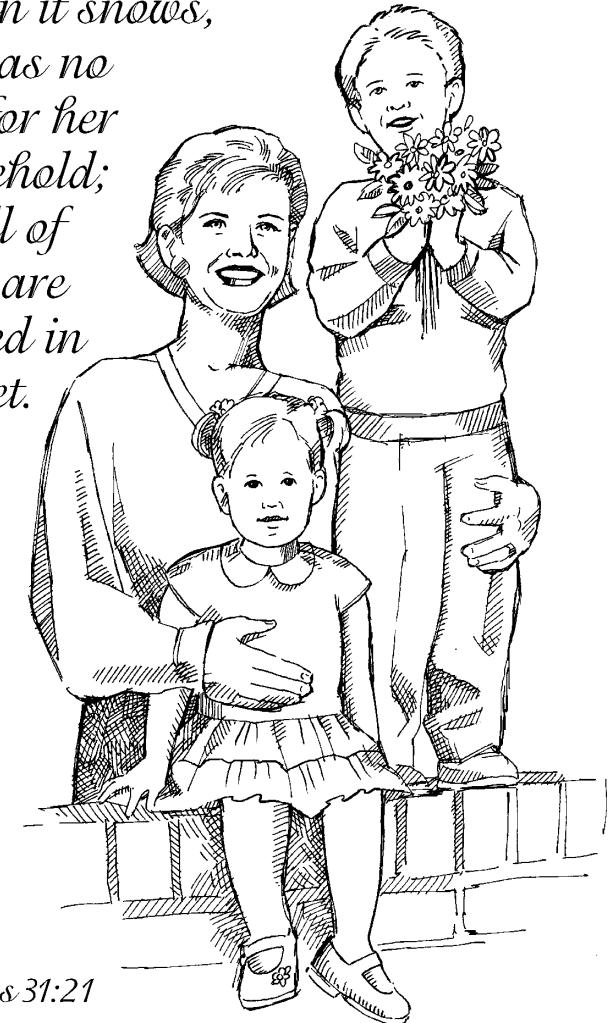
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*When it snows,  
she has no  
fear for her  
household;  
for all of  
them are  
clothed in  
scarlet.*



*Proverbs 31:21*

## Those to Serve This Week

Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Kent Everett
P.M. Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Closing Prayer	David Williams
Lord's Table	* Joe Preaus, Chris Cook T. Brantley, Dan Preaus
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	Eddie & Pat Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Carolyn Cobb
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Brian Braxton (5-12-21)

## Those to Serve Next Week

Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Justin Preaus
A.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
P.M. Prayer	Brian Braxton
P.M. Closing Prayer	John Earl Albritton
Lord's Table	* J. Rhodes, Chris Cook S. Richardson, D. Dvorshock
Song Leader	Tracey Brantley
Greeters	J.E. & E. J. Albritton
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	Nora Nunnery
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Joe Preaus (5-19-21)

### Schedule of Events

**May 9<sup>th</sup> thru May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:45 A.M.** Bible Class  
**10:45 A.M.** Worship  
**6:00 P.M.** Evening Worship

**May 12<sup>th</sup> 12:30 P.M.** Men's Prayer Group  
**7:00 P.M.** Bible Classes

**Benevolence:** Ron Hudoba – 368-4886  
Tracey Brantley – 368-9106  
**VBS** – Third week in June every year

## The Record Speaks

Date	May 2, 2021
Bible Class	45
A.M. Worship	97
P.M. Worship	39
Contribution	--
Date	May 12, 2021
Wed. Attendance	58

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**“Let Them Remember Laughter”**

*“A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.”  
Proverbs 15:13*

Lord, whatever else my family remembers of me – the mistakes, the tears, the temper—please let them also remember my laughter. Guard me against ever becoming a grim and cheerless mother who’s unable to see the funny side when things go wrong.

Lord, keep my laughter on tap especially when I’m the culprit in the case – when I’ve locked us all out of the house or the car; when my lovingly molded mousse skids onto the kitchen floor. And when I’ve dyed my hair the wrong color, or ruined a dress in the making, or gotten us all hopelessly entangled in wet wallpaper, help me see the comedy of my errors.

Instead of stamping and storming, Lord, let me give my children the healing gift of laughter. Let me be a mother who can laugh **with** her children, but not **at** them when they’re trying to please me or when they’re awkward, discouraged, or troubled. Remind me to laugh more freely, gaily at their antics and stories. Even though I’ve witnessed such clowning often, heard the same jokes before, please equip me with patience and a convincing show of enthusiasm. They need an audience so much, so let me applaud with my heart as well as with my hands. Help me to give them the sweet gift of laughter.

The same thing goes for my husband, God. He needs an audience, too. He needs his own cheering section (and goodness knows after all these years his comedy routines are familiar). Let him remember me as laughing more often than crying the blues.

I know that a family means problems, Lord. A family means troubles large and small—troubles I can’t expect to be always “smiling through.” But with Your help no troubles can overcome us. Laughter helps, too, so let no day pass that my family doesn’t hear mine. –Copied

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**“Good Roots”**

Help me to give my children good roots, God. As I work with my plants, I can see the sturdies – and the ones that bear most freely – are those whose roots go deep, gripping rich soil. They have a solid base from which to grow tall and beautiful and sound.

Let this household furnish that kind of soil for my family, God. A soil enriched with good music, good books, good talk, good taste. But above all, let it have goodness of spirit, goodness of action.

Help me to make those who come here feel welcome, those who leave here feel warm, and those who live here know, in every fiber of their beings, that they belong to good people. People who, for all our faults, have decency and honor and would not willingly hurt or cheat any living thing.

Let my children grow freely, God, in whatever direction their own natures direct. But give them root strength, too, so they will never deviate too far from their own beginnings. Help me to give my children good roots. --Copied

**You Need to Know**

*Birthdays this week:*

**Monday, May 10 – Avery Cobb & Lily Claire  
Wedding**

**Tuesday, May 11 – Jerry Ginn**

**Wednesday, May 12 – Greg Edwards**

**Thursday, May 13 – Mary Beth Brantley**

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*Mother’s Day seems an appropriate time to thank you all once more for the love and kindness shown my precious mother, Evelyn Washam, in her declining years (and really always), with your many cards, your phone calls, and your visits. Thank you again, as well, for the care and concern shown our family at the time of her death; the cards, meal and other food provided, flowers and memorials are blessings we shall not forget. There are not adequate words to express our family’s love for the Farmerville congregation; you hold a very special place in our hearts.*

*Love,*

*Jean Washam Hollis & family*

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*You are invited to honor Alayna Fuller and Fisher Powell on their upcoming wedding with a gift card to help them purchase housewares, hardware and essential items for their new home. You can give the cards to Betty Rhodes or Marilyn Preaus. They will be given to Alayna on Wednesday, June 2.*

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Ladies Saturday in the Park will be Saturday, May 15th at D’arbonne State Park, beginning at 8 a.m. Please bring your own chair! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hall.

**Those in Need of Special Prayer**

**Yyvern Taylor  
Mattie Gray Bird  
“Bee” Stewart  
Letsy Everett  
Steve Brantley  
Morgan Preaus  
Pam Holloway  
Elaine Brantley  
Caden Wilson  
Krew Martino  
Betty Perot  
Cathy Nall  
Misti Walker  
Fred Futch  
William Wilson  
Francis Jane Preaus  
Ron Hudoba**

**Doris Roller  
Joe Albritton  
“Hoss” Brantley  
Pam Denton  
Sherry Taylor  
Cooter Anderson  
Bobby Fletcher  
Donald Reeves  
Ben Nivens  
Roxanna Gill  
Asa Duty  
Lorraine McDaniel  
Tracey Brantley  
Meade Phelps  
Randy Stinson  
Tori Boyette**  
Ron Hudoba-will have surgery Tuesday

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**Mothers**

When God first created Mothers  
He had a grand purpose in mind,  
For He knew how much little children would  
need someone patient and loving and kind.

He knew even though He would always be there,  
That Mothers could help in His plan,  
For transforming girls into women  
And making each small boy a man.

So God blessed Mother with eyes that could see  
To the depths of a child’s joys and fears.  
He fashioned their hands to be gentle, yet firm,  
Gave them lips that could kiss away tears.

He gave Mothers a part of His wisdom  
To help them show others the way...  
And God’s partnership with all Mothers  
Is one that we honor today.  
--Copied

*My mother was the making of me. She was so true and so sure of me I felt I had something to live for –someone I must not disappoint. The memory of my mother will always be a blessing to me. –Thomas Edison*