

An Anonymous Letter

From a Parent to a Child

I cannot buy you a set of morals; I cannot build you a sense of responsibility; I cannot hand you appreciation of beauty; I cannot manufacture for you concern and compassion; I cannot make yours a compelling, faithful, loyal spirit; I cannot give you the ability to love.

I have no fortune to will you with which to gain popularity; make you a philanthropist; or help you leave memorials for charity.

I own no secret formula for success or any new philosophy. I've never written a book of wisdom.

I cannot send you away into the world on your own with only beautiful pictures in your memory, for you have seen me cry faithless tears of despair; you have seen me shake my fist in anger; you have witnessed ugliness in my time of weakness.

These things which I cannot give you are all yours in Christ Jesus.

As you leave your home, you step into new relations with parents, friends, and the world. The 'apron strings' that have been lengthened as you matured must soon be cut. You have earned more than freedom from high school. You have proven yourself trustworthy, dependable, and mature enough to try your own wings, but I will be 'on call' throughout my life.

You are fully accountable to God, your heavenly Father who loves you far more than I, who has riches in store beyond your comprehension, but who expects much, punishes, sees and knows—also beyond your comprehension.

I commit you to His care as the fire of the world tests the gold of your character—but I will be always in prayer.

—Author Unknown

"A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother." Proverbs 15:20

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Dorlene Butler was hospitalized a few days last week and diagnosed with syncope and waiting to see a specialist. She will have knee replacement surgery on May 17.
- ◆ Barbara White is better after her fall and fortunately didn't fracture her hand.
- ◆ Jason Ballard, son-in-law of Richard and Rene, had surgery for bladder cancer Friday in KC.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to Rebecca and Cayce Gosdin. His grandfather in Mississippi died this past week.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Emily Dobson, Casey Hamblen, Dorlene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Ruth Strain, Steve and Diane Siebels, Bob Robbins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Wayman King, Kay Schneider, Jack Moyers, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Virginia Hamblen, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Sycamore Springs. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven.



"There's no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."

Congratulations to Dylan Abraham and his FFA Entomology Team who just won 1st place at Nationals. Dylan won 3rd place individually.

*Happy
Mothers
Day*

What is a godly mother? A godly mother is one who loves the Lord her God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength and then passionately, consistently, and unrelentingly teaches her child to do the same.

— Elizabeth George —

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
5-5	Peggy Johnson (70!)	5-9	Paul and Beth Wade
5-11	Brenda Strong	5-20	Ryan and Amy Stevens
5-15	Bentley Goodman	5-21	D. E. and Tiffany Pleasant
5-16	Steve Clodfelter	Birthdays	
5-18	Halbert Smith	5-28	Ryan Stevens
5-20	Gannon Schofield	5-29	Beth Wade
5-23	Barbara Luna	5-31	Julie Schofield

Tiffany is serving a pasta bar, veggies, bread and dessert for our fellowship supper Wednesday night.

Today is Senior Day! Graduating high school seniors—Logan Hillhouse, Abbie Johnson, and Emma McGinnis will be presented a study Bible.

Special prayer is needed for D. E. Pleasant for his eye. He has a serious eye infection that has required scraping the cornea twice. He has had to close the store several days. Pray doctors can fix it and that he doesn't lose his vision in that eye.

Date	Event	Details
Today 2 p.m. at GHS	GHS Senior Awards and Baccalaureate	Halbert is the speaker for Baccalaureate
Saturday, June 21 9 a.m.—2 p.m.	VBS—Magnified! Pick up a butterfly magnet to remember to pray for VBS.	Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things.

May Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

5-4 John Abraham
5-11 Mark Lane
5-18 David Stevens
5-25 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

Tinker Langston
Paul Wade
Titus Smith
Don Reynolds

Song Leader: John Abraham
Greeters: Tinker and Karen Langston

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***Mothers in the Bible***

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Kids Singing up front

#226, O' Thou Fount of Every Blessing; Above the Bright Blue

How Sweet the Father's Love; Communion Service

#744, God's Family

#912; Burdens Are Lifted

Blue Skies and Rainbows; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

Elders

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us