



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***Honor Your Mother***

***Kevin Cauley***

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth’ (Ephesians 6:1-3). The command “honor your father and mother” was one of the Ten Commandments given by God (Exodus 20:12). It includes both the concepts of obedience of children and caring for wizened parents. Jesus made this latter point in Mark 7:9-13. The Pharisees thought that by giving their money to the temple, they would be excused from taking care of their parents. They were wrong. Jesus taught that the commandment applied just as much to our elderly parents.

On mothers’ day, we show respect for our mothers by praising their role as child bearers. For those who have reared children, we acknowledge their dedication and sacrifices, but mothers are not perfect, even the most saintly sins. The first mother brought sin into the world, yet she was honored with the title: the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20). Jesus died for his own mother’s sins, but He honored her by appointing the apostle John as her guardian (John 19:26-27). We should honor our mothers despite their faults; Jesus certainly did.

Some are fortunate to have their mothers nearby where they are available to have an everyday relationship. Other mothers are not so near and are celebrated when opportunity arises. Yet other mothers have passed on and are no longer with us, but their life and memories may yet be honored. God’s command to honor our father and mother, however, isn’t about superficialities, but a manner of living that extends to every day of the week. May God bless our mothers, and may our mothers be godly.

## ***Tell the Truth***

### ***Kevin Cauley***

It is important that we tell the truth regardless of how uncomfortable that may be. That does not mean that we must be mean spirited or belligerent to do it. We must speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Lies, however, are so appealing to many today. This is because people generally want to justify how they act without worrying about whether what they are saying and doing is right or wrong. A lie is an easy way to justify oneself. The Bible tells us where this deceptiveness originates—in our own hearts! “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). Fortunately, God has given us the truth so that we can expose the lies. “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11).

What is more difficult than telling the truth to another person who does not want to hear it is telling the truth to yourself. My heart has already persuaded me to believe some false justification and in order for me to change, I must tell myself that I am wrong! That is not easy to do, but that is what repentance is all about, acknowledging the falsehoods in our lives, rejecting them, and moving in the other direction away from them. This takes time. God waited nine months to send Nathan to David regarding his sin with Bathsheba. Why did God not send Nathan immediately? The only reason I can think of is that David’s heart was not ready to change, but God knew that David would once he got over himself. We all need to get over ourselves and let God’s powerful word transform our lives. To do that, we must keep telling the truth to others and ourselves, no matter how uncomfortable that might be.

# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris  
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Freddie Callis,  
Margie Montgomery,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Jerry Crabb, Karen Chance,  
Mary Lewis, Roberta Donaldson  
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,  
Sammy Puckett

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,  
Beverly Martindale,  
Glenn & Trudy Lovell,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,  
Caraline Rogers  
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,  
Jane Washington, Betty Green

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Vitures of a Faithful  
Woman  
1 Smauel 1:10-11

PM -Would We Have Believed  
John 20:29

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **May 18**

Men;s Business Meeting

#### **May 24**

Ladies Day  
See bulletin board for details

### **Cards to Send**

Teriyaki Anderson  
225 Deerfield Loop  
Henderson, TN 38340

James Morris  
C/O Vanessa Perry  
97 Old Pinson Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	5
Bible Class	44/3
AM Worship	78/16
PM Worship	50/4
Wed Bible Study	46/5
Contribution	4730
Budget	4014

# Those Privileged to Serve

## May 11 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

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Opening Prayer:

Van McConnell

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

## May 18 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Van McConnell

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Louie Leroux

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Greg Long

## May 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Marion Thomas

## May 21 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Devo - Mike Wages

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM