

# Mrs. Eve's REFLECTIONS

May 8, 2022

## Happy Mother's Day

### If I could tell you one thing.....

I am prompted to write with urgency as I look at our ever-changing world events and as I reflect on the words of my long-deceased grandmother, who always exclaimed, things were going from bad to worse. As a young adult I often thought that it wasn't her fleeting concern, but more a reflection of her unwillingness to adapt to the current trends. But now, historiographical, I find myself thinking the same. I even believe she might have been seeing years ahead toward my time.

Back then, my skirt above my knees, teenage pregnancy was frowned upon and a scorn for the offender, but now she would turn in her grave at the coming out of the closet...gay pride and gay marriages. Gone are the days when Civil Service was a badge of Honor, integrity, and respect on display, but now we're left with service of no honor. Gone are the days of fist fights, for now the prevalence of guns have left us wondering if we're safe at the common grocery store, much less in our schools. Back then, being late to church was a cardinal sin, but now some don't even desire to come, they are content watching on Zoom. Back then, prayer was a lifeline, now it's replaced by human efforts and self-sufficiency.

Yes, it seems as though things are continually going from bad to worse. I've become increasingly worried for the next generation; but there is Hope and it is in this single piece of advice for ALL MOTHERS of ALL AGES ...for new moms, moms of Tweens and in between, even Empty nesters - **"TEACH AND PRAY"**. John 17:15-17 is the same prayer Jesus prayed for His disciples. "My prayer is that You do not take them out of this world but protect them from the evil one. Use your WORD TO MAKE THEM HOLY; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH." (John 17:15-17) This all-encompassing prayer can prevent and cover all spills and messes.

As you read this scripture, you will see that Jesus took responsibility to pass on the WORD. John 17:8 "FOR I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE WORDS YOU GAVE ME." This is a good example that even though we pray, we must seize the moment to give the Word. To cross reference - Proverbs 22:6 says, "train up a child in the way they should go"; Deuteronomy 11:19 says, "teach them to your children, speaking about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up".

So, go ahead, total emersion via devotions or conversation, while driving or dining, whenever or wherever, seize the moment to either teach or pray without ceasing. It works!

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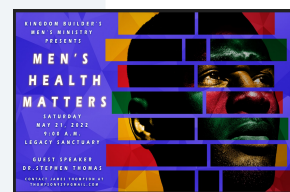
## UPCOMING Events



**Women of Grace Ministry—Prayer Breakfast**  
Calling on all ladies, The Women of Grace Ministry will host a Mother's Day Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 a.m. Please come out to fellowship, worship and to be served by the Men's ministry. Invite your mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt etc., for an enjoyable morning. Please register on the events page of our website or contact Eleanor Wilson for more information at [wilsone\\_ewilson@yahoo.com](mailto:wilsone_ewilson@yahoo.com)



**600 Club 3-Month Giving Campaign**  
Living Word Family, please give to the **600 Club Giving Campaign** over the next three months so we can replace everything lost in the recent fire, including the lawnmower tractor trailer which keeps our grounds in compliance with city codes. Also we will improve the parking lot at the Christian Outreach Center, which has been feeding over one hundred families 3-5 times a week throughout the pandemic. To give, use the envelopes and boxes around the church or give online by clicking on the give tab and choosing the **600 Club** dropdown in the menu. Thank you so much for your continued support!



**Kingdom Builder's Men's Ministry Men's Health Matters Event Sat. 5/21 9 a.m.**  
Join the Men's Ministry and Dr. Stephen Thomas for this awesome event focused on Men's Health. Get information and ask questions. Dr. Thomas will be available to give information, insight and to get us on the health track because our health matters. For more information, visit the events page of our website or contact James Thompson at [thompson929@gmail.com](mailto:thompson929@gmail.com)



**LWCA Is Now Enrolling For After School/Summer**  
The Living Word Christian Academy at 6601 Antoine Dr. Houston, TX 77091 is Now Reopened with an Exciting After School Enrichment Program and Summer Program. Special Limited Time Offer of \$75 per week! This Christian-based program for ages 5-11 will feature academic enrichment, sports, art, homework help, outside activities and more! Register <https://bit.ly/3LMHoid> and for more information call **(281) 260-7402**



**Acts 2 Houston—One Church—One Cause June 4th—5th 2022**  
**Bayou City Fellowship Church**  
Spring Branch Campus  
1400 Brittmoore Rd. Houston, TX 77043

**Stand Against Human Trafficking** with our own Pierre Cannings. **Sign Up to Serve** in various service projects on Sat. June 4th at 8 a.m. and to **Worship as One Church** on Sunday, June 5th at 5 p.m. Register here at [www.acts2houston.org/register](http://www.acts2houston.org/register)



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

*Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses*

Special Music

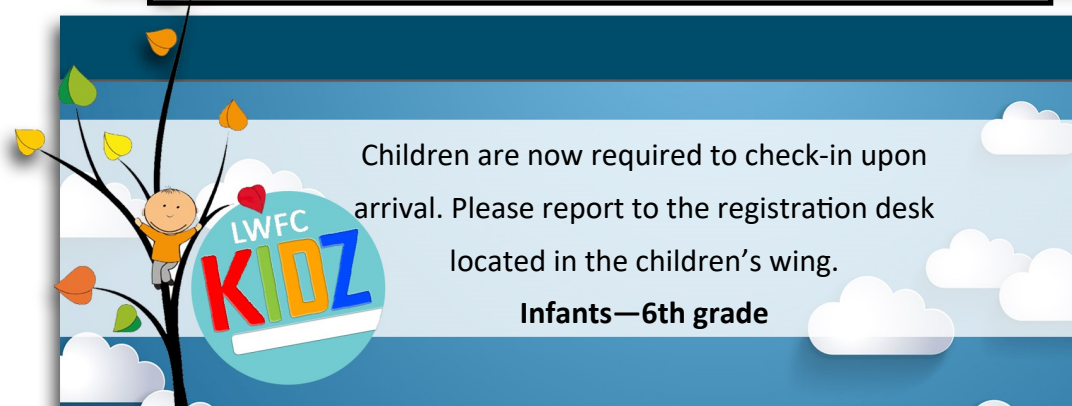
**"Honor Roll"**  
**1 Timothy 5:9-10; 3:11**

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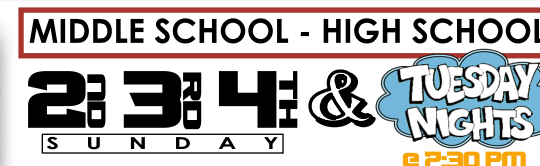
Call to Discipleship

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Benediction



Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.  
**Infants—6th grade**





## Honor Roll

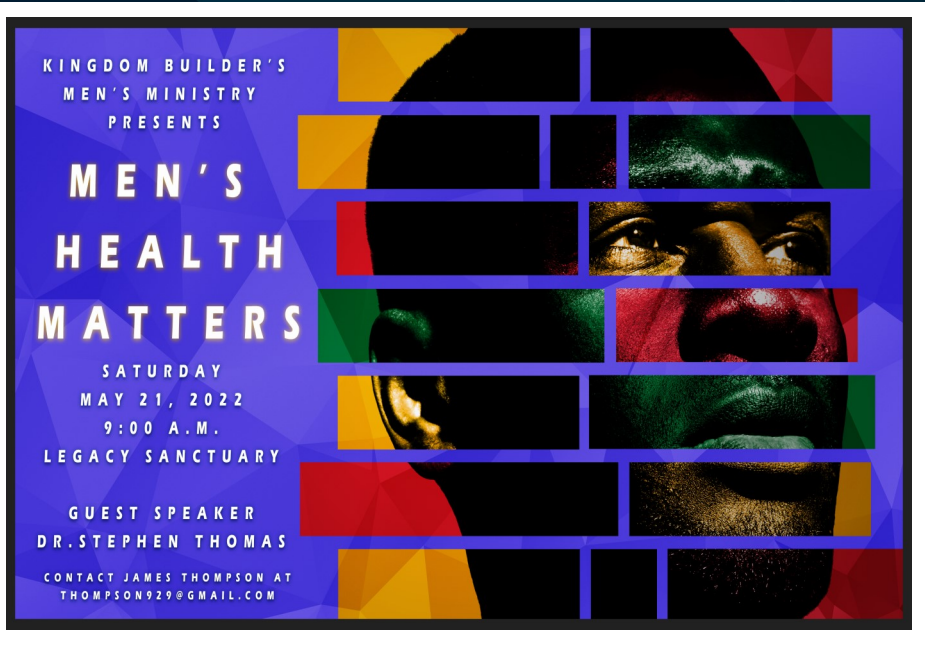
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### A. The Who's Who List (vs. 9-10):

1. List - Widows who are enlisted like soldiers on the church's list were those who like Anna were very involved in serving the Lord. They were dedicated to their families and their church like soldiers.
2. Wife of one man— Because she is a widow she was once married. She was a one-man woman, meaning she was faithful to the husband she was married to. It could not mean that she was never married twice because the younger widows were told in verse 14 to remarry. The implication is that the widow was not a divorced woman and would not seek divorce for non-biblical reasons.
3. Reputation - She was placed on the list because she had good, confirmed reports, from eyewitnesses. This confirms the kind of character she has. Her good work led to her being praised.
4. Reputation - A good reputation is like Dorcas of Acts 9:36-42. When a person's character is established by their faith walk, it is empowered by the Spirit of God, so it always blesses others (1 Corinthians 12:7) and it is always consistent. Dorcas blessed so many of the women they could not live without her support.
5. Good works - She continuously served in a manner that is energized by her faith-based on the principles outlined in God's Word (Eph. 2:10; good — acceptable characteristics). As a result, all she did proved to be beneficial to all those whom she served. This demonstrated that her work was honorable, deserving high esteem (Proverbs 31:10-31).
6. She has brought up her children — This godly woman has affectionately nourished her children with the hopes that they would become mature productive adults. She was steadfast in her role as a mother. She held this role as an honor from God, so God honors her (1 Timothy 2:15).
7. Hospitality to strangers — Without a litany of hotels and people traveling under harsh conditions, caring for strangers who in their travels came to the church, was a great asset (3 John 5-8). In other words, she was not just committed to her family but also to the success of her church. This means she had to work harder at the home, to entertain these people, again exposing how committed she was to the faith.
8. Saints — It was very important as we would see explained by John in 3 John 5-8, that the only people who were helped were those who were committed to the purposes of God so that only sound doctrine was empowered to spread by her sacrifice; again her commitment to her faith.
9. Assist those in distress - She came alongside with a commitment to relieve committed believers from sufferings they were experiencing with no desire to stop until the circumstances were better.
10. Devoted to good works - She served the church as a dedicated follower of Christ which was manifested by the integrity and energy with which she served. Whatever she did, it was because of her implementation of the Word of God into the life of her family and church. She was a woman of faith.
11. Devoted to good works - Because of her spiritual gift, no one or circumstance could stop her from doing what the Lord designed her to do.

### B. Honor Roll (1 Timothy 3:11):

1. Women must likewise be dignified — Women are responsible to challenge themselves to have such a godly character, others in the church are encouraged to respect them because they find them to be honorable. So honorable that other women have no problem submitting to their leadership.
2. Not malicious gossips — The characteristic of being a malicious gossip represents a person who is a slanderer, a person who makes false accusations against another person while demonstrating much pride. Because women tend to talk more Paul put this trait with them more so than a man.
3. Sober - During much distraction, a sober woman is temperate, self-controlled, not allowing life circumstances to distract her from behaving in a dignified manner, and devoted to the things of the Lord whether at home or the church.
4. Faithful - To be sober is to remain steadfast with whatever was entrusted to her proving to be dependable and reliable.
5. Faithful - It is this faithful woman of character that impacted her home and church that the Lord says in 1 Timothy 2:15 "God will preserve" and in Proverbs 31:10-31 says "God will Bless". *"Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her..... a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised."* (Proverbs 31:28-30).



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Grieving:** The family of Alonzo Barnes, the family of Lyndia Tarkington, Dana & Nikisha Doyle & family, Greg & Georeba Odums & family, Phillip Baillou & family, Curtis Wiley & family, and the family of Lyndia Tarkington.

**Health and Healing:** Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Barbara Gordon, Eric White, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, Jon Heard, Lakessia Davis, Rutha Patrick, the Tillis family, Rudy Mazin, Janice Collins, Noah Cain, and Betty Goode.

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GOD BLESS OUR MOMS

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