

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
Attendance	05/05/24	May 9 - May 15	
Sunday School Attendance	594	Dan Grubbs 864-910-2555	Dan.grubbs@wctel.net
Giving for the Week of	05/05/24	May 16 - May 22	
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Budget Requirements	\$38,013.00		
YTD Received	\$685,363.00	William Holladay 864-980-0196	wholladay1221@gmail.com
YTD Budget Req.	\$684,232.00		
World Missions	\$1,489.00		
Designated	\$4,176.00	Steve Wilkie 864-910-2888	paparef9922@gmail.com

Family Group Night
THE REAL MOTHER
(1 Kings 3:22)

READ IT

The other woman said, "No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours." But the first one insisted, "No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine." And so they argued before the king.

DISCOVER IT

The scripture for today looks at an unnamed hero in the Bible. A mother who would do anything to see that her child was loved and protected. Now this mother in the Bible was not perfect. In fact, she was a prostitute. Back then women had no rights. They were considered property. So, possibly, she was involved in this lifestyle through no choice of her own. And in 1 Kings we read about a day that she and another woman came before Solomon, King of Israel with a tragic situation. She lived in a house with another prostitute and they both had babies. During the night, the other woman laid upon her child, killing him. Before daylight, she came and stole the woman's living child and put her dead child in his place. In the morning when the woman got up to nurse her son, he was dead. But as the morning light broke through, she recognized that this was not her son. Going before the king she begged to get her son back. And the women both argued before the king. What would Solomon do? Who was the real mother?

ASK IT

1. Explain some of the reasons why the treacherous woman switched babies, stealing the living son of the other woman.
2. How did Solomon determine who the real mother was? (Hint: Read the rest of the story in 1 Kings 3:23-28)
3. How does the sacrificial attitude of the real mother remind us of Jesus? How is this faithful mother an example of how we should be today?

LIVE IT

1. **Appreciate Real Mothers.** Their love, sacrifice and fierce protection of their children serve as examples for all of us today.
2. **Thank Real Mothers.** When is the last time you said "thank you" to your mother, your grandmother, or a mother you know who gives all for her children? A small expression of gratitude goes a long way!
3. **Emulate Real Mothers.** As you observe real mothers in action, try to emulate the faithful qualities they exhibit.
4. **Pray for Real Mothers.** We need more real mothers in the world. Pray that God would raise more of them up and pray for those already working so hard on behalf of the Lord and their families.

PRAY IT

Lord, thank you for the selflessness, love, and unwavering strength that You have instilled in the faithful mothers in our church and around the world. Grant them wisdom in their daily decisions, patience in times of trial, and joy in moments of celebration. May they find strength in You as they navigate the challenges and joys of motherhood. And for those mothers who are weary or facing difficult circumstances, we ask for Your comfort and provision to surround them. Help them to know that their love and sacrifices do not go unnoticed by You. And help our church family honor and uplift them in every way we can. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of mothers—beacons of Your love in our lives. May Your blessings be upon them abundantly today and always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SERMON NOTES

THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



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Toby Frost

Dr. Toby Frost,

Welcome to South Main and Happy Mother's Day! Motherhood has been described as, "The exquisite inconvenience of being another person's everything." In the Bible, the Lord even uses mothers as an example of His love and care, saying in Isaiah 66:13, "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you." Motherhood was created by the Lord. Mothers gave birth to civilization, and with their loving care they are the sustainers of society. God bless you moms! We love you!

This Week at South Main

12 SUNDAY	13 MONDAY	14 TUESDAY	15 WEDNESDAY
8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	5:00PM - Upward Volleyball Practice Gym 6:00PM - Jean Glaze Circle Group Meeting - CP E201C	5:00PM - Upward Volleyball Practice Gym 6:00PM - Men's Recovery Bible Study & Meal - CP	6:00PM -Preschool- Wee Trackers -Elementary- Truth Trackers -Students & Seniors Trivia Night- CP -"Meant for Good" Bible Study- A302 -Financial Peace- A308 7:15PM -Praise Band Rehearsal
16 THURSDAY	17 FRIDAY	18 SATURDAY	19 SUNDAY
5:00PM - Upward Volleyball Practice Gym		9:00AM - 3:00PM Upward Volleyball Games & Awards	8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal

WOODLANDS CAMP

May 12 - Aug. 4

Will Shaw



RICHMOND, VA ILC PRAYER WALK

May 17 - 20

Andy Roberson
 JoAnna Roberson
 Brooke Tipton
 Aubrey Lamar
 Mary Grace Morrow
 Corina Wade
 Jessyca Calhoun

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KIDS CAMP

JUNE 17-20
 AGES 3 - 5TH GRADE



8:30 Worship

Family Dedication	Kevin Garrison
<i>Tear Off The Roof</i>	Praise Band
Welcome & Missionary Commissioning	Christian Dibert
<i>Honey In The Rock</i>	Praise Band
<i>Whole Heart</i>	Praise Band
Message: "The Real Mother" 1 Kings 3:22	Dr. Toby Frost
<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Praise Band
Wrap up	Andy Roberson

11:00 Worship

<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Cynthia Adams, Piano Keith Polatty, Organ
Welcome & Missionary Commissioning	Christian Dibert
<i>God, Give Us Christian Homes #504</i> - verses 1, 3 & 4	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
<i>Be Thou My Vision #60</i> - verses 1 & 2	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Baptism	
Family Dedication	Kevin Garrison
Would You Bless Our Homes and Families #507 - verses 1 & 3	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #61 - verses 1 & 4	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Offertory Prayer	Dr. Toby Frost
<i>Order My Steps</i>	Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Message: "The Real Mother" 1 Kings 3:22	Dr Toby Frost
<i>How I Love You #230</i>	Congregation
Benediction	Andy Roberson
Postlude	Keith Polatty, organ

students
SUMMER SERF 24
 JUNE 13-15
 6TH-12TH GRADE
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May Mission Theme

Supplies for Utah & Montana
 Give a gift of \$15.00
 Your gift will purchase craft supplies, snacks, game supplies, bibles and more

Utah and Montana Summer Mission Update

This summer we will be sending out over 20 of our members to serve on missions representing the love of Christ in Beaver Creek, Montana and Hurricane, Utah. Our short-term missionaries are able to go due to the faithful giving of our church members.

Due to the weekly and monthly giving to our South Main World Mission Offering, we are able to fund 50% of each participants trip cost. These sacrificial gifts will go far in advancing the Kingdom of God in tough places within the United States. To God be the glory!

If you are not yet giving to our South Main World Mission Offering, you can begin your giving now. Simply visit www.southmain.church and click on the GIVE tab. Look for the "World Mission" in drop down box which reads, "Fund." When you give, here is how your money will be used.

- 50% supports the International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) for all missionaries who serve abroad.
- 25% supports our South Main mission trips and partnership projects
- 15% supports the North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong Easter Offering) for all missionaries who serve in the United States.
- 8% supports the South Carolina Baptist Missions Offering (Janie Chapman) and projects to reach people for Christ in South Carolina.
- 2% supports our Unreached People Groups projects

During the month of May, we are also asking people to give a gift of \$15.00 which will purchase VBS or camp supplies for a child in Montana or Utah. Our teams will use the donated funds to purchase all of the supplies on-site or have them shipped to our location.

Andy Roberson

give online

make a difference through giving
 scan or text give to (864) 392-9815

new here?

text us your name and "guest"
 scan or text (864) 392-9815

need prayer?

text us your name and how we can pray for you!
 scan or text (864) 392-9815

ready for baptism?

text the word "baptism" to sign-up!
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MEET MY FRIEND

Experiencing and Sharing Friendship with God

Meet My Friend Moment:
 Be open to God and to starting conversations about the love of Christ with a friend.