



Mary, a Mother

LUKE 1:30-31

*"It cannot be denied that God, in choosing and destining Mary to be the mother of God, granted her the highest honor."
-John Calvin*

From the mothering experience of Mary we learn that ...

1. The call to motherhood is about _____, because our children belong to God and His purposes. (Luke 1:26-56)

*"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David ..."
"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Luke 1:32, 38*

*Motherhood takes faith
because you don't understand everything God has planned for you or your child.*


2. Raising a child demands that the mother rely on and find her strength in _____. (John 2:1-11)

*When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." John 2:3, 5*

*Motherhood is about modeling for your children
taking your needs and burdens to Jesus.*

3. To varying degrees, mothers will face the pain of watching their children _____. (John 19:25-27)

*Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother ... When Jesus saw his mother there,
and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son,"
and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. John 19:25-27*


"Had I Been Another Mother"
by Ruth Bell Graham
*Had I been Mary - oh, had I been she,
I would have cried as never a mother cried,
"Anything, O God, anything ... but crucified!"*

*Motherhood demands that you don't surrender to despair when you can't rescue your child,
but rather take comfort that God is at work even in their pain.*

4. In the life of our children, there is _____ that God will use them to change our world. (Acts 1:12-14)

*[After the Lord Jesus ascended] Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives ...
They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.
Acts 1:12, 14*

*Your child is part of a divine plan to bring glory to God ...
so don't ever let fear prevail over your faith.*

*"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had, and dealing with fears you didn't know existed."
-Linda Wooten*

*"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?"
-Milton Berle*

General

LIFE ACADEMY started last Sunday, but you can still join in! Choose either "The Help: A Study of the Holy Spirit" with Dr. Doug Cecil or "Debunking the Lone Ranger Myth: A Study in Ephesians" with Ken Miller. Both six-week classes meet at 9:15 and 11 a.m. in the Link Classrooms.

PICK UP PART 3 of "Meet Your Maker" today at the Connect Kiosk. This last part of our three-part small group study series begins the week of May 27.

IGNITE Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Oak Room (Link Building). If you're in your 30s (married or single) or have younger kids, come for peer-led teaching and discussion.

YOUNG COUPLES' CLASS for newly or newly marrieds meets Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall West. Contact Josh at jaburgess2000@msn.com.

THE GATHERING Sundays, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. In your 20s? Come and dig deeper into the sermon with us. Contact RachelM@christchapelbc.org.

EXCEL Sundays, 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall West (new location). Excel is a community of singles in our 30s. Our new series, "S.H.A.P.E. for Excel," focuses on how God uniquely wired each of us.

CCBC BIG BAND AND SINGERS CONCERT "Cool And Breezy" is a weather-inspired program that will make you feel sunny no matter the forecast! Songs include "Blue Skies," "Come Rain Or Come Shine," "Stormy Weather," "Rainy Days And Mondays" and "Over the Rainbow." Invite a friend to this free evening of nostalgic music this Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Outside doors open at 6:30 p.m. and Sanctuary doors open at 7.

THE MAY 28 JOURNEYS SMALL GROUP meeting has been cancelled. This foster/adoptive families group will resume on June 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall East. Contact RachelM@christchapelbc.org.

LIFE STAGE 6 SUMMER SUPPER CLUBS Good food, new friends and savory fellowship will happen June through August. Contact KassieM@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-0170 by May 22 to join in. You can also get details on Sundays at the Info Desk.

OUR NEW COFFEE SHOP needs part-time baristas and volunteers. The paid positions require performance of all shop functions including filling orders, restocking, cleaning, mentoring volunteers and providing excellent customer service in a fast-paced environment with flexible hours (8 to 15 per week, including evening and weekend special events). Send your resume to Coffee Shop Manager LynnD@christchapelbc.org,

or contact her if you're just interested in volunteering (no resume required).

CHRIST CHAPEL'S AUDIO/LIGHTING DEPARTMENT is looking for weekend technical help. Two paid part-time positions are available. Contact RobW@christchapelbc.org for more information.

MORE DOORS TO THE CHURCH means more greeters are needed. Contact LukeS@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-2522.

LAST CHANCE! Just \$95 impacts the life of an African woman with a scholarship to attend a women's Bible conference, led by CCBC women in Tanzania, May 28 through June 1. Make your check payable to CCBC and note "African Women's Conference."

"SAY YES!" to investing in the lives of the Next Generation for summer and fall: Preschool and Elementary class leaders, Sundays at all services; Special Buddies on Sundays at all services; Kids Kamp volunteers June 18-22; Music teams for K through grade 1, and grades 2 through 4. Contact DonnaF@christchapelbc.org.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY needs keyboard players, guitarists and singers. Please contact ReneeM@christchapelbc.org.

Women

OASIS FOR SINGLE MOMS This Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Family Room. Journey behind the scenes of our lives and see how God navigates. We have a surprise for you! For dinner contact susanne.moore.nb34@statefarm.com by May 16; for Children's Ministry (age 11 and under) contact DonnaB@christchapelbc.org by May 15.

WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY returns Thursday evening, June 7 in the Oak Room (Link Building) for a six-week study in the book of Colossians. Register at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

Children

REAL HEROES KIDS KAMP 2012 is happening here June 19-22, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Register your kids entering Kindergarten through grade 6 at www.ccbcfamily.org/events and invite friends. Contact MelindaR@christchapelbc.org.

Men

MIGHTY MEN SMALL GROUPS Find a group at www.ccbcfamily.org/men under the "small groups" tab. Contact BenB@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-6178.

Coming up AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Soul Care

LOVE TO EAT, HATE TO EAT begins Wednesday, June 6, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Soul Care Annex. Struggling with destructive eating habits? Learn how to use your body to glorify God. Cost is \$7. Advance registration required with AdelaideR@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-0884.

GRIEF RECOVERY begins Sunday, June 3, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Soul Care Annex. A six-week small group for those who have lost a loved one. Cost is \$10. Advance registration required with AdelaideR@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-0884.

REDEEMED HEART RECOVERY Recover from any addiction, obsession, compulsion or ruling heart desire in a Christ-centered, supportive environment. Mondays at 7 p.m. in Winsor rooms 217 and 220; Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Soul Care Conference Room.

Local Outreach

UNIFORM DRIVE Next Sunday, May 20 is an opportunity for you to participate in CCBC's 2012 uniform drive. Please consider giving \$30 toward the purchase of a uniform for one of our five adopted schools. More info is available at the Serve Kiosk, or see the worship folder insert next Sunday.

"EMBRACE" REFUGEE MINISTRY is now accepting donations of furniture, clothing, linens, kitchen items, etc. to help incoming refugee families. Contact Stephanie at stephroe@gmail.com.

Students

BACK TO NINE Prior to our current meeting time and place of 5 p.m. in the Chapel, the High School Ministry met at 9:15 a.m. for more than 15 years. With our new Student Building we can once again hold our Insight assembly at the traditional time! If you're a high school student, come to the opening of our new permanent home Sunday, June 3 at 9:15 a.m., Then come for an open house cookout at 12:30 p.m. The entire church fellowship is invited to stop by and take a look at the students' new home (food is limited, so come early). Learn about more High School Ministry at www.ccsn.net.