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It's Friday - But Sunday Is Coming !!!

Sunday A.M. Sermon Series
Beginning May 15

“Home Security”

Live Unselfishly
Live Defensively
Live Dependently
Live Patiently
Live Contentedly

Ministry Opportunity

Sunday School Teacher needed at Sterling House
9:30 on Sunday Mornings
Contact Pete if interested

Rejoice

Tears pooled in Nancy's eyes when she mentioned how significant even a little time with her mother would be. Over fourteen years have passed since Nancy watched in Elkview General Hospital as Jane Farrand drew her last breathe on this earth. During the years since that day, Nancy has lived with a vacancy in her heart.

She has also lived with her mother's influence in her life. We never really outgrow our raising! Any time Nancy receives a gift or benefits from someone's help, she puts a thank-you card in the mail almost before the sun goes down. Her mother instilled in her the importance of expressing gratitude for everything. Nancy has influenced Jason and Lynn to do the same.

Jane cooked exceptionally well. When I think of her chicken spaghetti and oatmeal cookies and lemon pie my mouth begins to water. Nancy cooks healthy, tasty food because her mother set an example that she has followed. Not only did Jane cook, she entertained herds of people. Nancy duplicates the same activity. Through the years she has welcomed and fed multiple families and couples and individuals in our home. Jane first illustrated for Nancy how to strengthen relationships with meals.

Jane ran a tight ship when it came to raising her daughters. She took necessary disciplinary actions to get Julie, Sally and Nancy to do what was right. One year Jane broke her leg, compliments of a scared Texan on a ski lift. The girls felt safe upstairs in their home and pursued rowdy behavior out of the reach of their mother – or so they thought. Up the stairs she came, backing up one step at a time, with flyswatter in hand. When she made it to the top, the girls were corrected appropriately.

Nancy disciplined and loved Jason and Lynn with bulldog determination. They knew she loved them. They also knew where the lines were that they could not cross. Jane set the example that Nancy followed.

Jane welcomed me and two other men into the family when we married her daughters. She had a way of making us feel special when we entered her home. I have no doubt that Nancy will treat Lynn's husband, Shane, in the same manner. We never really outgrow our raising!

If your mother is still alive, let them know you appreciate them. If your mother has died, tell God thanks for the influence they had on you. If you are a mother, maximize your influence and never doubt your significance in the lives of your children. We impact the lives of others most by living with integrity ourselves.

Thank God for Mothers,
Earl



Following Orders

I would like to thank all of you for your cards, prayers, and concerns during my recent surgery. I think many people were surprised when I was at the Elk City/Weatherford choir concert. When you hear “brain surgery” you automatically think that it is worse than it really is. I can assure you that shingles, which I still have, are bothering me far worse than the surgery. I covet your continuous prayers.

While I was in the hospital in Houston I noticed several things. First, that English is not the first language for most of the people who work there. The admitting person was from India (I think), the doctor's assistant was from Jamaica, and my ICU nurse was from Greece. It was this young man that I spent most of my time with. And this young man followed orders and gave me excellent care even though he didn't know why.

It seems that when there is a nursing change, it is the job of the outgoing nurse to brief the incoming nurse. In the hospital they are assigned two patients to care for in ICU, so they stay relatively close to their patients. As I was listening to this exchange I heard the outgoing nurse give the incoming nurse my statistics and vital signs, then he said, “I don't really understand why he is in ICU. He has had a battery replacement and they usually just put them in a regular room.” I couldn't help but speak up and tell them that was not correct. I had a full implant from head to chest.

I wanted to say look at my head Sherlock, it has two 5x7 bandages on it. As if he knew what I was thinking, he said that they sometimes have to make a couple of incisions when they connect a new battery, and he was wondering why I was in ICU. This nurse gave me great care and met my every need even though he didn't know why. His job as a care giver was to give the best care he knew how to give--no questions asked.

As soldiers for Christ aren't we supposed to do the same? We have been told what to do in the “Great Commission.” Yet so many of us, me included, want to ask questions instead of just doing what we are supposed to do in the first place. Jesus told us to go and tell, not sit and ask. Which category do you fit in?

John



Happy Mother's Day
This Sunday May 8th



“We Will Sing of Our Redeemer”

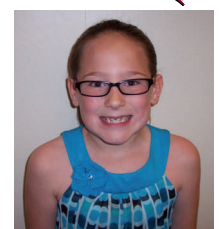
In honor of their Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
and the ones they love,
Kallie, Kaycie, and Kambrie
invite you to join them for an evening of worship
on Monday, May 9th, in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.



New First Family



Joe & Bobbie Shelton
with Griffin



Macy Duvall

Upcoming Events

May 9	Threefold Chord in Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
May 10	Women on Mission (South Commons Area)	7:00 p.m.
May 11	Meal: Polish Sausage Hot Dog	4:45 p.m.
May 11	Stewardship Meeting (Earl's Outer Office)	5:15 p.m.
May 14	Brittni Albrightson/Andy Harris Shower	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
May 15	WHS Senior Recognition	9:00 a.m.
May 15	Deacons' Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
May 22	Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.