

Facets *of Fellowship*

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Pastor's Perspective — "The Wife of Noble Character"—The Rest of the Story

By Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

For any women who might come away from the description of the wife of noble character (Proverbs 31:10-31) with a feeling of inadequacy, I want to encourage them with the rest of the story—for wherever there is a wife, there is also a husband. When the New Testament speaks of husbands and wives, it addresses the man's role in the spiritual nurturing of his wife. He is to live with her in such a way that she becomes what God intends her to be.

In Ephesians 5:25-28, we read: *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives....*

It should be no small comfort to women to know that they do not carry all the responsibility for their spiritual growth (or lack of it). To a large degree, the task of maturation of the wife is placed on the husband. The biblical narrative reminds us of the seriousness with

which men should care for their wives, especially concerning the latter's character development and conduct.

*A wife of noble character
who can find?
Proverbs 31:1a*

Christian women must be willing to accept the fact that men have a tremendous duty to God in this regard, and in light of such a charge, wives should respond to their husbands with appropriate

respect and submission (Ephesians 5:22-24). However, if husbands do not take their responsibility seriously or like what they see in their wives, the men simply may have themselves to blame.

Clearly it is the woman's responsibility to mature in the sight of God. But it is the husband's role to make sure she gets there. And that's the rest of the story. So on the occasion of this "Mother's Day" month, my prayer is that the husbands and the wives of our church would renew their dedication to fulfill their responsibilities to each other before the Lord that God's purposes in marriage would be wonderfully expressed in them.

Medical Ministry to Brazil



During the month of April, David Lindholm was in the Amazonas region of Brazil for a sub-internship in tropical medicine and surgery with missionary Dr. Chip Phillips, a trauma surgeon with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) in Santo Antônio do Itá. Dr. Phillips is the Director of Amazon Baptist Hospital in that same city.

David has had an amazing time there, and we are anticipating that the Lord will use that to make him a better physician and surgeon—and that, indeed, He is already doing so.

David will be giving a report to the church in the midweek service on Wednesday, May 11. After that, he will graduate from the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine on May 21, promote to Captain in the U.S. Air Force and then report to San Antonio, Texas on June 8 for a three-year Residency in Internal Medicine.



Memorial Day

A wonderful time of fellowship and food is scheduled for Sunday, May 29, after the morning church service. A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby. After you sign up, a church deacon will contact you to let you know which home you'll go to for lunch. The host home will let you know what to bring.

If you are in town Memorial Day weekend, please join us for this time of fellowship. Spending time with your brothers and sisters in Christ in informal settings like these is a valuable way to develop godly relationships with one another, allowing us to encourage one another in the Lord.

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries is having their annual Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 7, at noon. All ladies are invited to come, especially ladies who have ever had mothers, are mothers, or know of any mothers. In short, all the ladies are encouraged to come to this spring tradition which offers a time of fellowship, good food and encouragement. And when they come, the women are encouraged to bring daughters and friends. Please come and bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet is in the church foyer or call Tracy English at 703-440-4077 or the church office at 703-569-5151.

May 2011 Bible Memory Challenge



Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.
1 Thessalonians 5:15

Ministry Opportunities

Spring Festival

The Spring Festival is June 4, one month away, and planning is in full swing. The festival is a wonderful ministry the Lord has provided for us to reach out to our neighborhood. Last year, over 330 people attended the festival, the most ever. We hope to reach a large number of people again this year, introducing them as the Lord gives opportunity to our church and to our Savior.

The festival depends on a large number of volunteers, and the Fellowship family has been gracious to meet these needs. Last year, forty-five people served in some capacity. We have a rich variety of activities that need to be staffed. Most of the activities involve helping children and adults play various games. Helping with these activities is not strenuous, and you will have a great opportunity to meet people.



A sign-up sheet is in the church foyer, but also feel free to contact Ron or Sherry Wasserstein with questions about how you can help. *We are currently well short of the number of needed volunteers, so please sign up.*

One other thing: Yes, the festival is a wonderful ministry. It is also a lot of fun!

Thank you for your service to the Lord for this important outreach.

Money Matters

April weekly General Fund giving averaged \$5,740, making it the first month in 2011 in which our weekly giving exceeded the budget need. By the end of the month, our budget shortfall was narrowed to about \$250 per week. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness through the generous giving of His people.

April Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,740
Weekly Need	\$5,291
Year-to-Date General Fund Giving	\$85,610
Year-to-Date General Fund Need	\$89,945
Year-to-Date Together We Build	\$2,471

Fellowship Baptist Church

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Our annual Awana Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 6:00 PM. Through this event we recognize the achievement of our clubbers, as they have invested in the memorizing and studying of God's Word. This is also an opportunity to reach out to those Awana parents who are not a part of our church body and may not have a church home, giving us the chance to show our friendliness and care of them. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the ceremony.

ESL— English as a Second Language

The school year for Fellowship's Thursday night ESL classes will conclude on Thursday, May 19. An end-of-year party will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 PM that night. Everyone is invited to come out and help us demonstrate Christ's love for our students. Pray also that our students will be drawn to Christ as we share with them from God's Word during these final weeks.



The story of the Good News has been shared with the students throughout this year, and these ending weeks will culminate in making sure they understand what Christ has done for them, personally. By coming to the end-of-year party you can help show this group of dear people that we, as a body, care about them and are proud of the work they have done during the year to learn English.

Calendar

May 7	Women's Mother's Day Luncheon (Noon)
May 11	David Lindholm report on trip to the Amazon (7:30 PM)
May 14	David Lindholm and colleagues - Christian Doctor's Oath (11:00 AM)
May 19	ESL Thursday Classes Conclude & End-of-year Party (8:00 PM)
May 22	Awana Award Ceremony (6:00 PM)
May 29	Memorial Day Lunch (No PM Ministries)