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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday**

Bible Study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7:30 PM (This is  
immediately followed by a  
short worship period)

**First Friday of Each Month**

Singing: 7:30 PM

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Adam Daniels  
Jamie Powell

**TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Have a great Summer. May God  
bless and protect you. We look forward  
to seeing you in a few months!

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Bill Osborne, Jim Parsons, Rachel  
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and Barry Boyd, Janett's mother, Sandy  
Driver, Erlene Young, Larry Sells, Evelyn  
Damron, Jean Gartland, John Blessing,  
William Roberts, Paul Lyda, Pete Soro,  
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Elijah Epling, Sandra Queen, Linda  
Moore, Sheila Johnson, Virginia Gordon,  
Glenn Lake

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**Christian Women--1**

Ron Tirey

God made woman from the rib of man and set in motion  
the amazing journey of mankind, from Adam and Eve and  
their offspring, to the age we live in today. The role that  
women have played throughout history is astounding and we  
often fail to give women the credit they deserve. Women play  
the roles of daughters, single women, married women,  
mothers, and grandmothers. In each role they fulfill significant  
duties and responsibilities that encapsulates what makes a  
woman a woman.

We read in Genesis that God created a woman to be a  
helpmate to man. Think of our lives without women. Well you  
say that is impossible because we would not be here without  
them giving birth to us. That is true, but what if God had just  
created a world of all men. Think about that for a moment and  
I think you will begin to see what would be missing in our  
lives. We cannot overemphasize the importance of women and  
I am not just talking about childbearing. Women give of  
themselves in so many ways that I cannot possibly begin to  
cover it all in a short article like this. They provide so many  
desirable qualities that makes life on earth much more  
pleasant. Women nurture us, comfort us, inspire us, motivate

us, and teach us. They also provide companionship, discipline, guidance, and the list goes on and on.

God has a lot to say about women in the bible but I would like to focus on the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31. The woman described there serves God with all of her heart, soul and mind.

She decided to marry and have children, but those decisions do not allow her to place God in a lower position. Instead, she worked harder to keep God first in her life while fulfilling her responsibilities to her family. Single women do not have these distractions to contend with. They can simply devote themselves completely to serving God. Both of these roles fulfilled by godly women rely upon faith to see them through their lives. *“Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come.*

*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.” (25-26) “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.” (30)*

A virtuous woman respects her husband and she should be loved and cherished for all that she is and does in her service to God, family and community. Her husband appreciates her and speaks well of her before others. *“... Her husband also, and he praises her.” (28b)* Men should never take their wives for granted.

Rather, let her and other know how much she means to you!

If blessed with children, she teaches them about God and His commandments. A godly mother spends so much time with her children takes these opportunities to ingrain in them who God is and what He expects of them. She feeds their young minds with the word of God, so they too will know how to live their lives pleasing to God. *“Her children rise up and call her blessed.” (28) “You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk*

*by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up.”*

(Deuteronomy 6:7)

She is concerned with her health and the health of her family. She puts God first, but her family and their wellbeing is the second priority in her life. Who cannot recall from childhood how much we depended upon our mothers in times of illness? Mothers are always there for their children. They tend to cuts and bruises and calm our fears in ways no one else can. They provide an invaluable role in creating in us the knowledge that no matter what happens, our mothers will be there to take care of us. When we are in pain, with tears rolling down our cheeks, there is no better remedy than having our mother’s arms wrapped around us, speaking calming words in our tender young ears. No one else can fulfill those needs like a mother can.

She is a servant to God, family, friends, and neighbors. If married, she fulfills her responsibilities to her husband. If she has children she sees to their needs. It is impossible to list all the ways a woman serves her family. Often it is a thankless task. However, she accepts the role humbly, knowing she pleases God and helps her family. That is reward enough for this woman. Even so, she should be thanked and praised daily by her grateful family. Women need to know how much they are loved and appreciated. This goes a long way in fulfilling our responsibilities as husbands and children. How sad to see a wife and mother faithfully serve her family and never experience kindness or gratitude from them!



