



NEWSLETTER

Biblical Motherhood

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In light of celebrating Mother's Day this month let's discuss what it means to be a godly mother. Mothering consists of more than becoming pregnant and birthing a child. Much care and nurture and deliberate raising is required to "train our children in the way they should go." This is an important task when you consider the fact that the souls of your children are at stake. God is ultimately in control of the salvation of your children, but he uses parents as the means to share the gospel in word and example with them. We are given few precious years for this mission. Our churches should be filled with families where mothers are taking their jobs seriously and discipling their children to know and love God and understand His love for them as well.

Carolyn Mahaney, wife of retired pastor C.J. Mahaney in Maryland, wrote a book entitled *Feminine Appeal: Seven Virtues of a Godly Wife and Mother*, where she expounds on this subject. The book is based on Titus 2:3-5 which states, "Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the



The gospel has a transforming effect on our lives. When we turn from our sins and put our trust in the Savior, our sins are forgiven and our hearts are changed. The seven feminine virtues considered in this book point to this transformative effect of the gospel. In the book, Carolyn

word of God may not be reviled." The topics covered in this book include:

1. Transformed By Titus 2
2. The Delight of Loving My Husband
3. The Blessings of Loving My Children
4. The Safety of Self-Control
5. The Pleasure of Purity
6. The Honor of Working at Home
7. The Rewards of Kindness
8. The Beauty of Submission
9. Margaret's Story

Upcoming Events

May 8

Our regular Sunday night service is cancelled this night in order to spend time with family for Mother's Day.

May 13

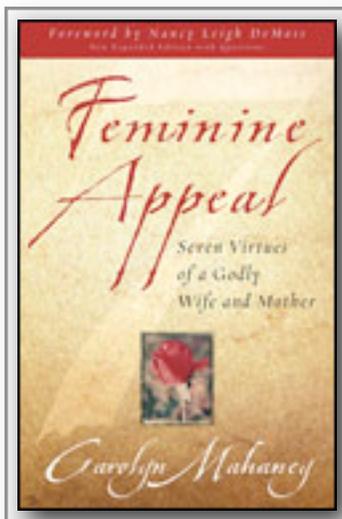
The youth group will be having a cookout at the church this Friday night at 6:30. Bring your favorite dessert.

May 15

We will have a combined service at Ryker's Ridge Baptist Church in Madison at 6:00. Dinner to follow.

May 22

Doughnut fellowship at 9:15 am.



says, "Consider the loveliness of a woman who passionately adores her husband, who tenderly cherishes her children, who creates a warm and peaceful home, who exemplifies purity, self-control, kindness in her character and who gladly submits to her husband's leadership - for all the days God grants her life. I dare say there are few things that display the gospel jewel with greater elegance. This is true *feminine appeal*."

In today's world, women have many options when it comes to seeking success. Why not strive for what God sets forth as the purpose of a wife and mother and in so doing display the glorious gospel to a lost and dying world, and your own children.

Areas of Service

Deacon of the Month

Bill Roberts (427-2901)

Church Cleaning

Lewis & Ruth Rucker

Nursery Workers

May 1 — Ingrid Peters

May 8 — Amy Combs

May 15 — Melisa Gaines

May 22 — Rosemary Jessup

Nursing Home Visitation

May 22 — leave at 1:45pm