

## A GREAT MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

I hope your family showered you with gifts that demonstrated their love and appreciation for you. I wonder, did you get a good book to read? Did you get a new washing machine for Mother's Day?

Hans Rosling taught global health. His presentations are filled with statistics. That combination may seem like a sure recipe for a boring presentation. The opposite is true. In a presentation called "The Magic Washing Machine" he convincingly demonstrates that the washing machine was indeed the greatest invention of the Industrial Revolution.

If that seems like a bit of a stretch, consider this. The invention of the washing machine enabled everything from economic development through electrical efficiency to intellectual growth by reallocating free time for reading.

Are you convinced yet? If not, then let me clarify the argument: washing machines freed up enormous amounts of time and energy that people would have otherwise spent hand-washing their clothes. Also, add to that the time it took to haul the water and wood to wash the clothes. And there is an added bonus. Running washing machines with fossil fuel-generated electricity means a much slower rate of deforestation. Are you convinced yet?

And here is where the rubber hits the road, or perhaps I should say, here is where the soap hits the water. The invention of the washing machine meant that women—mothers especially—had more time to cultivate their minds and the minds of their children. Why? Machines like washing machines freed up time that would otherwise have been spent on the back-breaking drudgery of hauling wood and water, and hand-washing clothes. And it keeps getting better. It turns out that the more you read, the more your children read.

In the first century access to Scripture was both limited and expensive. Few people would have owned their own copy of the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, the vast majority of the Scriptures were owned by a community that was centered around the Jewish Synagogue. Now we also need to remember that less than 5% of the population of the first century Roman could read.

How blessed we are today to have washing machines and easy access to God's Word. How blessed we are to have mothers who wash their children's clothes and who read God's Word to their children. Have a blessed Mother's Day!

Grace & Peace  
Derek

### Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,  
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244  
**YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE**

## Family News & Notes

- **Helen Denton** is dealing with gout.
- **Julie Golden's** surgery went well. She is awaiting results.
- **Phillip Jones** has congestive heart failure.
- Raynee Randolph has an eye infection.
- **Lula Whittle** is at North Delta Hospice.
- **Richard Williams** is in Baptist Desoto with a bacterial infection.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Tom MacMillan, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Emily Ready, Jerry Richardson, Jack Usery, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Jane Winstead, Jeanette Williams.

#### REHAB:

**Hospice:** Lula Whittle

**SHUT-INS:** Mary Lou Bennett, Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Lynn Stalnaker, Helen Weathers.

**FAMILY:** Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Pam Edwards, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Mary Jackson, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-

### SYMPATHY

Goodman Oaks would like to extend our sympathy to **Ray and Dinah Glover** at the passing of her mother, Lucille Ivey, in Virginia.

Goodman Oaks would like to extend our sympathy to **Tim and Leslie Harville** at the passing of her mother, Linda Pickle, in Amory, MS.

### THANK YOU

The El Salvador Mission Team would like to thank everyone for their donations, help and support of the Yard Sale! The mission team will leave next month.

### SENIOR SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 20** we will be honoring our graduating Seniors. We will present **Allison Davis** (Desoto Central), **Silas Nelson** (Desoto Central), **Austin Rivers** (Lewisburg), and **Caroline Byrd** (Hernando) with a bible in the AM worship. Then a more personal tribute will be given in the evening service with finger foods, slideshow, and games. If you plan to stay after the evening service please bring enough finger foods for your family and extra to share! All are welcome!

### SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Camp is now open. Please be sure to go to [www.sardislakechristiancamp.org](http://www.sardislakechristiancamp.org) to register your child. The full amount is not due at registration. You can pay a deposit only. The dates for our session of camp are **Sunday, May 27 – Saturday, June 2!**

## Invite a friend to Worship

☞ The TLC's will meet at Hazel's **Tuesday, May 15, at 8:30AM.**

☞ VBS is **July 15—18, 2018**



### COLLEGE SENIORS

We want to congratulate all of our seniors graduating from college. This is the beginning for you not the end. Remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13.

**December Graduates:** Rebecca Dean— Business

**May Graduates:** Zane Coleman— Biology  
Drew Fowler— Accounting  
Marci Shumway- Nursing



### THANK YOU, TIM & COREY

It has been a blessing and a privilege to serve Goodman Oaks as a shepherd. Corey and I have a deep love for this congregation and an appreciation for the love and support that you have so graciously showered on us throughout the years. I have decided, due to personal reasons, to step down from the eldership. Corey and I will continue to faithfully serve in whatever capacity we can. We look forward to many more years of working side by side with you as we serve our Lord and as we reach out to the world around us.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you..." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

-**Tim Mobley**

Tim and Corey have richly blessed Goodman Oaks. We are thankful for their years of service both in Desoto County and on the mission field in El Salvador and Toronto. I am deeply grateful for their friendship, their service, and their leadership. To Tim and Corey, let me evoke God's blessing of **Numbers 6:24-26** upon you,

*The LORD bless you and keep you;*

*The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

-**Derek McNamara**

We regretfully accept Tim's resignation. Tim has served this congregation faithfully as one of your shepherds for the past 10 years. His leadership and desire to be a blessing to every person at Goodman Oaks is without question. We respectfully ask that you keep Tim and Corey in your prayers. We know that you along with each of us wish them the very best with this decision and their desire to continue to serve the Goodman Oaks congregation.

-**David Butler, Dean Hasler, Jimmy Eddlemon, Marty Brownfield, Richard Fraley, Phil Anderson, Randy Denton**

