

## A FAVORITE CHILD

Every mother has a favorite child. She cannot help it. She is only human. I have mine--the child for whom I feel a special closeness, with whom I share a love that no one else could possibly understand. My favorite child is the one who was too sick to eat ice cream at his birthday party -- who had measles at Christmas -- who wore leg braces to bed because he toed in -- who had a fever in the middle of the night, the asthma attack, the child in my arms at the emergency ward.

My favorite child spent Christmas alone away from the family, was stranded after the game with a gas tank on E, lost the money for his class ring.

My favorite child is the one who messed up the piano recital, misspelled committee in a spelling bee, ran the wrong way with the football, and had his bike stolen because he was careless.

My favorite child is the one I punished for lying, grounded for insensitivity to other people's feelings, and informed he was a royal pain to the entire family.

My favorite child slammed doors in frustration, cried when she didn't think I saw her, withdrew and said she could not talk to me.

My favorite child always needed a haircut, had hair that wouldn't curl, had no date for Saturday night, and a car that cost \$600 to fix. My favorite child was selfish, immature, bad-tempered and self-centered. He was vulnerable, lonely, unsure of what he was doing in this world--and quite wonderful.

All mothers have their favorite child. It is always the same one: the one who needs you at the moment. Who needs you for whatever reason --to cling to, to shout at, to hurt, to hug, to flatter, to reverse charges to, to unload on--but mostly just to be there.

Erma Bombeck

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

- **James Neal** is recovering from back surgery.
- **Ann Calvert** will have shoulder replacement surgery Tuesday, May 16.
- **Margaret Whalen** had a heart cath on Friday.
- **FM Hylander, Joe Rodgers, & Mark Beckworth** are home.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Sonia Henry, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Joe Rodgers, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Tonya Smith, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

### REHAB:

**HOSPICE CARE:** Katie Culley, Ann Estes

**SHUT-INS:** Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorenson, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy.

**FAMILY:** Jeanette Barnes, Bubba Davis, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Jane Mullins, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons, Mike Wolbright.

### SENIOR SUNDAY

Please join us **Sunday, May 21 from 5—8PM** for Senior Sunday as we celebrate this great achievement with **Atticus Nelson** (Desoto Central), **Kayley Underwood** (Harding Academy), **Deja Henry** (Southaven), **Noah Hammett** (Lewisburg), and **Jacob Robinson** (Hernando). Members are asked to provide finger foods for a light reception.

### BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for **Blair & Alexis Tomlinson, Sunday, May 28, from 3:00PM until 4:30PM.** They are registered at Target.

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Alex Williams & Emma McKean**, will be married **Saturday, June 17 at 2:00PM** at Goodman Oaks. If you wish to attend, please RSVP at [williamswedding61717@gmail.com](mailto:williamswedding61717@gmail.com) by **Saturday, June 3.**

### NURSERY WORKERS

#### May 14

**10:00 (0-24 mos)** Daphne Eddlemon  
Tonja Johnson, Misha Kimbell  
**(2 years)** Jennifer & Allison Davis  
**5:00PM:** Tricia Massey, Gwen Coker

#### May 21

**10:00 (0-24 mos)** Corey Mobley  
Renee Manner, Stephanie Akin  
**(2 years)** Mason Branning, Claire Sowell  
**5:00PM:** Lou Thomas, Susan Brownfield

## MOURNING AND LOVING

After months of practice, I now know about 5 1/2 chords on my guitar, 4 of which I can play without the strings buzzing. "I'm getting good," my ego whispers. Inevitably, I seek advice from more skilled players and I witness them handle the strings with ease and grace. "I'm the worst," reality whispers.

When you encounter someone so much better than you, it is hard not to despair. But Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

This is not self-pity. This is not being gloomy and weepy. This is a reaction to God's holiness. After we encounter Jesus and see his holiness and grace and majesty, we cannot help but see our shortcomings ('poor in spirit') and then weep over them ('mourn'). This is the moment you take an active view of yourself. This is when change begins.

First you hate yourself and then you love yourself. Being "poor in spirit" is the end of your ego. "Mourning" is the beginning of your love.

**Matthew**



### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

This summer our week/session of camp will be **May 28 – June 3.** If your child (ren) are planning to go please go to [www.sardislakechristiancamp.org](http://www.sardislakechristiancamp.org) to register them as soon as possible. Again, please register your kiddos, this helps us in planning for a great week of camp!



