

Mothers Love To Serve

By Dr. Charles W. Davenport

As we approach the celebration of Mother's Day on May 11th, a reflection on the gospel images of women might be in order. Mark 1:29-31 introduces us to Peter's mother-in-law. She is the first woman to appear in the Gospel. At first glance this passage seems to be little more than a bare report of a healing by Jesus. But notice the text says "the fever left her, and she served them." Males, if we notice these words at all, tend to explain their importance away by pointing out that the mother-in-law of Peter only offered the common service expected of first century women. But there are two things about the Gospel of Mark, as a whole, which put those words in a quite different perspective.

The first is a series of portraits of women set in the last week of Jesus life. Mark paints four images, (1) the poor widow who puts two cop-

per coins in the temple treasure, (2) the woman who came to the house of Simeon the Leper and anointed Jesus with costly oil, (3) the women who didn't desert the scene of the crucifixion when all the disciples had fled and (4) the women at the tomb on the first Easter morning.

All these images give significance to the phrase, "and she served them." These women bring to the gospel drama a readiness to serve and a sensitive perception of what serving means. The male disciples are called, instructed, sent on mission; but they seem unable to get themselves and their concern for power out of focus. The male disciples misunderstood, betrayed, denied and fled. The women, however, didn't ask what they could get out of Christ. They only asked what they could do for him, no matter what was happening to him.

The second thing that makes the passage about

Peter's mother-in-law important is the Greek word used for serve. The Greek word in this passage was used in general language to refer to the work of waiting tables, or seeing after someone's physical needs. It designated women's work and the duties of house slaves. The Gospels, however, used this Greek word for "women's work" to refer to the kind of service demanded by Jesus of His disciples. So in this way the Gospel of Mark drew a correlation between the work of women and service of Jesus. The bond of service demanded of Christian disciples is the kind offered by Peter's mother-in-law in Mark 1:29-31.

I confess that this rings true to my experience in the congregations which I have "served" as minister, there are those holy women whose selfless work gave substance to the corporate life of the church. Their way is always loving, kind and giving. This week, as we reflect on the gifts that women have given the Church through the ages, may we give thanksgiving for their unselfish service to God's kingdom. May the rest of us (males) see their lives as a loving, unintended criticism of our service.



MIRANDA SMITH

Miranda In Contests

Miranda Shea Smith, 8-year-old daughter of Buddy and Gloria Smith of Kings Mountain, has done well recently in Little Miss Beauty Pageants.

In the Tiny Carolina Star recently held in Dallas, N.C. Miranda won Beauty Competition and received a three foot trophy, crown and banner. She also won the Talent Competition with a clogging routine and won a two foot trophy.

Miranda also competed in the Miss American Dream Girl in Spartanburg, S.C. on May 3. She won the beauty competition and received a four foot trophy, a round gold crown and banner. She also won Miss Photogenic and received a trophy and crown as well as Most Beautiful Girl and won a trophy and crown. She was first alternate in talent. By winning beauty and placing in talent she now goes to Alabama in July for the Nationals.

GARDEN CLUB

Kings Mountain Garden Club members will meet for their last meeting of the club year for a luncheon Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Kings Mountain Country Club. All members are encouraged to attend.

TO EXHIBIT

Kings Mountain resident Barbara Windt will exhibit her pinecone wreaths and baskets with pinecones at The Prater's Mill Country Fair near Dalton, Ga., Mother's Day Weekend, May 10-11.



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Tignor Wins Second Half, Dilling Takes Season Crown

Tignor Construction won three games from Betty Hullender Tuesday night to wrap up the second half championship in the Mixed Duckpin Bowling League.

Tignor finished with a secondhalf record of 40-28 and won by six games over first half champion John Dilling (34-34). Betty Hullender and R.W. Hullender tied for third with 31-37 records.

Dilling and Tignor met in a bowl-off for the overall league championship and Dilling won three of five games.

In season-ending action Tuesday, Lib Gault's 129 line

and 350 set led Tignor over Betty Hullender. Dot Mobley added a 115 line and 313 set and Ethel Tignor had a 108 line and 302 set. Betty Hullender led the losers with a 119 line and 350 set.

In another match, R.W. Hullender won three games from Dilling. Hullender had a 116 line and 342 set and Helen Brackett added a 135 line and 321 set for the winners. Dilling had a 140 line and 374 set and Doris Ware added a 107 line and 314 set for the losers.

The league bowlers will officially end their season with a steak supper at Kelly's in Blacksburg.

Long Creek Attends Camp

Fourty members of Long Creek Presbyterian Church went on retreat last weekend to Camp Grier in Old Fort.

The group, which ranged in age from one to 75, enjoyed free time, boating, hiking, basketball, horseshoes, and other activities.

The theme for the event was "Disciples in Christ." At the evening meal on Saturday, the group was divided into 11 smaller groups. Each group was assigned one of the original disciples. They studied scriptured and tradition about their assigned disciple. A square of a community banner was constructed by each group to show the life of its disciple.

Two community worship events were held. On Saturday night around the lake, each disciple spoke and candles were used to symbolize the gospel's spread. The outdoor chapel was the location for the Sunday morning service at 9 a.m. Rev. Charles Davenport led the sermon and communion, and the groups constructed their community banner.

After lunch Sunday, the group descended the mountain with a new understanding of what it means to be a disciple in the world.

Bees Move Into Tie For First

The Vitamin Bees edged the Cardinals 8-5 Monday at Deal Street Park to move into a tie with the Optimist for first place in the Dixie Youth Minor League. Optimist dropped its first game of the season to the Yankees.

Brian Leftwich hurled the win and also had one of the Bees' two hits, a run-scoring single. Shannon Morrow had the other hit.

Leftwich, Paul Leigh and Blair Williams scored two runs each to lead the Bees of-fense.

Benji Ingle was the losing pitcher and Brandon Putnam, Sharee Hopper, Ferguson, Smith and Short each scored a run for the Cardinals. Hopper had the only home run of the game.

CHURCH PROGRAM

The time of Sunday School service at Piedmont Baptist Church is now 9:45 a.m., instead of 10, on Sunday mornings.

KMCC Team Invitational May 17-18 At Country Club

Kings Mountain Country Club's 10th annual Western Carolinas Team Invitational Golf Tournament will be held May 17-18.

The tourney will be a 36-hole, medal play event for men only. Teams will be flighted after Saturday's opening 18-hole round.

Entry fee is \$30 per player for non-members and \$25 per player for members. Entry forms may be obtained at the KMCC pro shop.

Due to a limited number of carts, only the first 50 teams will be accepted. Starting times will be from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Entry deadline is May 14. Any golfers accepted after that time must pay an additional \$5 entry fee.

One free practice round per player will be given before the tournament week. Call 739-5871 for starting times for practice rounds.

Entry fee includes green fares and entry fee. Carts are \$6 per rider. There is a two-shot penalty for being late.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the hole.

Entry forms may be taken to the pro shop or mailed to Kings Mountain Country Club Pro Shop, Box 106, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.



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6. Fixed assets (net)	1,184,305.48
7. Other assets	652,248.78
TOTAL ASSETS	\$44,112,632.73

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8. Savings Deposits	\$40,846,460.83
9. F.H.L.B. advances	.00
10. Other borrowed money	.00
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