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“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” *Psalm 1:3*



The Rivers

Thought of the Month: WAIT

The world that we live in today does not enjoy waiting, it is one of the hardest things to do. It is as though we are in a race, for which we have set the pace. This can cause us to race ahead of God. We feel better if we are **doing** something to address our needs; waiting forces us to rely on God.

David learned what it meant to wait on the

Lord. He was chosen to be the next king of Israel and he spent years waiting for God’s Word to come to pass in his life. He faced adversity, grief and discouragement. David also enjoyed the reward of waiting on the Lord. He became the greatest king in Israel’s history, and through his trials, he became a man after God’s own heart. David’s willingness to wait has blessed us all. The Lord Jesus Christ is of

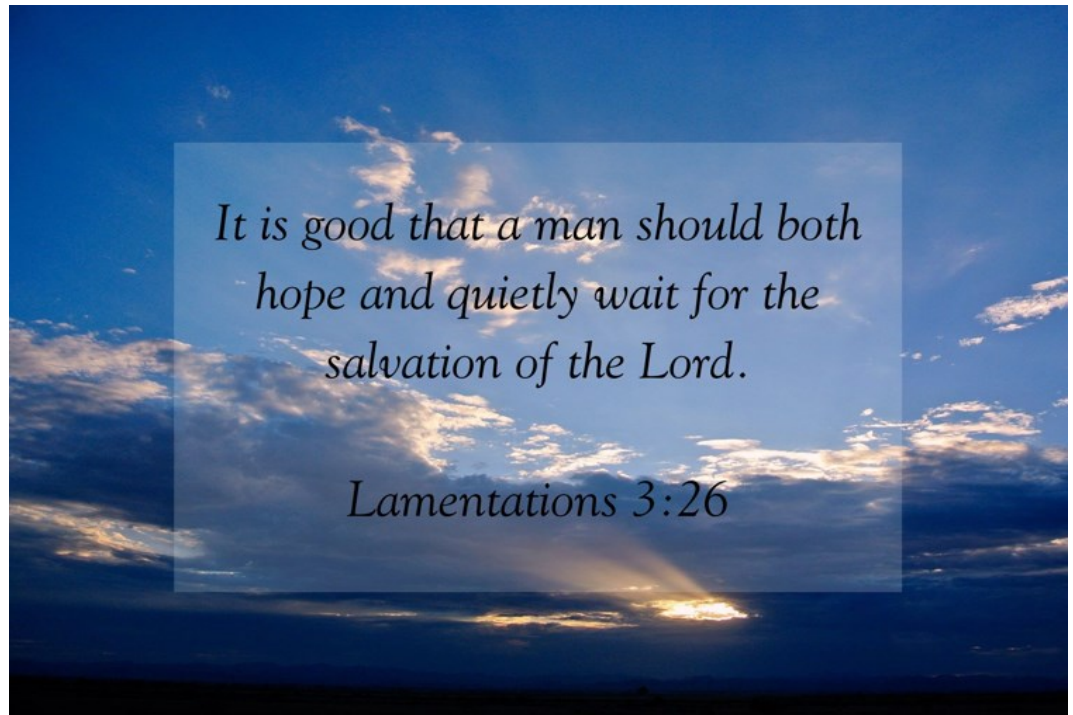
the lineage (earthly lineage) of King David.

Our times of waiting can be some of the most trying times (**John 11:1-6**) but they can also be some of the most rewarding times (**Isaiah 40:31**). “It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.” (**Lam. 3:26**).

Sis. Patricia Johnson

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Lamentations 3:26



Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.



The Rivers of Water Church is a missionary church with a world vision.



“As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.”

Isaiah 66:13a

Special Prayer

- Pastor Robert E. Drake II and Family
- Missionaries at ROW
- Haiti Mission
- Pastor David Mugalu
- Uganda Mission
- Nigeria Mission
- Camille Carroll
- Sis. Kimela Johnson
- Sis. Catherine Lee
- Zelda Morris
- Sis. Alice Sullivan
- Sis. Annie Wells

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” Eph. 6:18

Pray on, Saints!



Encouragement for Moms

Consider the word “Mother.” After a bit of research, I found some interesting information. One search revealed that the word derived from the Old English word “Modor” which comes from the Latin “Mater.” Mater is better identified in the phrase “Alma Mater,” meaning “nourishing mother.” I like the sound of that because it’s what mothers do and are expected to do. However, the concept of nourishing mother becomes more intense when we view it

through the lens of scripture. We know that no one has, nor can, care for us like our Lord, yet **Isaiah 66:13** tells us that God has comfort for us like that of a mother comforting a small child. Through that same lens we see that a mother’s duty is also her joy. She is a teacher. **Deuteronomy 4:9e**, “..... **but teach them thy sons and thy sons’ sons;**” In **Proverbs 6:20-23** mother and father teach the way of life, and she shares the law

of kindness, according to **Proverbs 31:26**. A mother’s legacy is in the faith imparted to her children (**II Timothy 1:5**). A mother’s hope is housed within her heart (**Proverbs 22:6 and Luke 2:51**). A mother’s reward is the appreciation shown in words and deeds by those who have benefited from her care (**Proverbs 31:28, 31**). A mother’s rest is in blessed assurance of the Lord’s strength and guidance in fulfilling her role. Not as an actor, but as in an hon-



Happy Birthday

- Tivina Drake 1
- Richard Fields, Jr. 12
- Edward Johnson II 21
- Thorea McKenzie 21
- Aldrick Oliphant III 21
- Cheryl Holcombe 24
- Felicia Beaudoin-Kyle 27
- Kimela Johnson 28
- Levi Jones 31

Happy Anniversary

*Brandon & Nykethia
Gipson*

May 26

*Jonathan & Raquel
Carroll*

May 28

Encouragement for Moms (continued)

ored position ordained of God via birthing or appointment. So then, she finds rest with the gladness God put in her heart (**Psalm 4:7, 8**) and in our Lord bearing her heavy burden in exchange for His light one (**Matthew 11:28-30**).

Stop and consider: there's no question that God really cares, even so, His nourishing is sometimes rejected. However, we are still in the age of grace and like a mother whose arms are still open to a wayward child, God bids us come and be nourished ... before it's too

late, for tomorrow is not promised.

As I have received God's nourishment, I've found out that Love is alive and it grows and thrives if we just open our hearts.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

Sis. Rosie Drake

Word of Encouragement

In this life, we face many challenges. Be encouraged to hold on and don't give up! We are encouraged to keep the faith, and walk by faith, not by sight. **Prov. 3:5** encourages us to trust in the Lord and lean not to our own understanding. We are encouraged to be of good cheer though trials and tribulations will come. (**John 16:33**). Finally, **Isaiah 40:31** says: "**But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**" **Jesus has overcome the world! (John 16:33)**

Sis. Kim Parker

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. "

Matthew 11:28-29



"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5





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*“Wait on the Lord: be of good
courage, and He shall strengthen thine
heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”*

Psalm 27:14

