

*Greetings from the "New" Galveston!*

Welcome to "Pastor Kelley's Korner"!

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## SEASIDE COMMUNITY NEWS...

**LOVE GOD  
LOVE THE FAMILY  
LOVE THE WORLD**

*Joshua 24:15 says, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

### ***P, B, & J BREAKFAST ...***

We will be doing another fund-raiser for children's camp on May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday of Memorial weekend. It'll be a P, B & J Breakfast. That's **Pancakes, Bacon, and Jesus!** I know we need more bacon! See Lauren to let her know what you can bring and when you can be here to help serve. And spread the word. Share the info post you can find on Lauren's FaceBook page. See you there!

### ***CHILDREN'S CAMP ...***

Here are the broad details about Kids' Camp so you can be praying ... June 23-28. For completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-6<sup>th</sup> grade. In GlenRose, Texas. In conjunction with Columbus Avenue Baptist Church of Waco. Cost is \$275. We are trying to cover the costs of sponsor fees and transportation, and also as much of the camp costs for the children as well (Hence the P, B, & J Breakfast!)

### ***DINNER ON THE GROUNDS ...***

Yep! It's happening again. Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is the third Sunday of the month, and that means Dinner on the Grounds! Bring some of your favorite food and we'll put it all together after worship for a grand time of fellowship.

### ***MISSIONS MINUTES ...***

It is exciting to see Seaside getting excited about missions of all kinds. We already are connected with the Humphries family in Alaska. And we give a percentage of what people give to the church to the local Baptist association (*That means county-wide stuff like the block party trailer we always use and other assistance programs for local churches*). Plus we try to get involved in local mission needs as they come to our attention.

We also have another way we cooperate to do missions. The Baptist General Convention of Texas was among those who helped us out a lot after Hurricane Ike, and they were also active after Hurricane Harvey. In the last few years we have hosted the Texas Baptist Men in our retreat center for some of the training they do for feeding people in crisis areas. The BGCT also does such things as train chaplains, provide help for churches who are building, support colleges and seminaries and hospitals, pay salaries of missionaries overseas and in North America, provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for church staff members, and do specific missions projects in Texas and all over the world. Sounds pretty exciting, doesn't it?

### ***BAPTISM IN THE GULF ...***

Baptism opportunities are available to you year-round at Seaside! That's one of the benefits of living on a tropical Island Paradise, right? And our first baptisms of the year will be taking place at our Easter Sunrise Service on the beach.

If you are a believer and want to take your relationship with Jesus to the next level, you are invited to join in this amazing experience in the Gulf of Mexico any time! Please let me know as soon as you can either at church or by email ([pastor@seasidefamily.org](mailto:pastor@seasidefamily.org)) so we can get you on the docket.

### ***A WORD FROM THE HUMPHRIES' ...***

Here are a few words from Lauren ...

“Mama wasn’t my first name, but it will forever be my favorite name.”

I saw this and smiled ‘cause it made me think of a funny story from a time Levi was getting made fun of at school. We were talking with him about what was going on and what people said and he says “Sometimes they call me tiny, sometimes they call me shorty, and sometimes they call me Levi - that’s my favorite!”

Hahaha. Mama is my favorite, oh and Meemaw too!

**TEACHING ...**

**Seaside Church  
12 May 2019 Mother’s Day!  
Exodus 20:12 “How to Honor your Mother”**

<<Show Mothers’ Day with kids video>>

It’s Mother’s Day! Did you remember Mama? What did you do, or are you planning to do today for Mom?

*A four-year-old and a six-year-old presented their mom with a houseplant. They had used their own money to buy it and she was thrilled. The older of them said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you. It was real pretty but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said ‘Rest In Peace,’ and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest.*

Share either:

1. A fond memory you have with your mother, or
2. One thing your mother taught you that stays with you.

<Mine: Mother and Grandmother - Don’t play with matches or you’ll wet the bed>

So obviously we are going to highlight Moms today. But remember as we go along that the principles are good for other relationships as well. Now on to mothers!

But first, let’s pray:

**Lord, help us to never be too busy for mom – any mom. You took time and great effort for your mom on the cross in your death. Help us to love the moms we have around us while we have them in our life! Amen.**

Ancient Hebrew law and wisdom had a lot to say about mothers. Check it out: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother. Prov 10:1

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Prov 23:22

Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death. Ex 21:15

Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death. Ex 21:17

If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him, his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. They shall say to the elders, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a profligate and a drunkard." Then all the men of his town shall stone him to death. Deut 21:18-20

Cursed is the man who dishonors his father or his mother.  
Deut 27:16

If a man curses his father or mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness. Prov 20:20

The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures. Prov 30:17

**And the classic we have already heard ...**

**Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Ex 20:12**

Mothers are interesting. Not only do they seem to be at times, 'superhuman' but they also speak the same language. It's not written in any book nor is it taught in any college but every mother seems to know the dialect. Have you heard:

"Don't get smart with me." (*have you ever wanted to say "Okay then, I'll be dumb"*).

"Just wait until your dad gets home"

"If you break your leg, don't come running to me"

"You ARE going to have fun"

"Where's my change"

"That's the last time I'm going to tell you."

And this one "Call when you get there"

My mother taught me...

RELIGION: When I spilled grape juice on the carpet, she instructed, "You better pray the stain will come out of the carpet."

LOGIC: From her decisive words, "Because I said so, that's why."

FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

IRONY: "Keep laughing, and I'll give you something to cry about."

STAMINA: "You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

WEATHER: "It looks like a hurricane came through your room."

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have a wonderful Mom like you do!"

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"

*Honor your father and mother.* OK. So what does that mean? **How do you honor your mother?**

## I. GIVE HER ATTENTION: Obedience, Affection

### *Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:41-52)*

The first step in learning to honor comes when we learn to obey. Jesus went through it, too, so you're not the only one with parents who expect you to do what they say. Through obedience you learn that even when they can't exactly verbalize the reasons why, most of the time they are doing the best they can to protect you. They are trying to show they love you in practical ways.

### ***Application:***

One of the things that I have learned in marriage counseling is that a lot of people, men in particular, have the philosophy – *I don't have to say I love you, you already know it. I have told you before, if I change my mind I'll let you know! Or, I SHOW love, not just say it.* That may be true, but a woman needs to hear those words, "I Love You!" And in case you have forgotten, your Mom is a woman. Some men would say, "I'm just not comfortable doing that" Well, then ...be uncomfortable!

*<Let me get you to do something for me. If you are a Mom, would you stand or at least wave? OK. There they are. Now when I count to three, look at one of these moms and say, "Mom ... I love you!" And you moms can say it, too, you know! Pick out another of the moms here.>*

*<Hold a doll>* She's the first person who ever touched you...she wrapped you up in her womb for months, and you came out and first priority was to hold you, and she cuddled you, stroked your head, rubbed your feet, held your little cheeks against her, gave you a finger to grasp...in love she did all these things, including grooming you with a licked thumb!

*<Do it to someone!>*

When you were little she could say, "give me sugar", and you'd pucker up and she'd accept your wet, sloppy kiss and even say thank you! You gave her bear hugs so tight she didn't have to hold on to you...you'd just cling to her as she walked around!

She changed your diapers, potty trained you, and held the Kleenex for you to blow your nose! She wiped food off of your face years longer than she should have had to!

She may have handed you off to a spouse, but now she deserves *your* touch and should never have to give that up completely! Give your Mom – or A mom - a hug.

<Go hug a Mom. You can do that one before you leave here today!>

Some Moms really respond when you surprise them by doing something for them. Like loading the dishwasher, or cleaning house, or actually doing what she asks the first time she asks. And here's a weird byproduct kind of thing: If you want to make your Dad happy ... do something for your Mom. When Momma's happy, everyone is happy!

**A second way to honor Mom ...**

**II. GIVE HER AFFIRMATION: Appreciation**

*Romans 16:13* is particularly interesting and it is one that scholars have struggled with over the centuries. Paul says: "*Give my greetings to Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.*" Now this statement could be taken two ways. It could mean that Paul had two distinct women in mind--the mother of Rufus and his own personal mother. Or, he could be saying: "I salute Rufus and his mother, who is like a mother to me."

If that is what he meant, then it raises some interesting speculation. When and where did Paul meet Rufus' mother? Did she let him stay in her home during his missionary journeys? How did this woman and Paul form such a close bond that he refers to her fondly in this public letter as being like his mother?

Mark says that Simon of Cyrene, the man who carried Jesus' cross, had two sons: Alexander and Rufus, as though these two men were well-known among the churches at the time Mark wrote his Gospel. Was this the same Rufus to whom Paul was speaking? If that is true, his mother would be Simon's wife. No one knows for sure who this remarkable woman was who served as a mother figure for the great Paul. But he gave her affirmation ... publically.

***So, give your Mom affirmation ... and do it in public!***

An elementary science class had been studying magnets, and how metal objects are attracted to them. At the end of the semester the teacher put on the exam this question: 6 letters, starts with "M", picks up things, what am I? Over half the

children wrote [say it together...] "Mother"!

She needs a sincere thank you, and not just today, but from a genuinely thankful heart when least expected!

And what ever happened to the little gifts you used to give her? Remember? The little yellow weed flower bouquet you picked yourself and she put it in a cup of water? Or the picture you drew for her that had its prime spot reserved on the fridge?

This afternoon sit down and write your Mom a thank you note. You may or may not be able to get it to her, but do it anyway. It will help you.

### **Want to honor your Mother?**

III. **GIVE HER ASSURANCE:** Provision for her Future (*spiritually* – ask about her salvation, *financially* – show her the checkbook, or at least explain Medicare and the IRA, *emotionally* – let her know she won't be alone and prove it)

#### ***Jesus on the cross John 19:25-27***

Mary witnessed the crucifixion from the foot of the cross. Can you even imagine how she must've felt?

Jesus turns to John and says, *take care of her*, and looks at his mother and says, *let him stand in my place as your son*. John lived a very long life. In fact he was the only apostle who died a natural death. Maybe it was because Jesus had charged him with the task of caring for his Mom.

Think about it ... Jesus is on the cross, bearing the weight of the sins of the whole world on His shoulders, yet He sees to it that His mother is taken care of after He is gone! As God, Jesus is dealing with eternal matters, but as a man, He's showing all of us today how important it is to take care of and love our mothers!

#### ***What does your mother want from you:***

*For you to serve yourself first*

*For you to clean your plate*

*For you to take the last scoop of mashed potatoes*

Here's a Mother's Day Math question: State your answer as a fraction: If there are 10 at the table and one apple pie, how much does each one get? Answer: One ninth!

"See, you gotta know my mother? If there's that many at the table and only one pie, she don't want none!"

She wants to know you are OK – *emotionally* (That’s why she says, “tell me about your date”), *financially* (Look how many kids move back in!), and *spiritually* (Check out **A LOOK AT SALVATION** below)

Sometimes with Moms it’s a lot simpler than we make it out to be. James Dobson read this on Focus on Family Radio. It’s a letter from an 80 yr. old woman on her birthday:

*To all my children:*

*This is a good time to tell you that what I truly want are things I can never get enough of, yet they are free. I want the intangibles.*

*I would like for you to come and sit with me, and for you to be relaxed. We can talk, or we can be silent. I would just like for us to be together.*

*I need your patience when I don’t hear what you say the first time. I know how tiresome it is to always be repeating, but sometimes I must ask you to repeat. I need your patience when I think too much about the past, with my slowness and my set ways. I want you to be tolerant with what the years have done to me physically.*

*Please be understanding about my personal care habits. I spill things. I lose things. I get unduly excited when I try to figure out my bank statements. I can’t remember what time to take my medication, or if I took it already. I take too many naps. Sometimes sleep helps to pass the day.*

*Well, there you have it: **Time, Patience, and Understanding.** Those are priceless gifts that I want.*

*Love,*

*Mom*

### ***One final story ...***

When the Lord created mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said,

"You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

The Lord replied, "Have you seen the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; Have 180 moveable parts ... all replaceable; Run on black coffee and leftovers; Have a lap that doesn’t disappear even when she stands up; A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointing love affair; And six pair of hands."

The angel shook his head slowly and said, "Six pair of hands? No way!"

"It’s not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It’s the three pair of eyes that mothers have to have.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks ‘What are you kids doing in there?’ when she already knows. Another in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn’t, but what she needs to know, and of course the ones in front that look at a child when he goofs up and say, ‘I understand and I love you,’ Without so much as uttering a word. I’m so close to creating something so close

to myself. Already, I have one who heals herself when she is sick ...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger ...and get a nine year old boy to stand under a shower. Not only can she think, she can reason and compromise."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the mother. "There's a leak," she pronounced, "I told you that you were trying to put too much in this model."

"That's not a leak," said the Lord, "it's a tear."

"What is it for?" asked the angel.

The Lord replied, "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You're a genius!" shouted the angel.

### **A LOOK AT SALVATION ...**

You need to understand that God loves you more than you could ever know. He wants to be in a personal, love relationship with you. However, we most certainly have proven that we have a problem. The Bible calls it sin, and sin keeps us from having that relationship. Simply put, God will not tolerate sin. It has to do with his nature of perfect justice. And the problem worsens because there is nothing we can do to take care of it. Quite a dilemma.

But God is, after all, God. He knew we would have that problem, so because of his great love for us, he said, "I'll take care of it. I'll do what is necessary." And what was that? Somehow God became a man - Jesus. He lived a perfect life. He died. And he rose from the dead. And because of that perfect sacrifice he made, our problem with sin is taken care of. It is now possible once again for us to have a personal, love relationship with God, with Jesus.

But wait. Remember that he wants the relationship to be one of love. He proved his love for us when he took the biggest risk of all in creating us - he gave us the right to choose to love him back. It was the only way for love to have any real meaning. So now you must choose. Will you love God back?

The best way to understand it is to follow the relationship idea. How did you start every relationship you have ever had? By talking, right? It's the same with God. That's all prayer is, anyway - just talking to God. You can say something like this: *"Jesus, I know I sin and I'm sorry. I believe your life and death and resurrection takes care of that problem in me. Best I know how, I want to turn away from that and turn to you. Come into my life and take over. You be the Boss. I choose to love you back. Amen."*

So did you pray it? Have *you* believed and confessed Jesus?

Your next step is to tell someone about it. It is an important enough decision that you need to be held accountable for it. That's what baptism does, by the way. It's a way to tell everyone that you have a new relationship with Jesus. And because it is a relationship, you will need to work at it.

Here are the discipleship basics according to Jesus:

1) Love God:

Read the Bible – learn his story (**Discipleship**). Who is this guy you are committing yourself to follow?

**Worship** – appreciate God for who he is. Pray – talk to him. Listen to him.

2) Love people:

Church – hang out with others who already know him (**Fellowship**).

Learn from them. Receive encouragement from them. Learn to worship from them and do it with them.

**Ministry** – find a place of service so you can try out this new life you are beginning. Get outside of yourself and do things for other people.

**Evangelism** – learn how to point people to Jesus. Build relationships with people who don't know Jesus.

### **LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER? ...**

Here's another opportunity for ministry ... If any of you Seasideers would be interested in doing some volunteer secretarial-type stuff (like making phone calls and entering new member information into our records and taking notes at discernment meetings), please let me know. Email me at [pastor@seasidefamily.org](mailto:pastor@seasidefamily.org) or let me know on Sunday.

### **SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCES ...**

No better time than right now to get started in a regular *small group Bible study* experience. Here are the ones going right now at Seaside:

*Men's Bible Study* meets at the Matthews home on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Check with Bob Matthews for details.

*Home Group* happens on Thursday nights at my house, around 7 p.m. Right now we are doing an overview of the Bible. Email me for directions to the house at [pastor@seasidefamily.org](mailto:pastor@seasidefamily.org).

*West End Community Bible Study (For ladies)* meets on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Lami home. See Dianne for details on that one.

*Holy Yoga* meets at 10:00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Jamaica Beach Gym. See Stephanie for details.

### ***FAMILY MINISTRIES ...***

God just keeps on bring kids our way, so we have a responsibility to touch them in ministry. Do you know of someone who is called to work with children and/or youth? Is it you?! Let me know where you have been called to serve and I'll help get you equipped to obey your Lord and follow your passion right here at Seaside!

### ***RETREAT CENTER INFO ...***

The Seaside Church Mission Outreach and Retreat Center at Jamaica Beach, on the West end of Galveston, has bunk/shower and kitchen facilities for groups of up to 60 available. This is a ministry of our church and operates on offerings only, in order to maintain the facility. Summers book up quickly, but we have the facility available all year. This is perfect for youth groups, camps, bible schools, special classes, and mission groups. This would also be a great place for a family reunion/retreat during Holidays and weekends throughout the year. Contact us now to reserve dates by email at [babandamber@gmail.com](mailto:babandamber@gmail.com) or [pastor@seasidefamily.org](mailto:pastor@seasidefamily.org).

### **COMING "STUFF" ...**

#### ***MAY ...***

- 1 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 2 - ***NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER*** - Noon at the courthouse steps in Galveston  
Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.
- 3 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym  
***CHRIST TOGETHER GALVESTON UNITED WORSHIP***
- 4 - ***CHRIST TOGETHER GALVESTON SERVOLUTION***  
AA - 7 p.m.
- 5 - ***WORSHIP*** - 10 a.m.  
***CHRIST TOGETHER GALVESTON SERVOLUTION - Celebration lunch***
- 6 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 8 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym  
Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.
- 9 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.
- 10 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym
- 11 - AA - 7 p.m.

12 - **WORSHIP** - 10 a.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

13 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

15 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.

16 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.

17 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

18 - AA - 7 p.m.

19 - **WORSHIP** - 10 a.m.

**DINNER ON THE GROUNDS**

20 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

22 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.

23 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.

24 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

25-27 - **MEMORIAL WEEKEND ... BE CAREFUL!**

25 - **P, B, & J BREAKFAST** (Pancakes, Bacon, and Jesus!) to benefit Children's Camp - at the church 8-11 a.m.

AA - 7 p.m.

26 - **WORSHIP** - 10 a.m.

**27 - MEMORIAL DAY**

29 - Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

Men's Bible study at Bob Matthews' house - 7 p.m.

30 - Home Group Bible Study at PK's house - 7 p.m.

31 - West End Community Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Yoga - 10:00 a.m. at the JB gym

**SEASIDE BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH ...**

**MAY ...**

1 - Terri Lynn McMurray

2 - Shelly Batten

5 - Brennan Geran

Molly Fox

Mary Morse

6 - Miles Ricketts

7 - Susan Luna

9 - Jennifer Morse

Sydney Morse

*Sophia Collins*  
11 – *Robert Howard*  
*Josiah Vaughan*  
*Doug Antley*  
12 – *Joan Antley*  
14 – *JoAnna Reedy*  
*Adam Butschek*  
*Cedric Geswender*  
15 – *Gus Savala*  
19 – *Mitchell Fry*  
23 – *Tiffany Lloyd*  
24 – *Lora Pat Boyer*  
27 – *Cory Anderson*  
28 – *Rick Morris*  
*Delbert Stewart*  
29 – *Anthony Thomas*  
31 – *Bryan Holt*  
*Jessica Kaye*

### ***CHECK THIS OUT ...***

There are four principles in evangelizing others with our lifestyle.

**4. *Reliance.*** We trust God for the results. We must relax in God's sovereignty. He doesn't demand results. He only asks faithfulness to a lifestyle of evangelism.

*From: New Christian's Handbook by Max Anders*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**Father, help us never to be too busy for mom – any mom. You took time and great effort for your mom on the cross in your death. Help us to love the moms we have around us while we have them in our life! Amen.**

I love you, Family!

Pastor Kelley