

fathers, provoke not your children to wrath."

(10) **Spiritual Nurture.** "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Gold in the Golden Text

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12.

The Fifth Commandment calls for parental respect and honor which involves filial love, genuine obedience, hearty imitation of all their good qualities, and the transmission of their influence in blessing to others. The promise is a guarantee not so much of lengthy individual life, though that is involved, as of a long and happy national life, for no country can survive the decay of its homes.

OBITUARIES

One hundred words free, and one cent a word for all over one hundred.

REV. J. F. REEDER

John Franklin Reeder, was born Dec. 11, 1860. Died June 10, 1946, at the age of 85 years, six months. Was born in Noble County, Ohio, but both parents were native West Virginians. His father, B. F. Reeder was the son of Richard Reeder, who owned a plantation in the Tygart River Valley. His mother, Rachel McCoy Reeder, was the daughter of James McCoy, who had a large water mill on the little Kanawha river. B. F. Reeder and his family soon returned to their native state and the boy grew to manhood in West Virginia, attending the public schools, playing ball, assisting with the farming, and timbering. He read the large family Bible through the winter he was eleven.

One of his teachers in high school gave him much help and encouragement in development of his talents in public speaking. He loved to debate at the local literary societies.

He was converted in early manhood, joined the Goose Creek Baptist Church, and at once took great interest in the church work. He taught in the Sunday School, led prayer meetings, helped raise money for the work, but all the time he felt a call to preach.

He married in 1891, Miss Sarah Fordham, who survives him. To them were born six sons, and one daughter. One son, Charles Delbert, was taken by death at the age of thirty-nine.

There are twenty-nine grand children and ten great grand children.

In 1898, he yielded and began to preach. He was soon ordained. The late Rev. G. A. Woolfer, moderator of the council, which unanimously voted for his ordination. He served churches in West Virginia, but failing health caused him to remove to Florida, in 1903. As his health improved he began to preach again.

He engaged in the bakery business for awhile and afterward in trucking, and poultry raising to pay expenses, but preaching the Gospel was his business, wherever there was a community with a few Baptists, but no church, he was there to help, and give counsel, and to preach, and churches were organized as a result of his efforts. He held pastorates at Gillette, Parrish, Terra Ceia,

Balm, Wimauma, Bee Ridge, Fruitville, Samoset, and Oneco, and preached at many other places. When he retired on account of age and infirmity he was still interested in the work, and wanted to help. He had bought many books, but the Bible was his favorite reading matter, and he continued to hold Family Altar services until his last illness.

He was laid to rest June 12, in the Cemetery at Palmetto to await the resurrection morn.

"Servant of God, well done, rest from thy loved employ, the battle fought, the victory won, enter thy Master's joy."

(Written by his wife, Sarah W. Reeder.)

MRS. EAVER RABY VERMILLION

"God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from us our beloved friend and faithful member, Mrs. Eaver Raby Vermillion, and has called her to that eternal home to be with Him."

"Mrs. Vermillion's life has been a blessing and an inspiration to all who knew her. Her devotion to her church, and family and her consecrated Christian life will have a lasting influence upon those who were associated with her. Surely the Lord was pleased with such a noble character.

"We submit humbly to the will of our Heavenly Father and express sincere sympathy to the family of our beloved departed member, committing them to the loving care of Him who alone can bring comfort at such a time of sorrow.

"Done this 2nd day of April, 1946."

Respectfully,

Avondale W.M.S., Jacksonville.
Mrs. Jewell A. Davis
Mrs. Norman Caydor
Mrs. J. Clayton Smith
Committee.

God in His infinite wisdom called Looke H. Bingham our beloved Brother, Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Choir Member, Member Building Committee for present edifice of the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville Beach, from his earthly labors on Thursday, March 14, 1946—leaving his wife and two sons—Herbert L. and Thomas V. Bingham.

He was a devoted husband and father, and a faithful servant of his Lord. His Christian influence will linger with us as a benediction to all who knew him.

Be it resolved, by the Church assembled, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy. May God bless and sustain them in Christian love.

W. P. Everson, Pastor.
Gertrude M. Horn, Clerk.

On February the 26th, Leonia Church lost our beloved Pastor, Rev. W. L. Strawn, who had recently moved his membership to our church and had accepted the church for full time work. He had drawn plans for our new building and had the Church well organized to go forward in a wonderful way, and while we know that God doeth all things well, we feel the need of a leader more than ever and can turn to the Bible and find where it says, All things work together for good to those who love

the Lord, and we feel sure that our loss is his gain.

Therefore be it resolved that we bow in humble submission to God's will and pray His blessing upon this bereaved family

That we send copy of resolution to his family, one to Baptist Witness and one for our church record.

Approved by Church, May 26th, 1946.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. R. G. WARE, MAYO, FLORIDA

On August 11th, 1945, Mother Ware, as she was affectionately known, was called to her heavenly home. She had been a member of the Mayo Baptist Church for a number of years and was a consecrated and loyal leader in the W. M. S. Her beautiful Christian life was an inspiration to those who knew her. Her influence will live on in the church and community in which she so faithfully served.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Will Winburn, Pres. of W.M.S.
Mrs. Mitchell Underwood,
Mrs. Leon Land.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ELDA WINBURN, MAYO, FLORIDA

On the morning of Oct. 22, 1945, the Angels bore quietly away to her heavenly home, the spirit of one of our best loved friends. She had been a faithful member of the Mayo Baptist Church for a number of years. She was gentle in disposition, however possessed great strength of character in her ideals of culture and Christianity in her home and church.

Her memory will live in the hearts and minds of those who learned to know and love her.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. M. Underwood,
Mrs. Leon Land,
Mayo Baptist Church.

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