



Local Church Ministries...Is An Outreach Ministry of FairHavens Baptist Church - Sarnia Ontario

# the GREATEST Influence!



Tomorrow (March 3 2009) my mother would have turned 104. I realize that not many people reach that age. My mother died when she was only sixty-two, I say only because I am now older than my mother when she died. We will also have our oldest grandchild turn sixteen tomorrow.

Our daughter was eleven months old when my mother died. Now we have six grandchildren and two children of our own. It doesn't seem possible that forty-two years have passed since that very sad day in October, 1968 when my mother left. She didn't have a prominent position in a church, in fact, we did not attend a church on a regular basis.

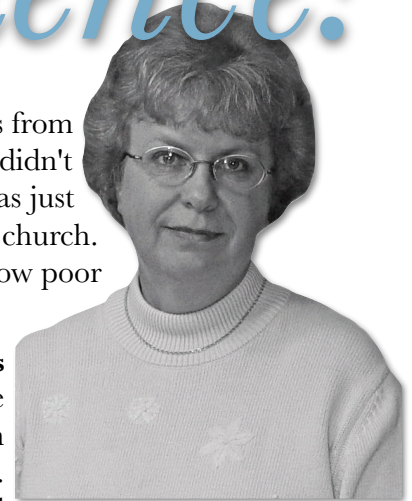
My father was not saved when my sister, brother and myself were growing up but that didn't stop our mother from teaching us about the Bible. She would order Bible courses for us to do from radio programs.

We did not have much money but she always managed to send support to missionaries. We were a family that received

boxes of food at Christmas from the Salvation Army. I didn't know why at the time, it was just a special gift to us from a church. Years later I learned just how poor we really were.

**My mother taught us from the Bible**, she made sure we had Christian standards in our home. Every afternoon she would go into her bedroom, shut the door and pray for over an hour for her family, for her husband that he would get saved, and for the missionaries she helped support for many years. At this time of the year I still miss her very much. Her three children are saved, married to Christians and serving in their church. She was, and still is a Godly example for me.

When my husband, and I travelled for several years having meetings in churches I always noticed the mothers whose husbands were not in church with them. I know how difficult it can be to raise children without a Christian husband to help. It was my mothers prayer life that enabled her to raise us.



*Daphne Kirkland*

*“Her children arise up, and call her blessed...”*

(Proverbs 31:28)

It seems that homes today have so much stuff, and so much to do that family devotions are a thing of the past. My mother ordered devotional books and courses for us

*“She looketh well to the ways of her household...” (Proverbs 31:27)*

to do. She led us in a family devotion every day after supper. My Dad would go watch TV at this time. Now it seems that families sit around the TV and eat supper.

My mother taught us what Bible standards should be in our lives. She set the example concerning Bible reading, prayer, dress standard, etc. We would never have been allowed out of the house in clothes that women are wearing today in our fundamental churches.

Why would a God fearing, Christian woman want to wear clothes that are so tight that they emphasize her body for men to look at and have sinful thoughts? The Bible tells woman to dress modestly, God didn't make suggestions on how we dress, it is a command.

What is wrong with the husbands and fathers of these mothers and daughters that they would want other men having wicked thoughts about their precious daughters and their wife? It is probably because they have no control in their home, wives are not being submissive to their husbands, which is also not a suggestion, it is a command.

My father was not an easy man to live with, he was very hard to get along with, he had a temper that was seen frequently and he was not faithful to my mother. In all of that, she was submissive to him as was, (“...fit in the Lord.”) and never ceased to pray for him every day. After her death, he received Christ as his personal Saviour.

It is a sad day in our fundamental churches when women, who are trying to raise their children according to God's Word, (which includes a dress standard, where we go for our entertainment, music etc.,) are ridiculed and looked upon as goody-two-shoes by many church members. My mother would be one of those women ridiculed today but I am very thankful that she walked with God and not the worldly Christian woman who are in many of our churches today.

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*“Godly women are writing their  
history, not on the pages of their  
own book, but in the lives of  
those around them whom they  
love and serve.”*

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*“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.” (Isaiah.59:19)*