

### Those to Serve

(B) Kevin Grant  
(FV) Calvin Burks  
(O) Doug Pruett  
(A) Kyle Stifflemire  
1st prayer Mike Mallett  
2nd prayer Calvin Burks  
Announcements: Keith Stifflemire  
Singing: Judd Wall

*Happy Birthday*

**Jana Wall May 18th**

**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**

**Loyd Crownover June 5th**

### Dates to Remember

**May 12th**

*Mother's Day*

**May 24th**

*Graduation for  
Evant & Gatesville*

**May 26th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**May 27th**

*Memorial Day*

**June 2nd**

*Mission Sunday*

### Prayer List:

Mike Lovell  
Letha Sheldon  
Ruby Jones  
Loyd Crownover  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

### Exalting Christ How do we exalt Christ?

We exalt Christ when we preach His word, when we follow His teaching, when we do only that which He authorizes, when we wear only His name, when we make Him the center of our affection and adoration, when we recognize Him as our only Head, Lord, and King. To do otherwise is to fail to exalt Him. -  
by Bill Hall

*Happy  
Mom's  
Day!*



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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."*

**Sunday Worship:**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**10:20 am Worship**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

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# Mothers Who Made A Difference

By Joe Chesser

The importance of godly mothers can never be overstated. Mothers are precious and invaluable. The service they give to the Lord by raising God-fearing children is well documented in scripture. In this article I want to point out a few who truly made a difference in this world simply by being faithful to their calling as mothers. Their example has affected generation after generation.

The story of Jochebed in [Exodus 2](#) is the story of a protective mother. Despite the decree of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, that all Hebrew boys be killed at birth, Jochebed protected her son by hiding him for a while, and then setting him afloat in a papyrus basket on the Nile. By God's providence Pharaoh's daughter found him and arranged for Jochebed, his mother, to become his nurse. This world is not the same today because of the protection and training Jochebed gave to her son Moses. Whether or not your son becomes a Moses is not important. What is important is the example of a mother doing what she could to protect her son so that God can use him when and how He chooses.

In [2 Timothy 1:5](#) is found a single statement that speaks volumes. It tells us that the great faith that was in Timothy was first in his grandmother Lois and then in his mother Eunice. Each of these mothers believed deeply in God and passed that belief on to their children. It further states ([3:15](#)) that from infancy Timothy had been taught the scriptures. These godly mothers not only taught their children the word of God, they demonstrated it through their sincere faith. Though they could not be preachers themselves, they helped train one that impacted the world.

Death by crucifixion was the punishment for condemned criminals to not only make them suffer physically, but to humiliate them as well. While most people mocked and jeered at those crucified, near the foot of Jesus' cross was a handful of women who were loyal to Him. This small support group included Jesus' mother and an aunt ([John 19:25](#)). It is commendable for mothers to be supportive of their children, even when circumstances are embarrassing or extreme. Moms don't give up on their children. Jesus rewarded the loyalty of his mother by asking John to take her into His care ([19:27](#)).

On this Mother's Day, it is appropriate to show special appreciation for our mothers, especially for those of us whose mothers are godly and faithful, mothers who are making a difference in this world one child at a time. May we be reminded on this very special day to follow God's command to honor our mothers!

# The Seven "I AM" Statements of Jesus in John

By David R. Ferguson

Of all the accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of John arguably provides the most evidence of His Divine nature, and probably none more so than the seven "I AM" statements Jesus makes about Himself. Each of these seven declarations gives insight into the Godly character of Jesus as the Son of God. Each of these statements declare for anyone with ears to hear and with eyes to see that Jesus was... no mere Prophet of God, He was literally what His prophesied title of Immanuel meant: He was "God with Us" ([Matthew 1:23](#)). "I AM the Bread of life" ([John 6:35](#) [RSV]). Jesus was the Manna from God, but He also is the Living Word that sustains mankind ([Deuteronomy 8:3](#); [John 1:1](#)).

1. "I AM the Light of the world" ([John 8:12](#) [RSV]). "God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all" ([1 John 1:5](#) [RSV]). Can it be any clearer Who Jesus is?
2. "I AM the Door" ([John 10:9](#) [RSV]). Jesus is the passage to the Father that all must pass through for salvation from their sins.
3. "I AM the Good Shepherd" ([John 10:11](#) [RSV]). "The Lord is my Shepherd" wrote David in [Psalm 23:1](#). Jesus is that Lord!
4. "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" ([John 11:25](#) [RSV]). Only those in Christ will be resurrected to eternal life, something only God can bestow.
5. "I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" ([John 14:6](#) [RSV]). Jesus, and only Jesus, is the pathway to the eternal truth of God and life in Him.
6. "I AM the True Vine" ([John 15:1](#) [RSV]). Any other vine is false and will lead to utter and eternal destruction from God's Presence.

Perhaps the most compelling statement of His Divinity came when Jesus forthrightly declared in [John 8:58](#) [RSV], "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Anyone could make such a claim, but only Jesus could back it up. The miracles He performed culminating in His resurrection proved He was, indeed, Divine. Jesus was and is the Living God Who took on human flesh!

May the Living God bless you and your family!