

THE BEREAN ROADCASTER



¹The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. ²What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows? ³Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. ⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: ⁵Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. ⁶Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. ⁷Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. ⁸Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. ⁹Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy. ¹⁰Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. ¹¹The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. ¹²She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ¹³She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. ¹⁴She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. ¹⁵She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. ¹⁶She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ¹⁷She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. ¹⁸She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. ¹⁹She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. ²⁰She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. ²¹She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. ²²She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. ²³Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. ²⁴She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and she girdeth unto the merchant. ²⁵Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in the days to come. ²⁶She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. ²⁷She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. ²⁹Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. ³⁰Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. ³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Thank you, Now



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FROM THE EDITORS

To all Mothers: Thank you!

In today's society, most holidays are celebrated one day of the year and not acknowledged again until the next.

These "special days" exist because someone deemed it necessary - recognizing that the should-be-always-celebrated are not celebrated as they should.

As a church community, however, we can change that! After all, it is demanded of us by God to do so. In this issue, read heartfelt tributes and testimonials from the Berean community about their mothers.

Also, enjoy our mother and children picture gallery.

Remember to make Mom feel like you are beyond blessed to have her.

Read well.

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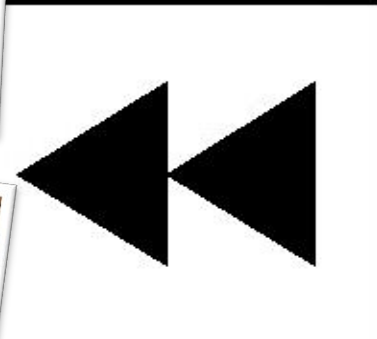
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Courtesy of Maureen Williams

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Happy Birthday!!!

WORD OF THE MONTH

Enatic

(ee-nat-ik)

adj. Related on one's mother's side

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Reward her for all she has done. Let her deed publicly declare her praise.

Proverbs 31:31 (NLT)

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you are cooking meat and it becomes very salty, throw in some potatoes to draw the salt. If you want, you could eat the potatoes too – they will have the right amount of seasoning and flavor.

A Mother's Love & Sacrifice

Hannah, mother of Samuel
Hannah, who was childless, made a vow to God that if He gave her a son, she would dedicate him to God to serve in the temple.

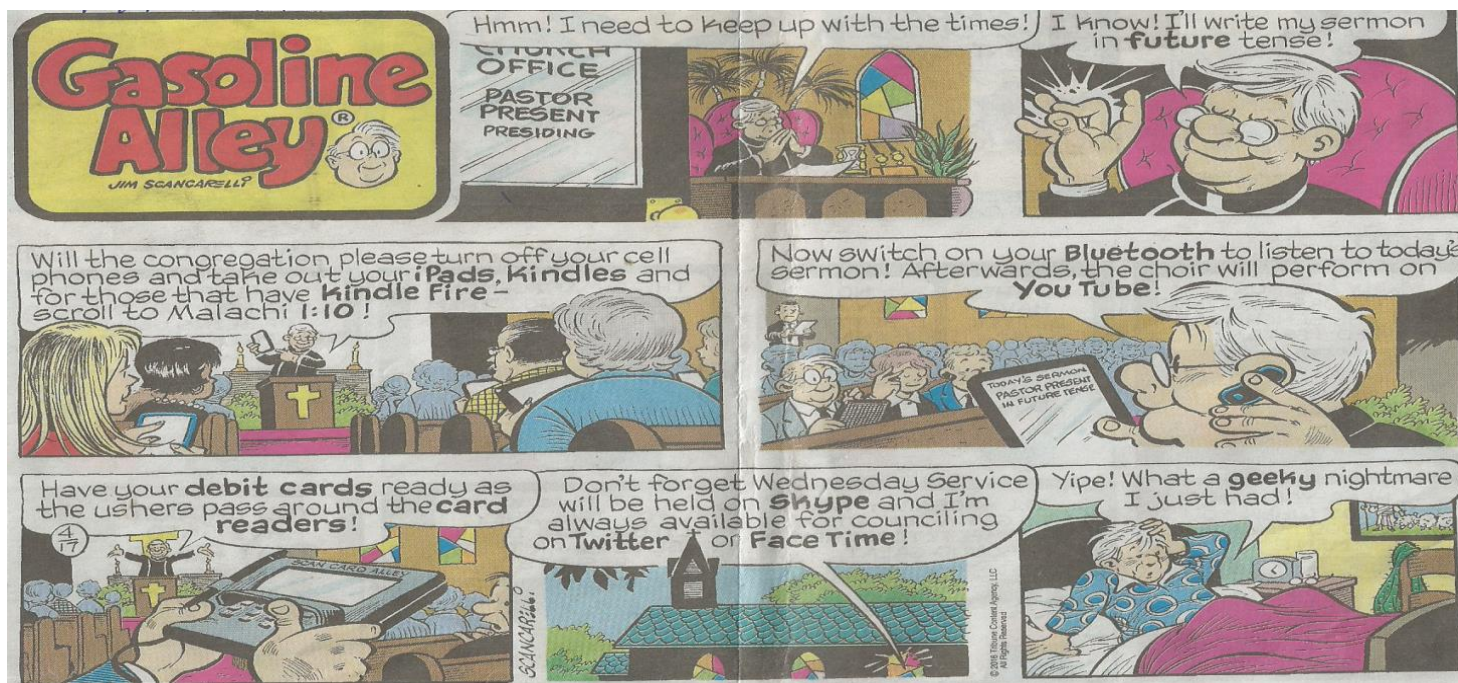
Lesson: The greatest love a mother can show is dedicating her child to God.

Two women came before King Solomon, bringing with them a single baby boy. Each woman had a child, but discovered in the morning that one child had died and accused each other of having stolen the others baby. King Solomon ruled that the only fair decision would be to split the live child in half. The real mother cried out for King Solomon not to kill the baby and give it the other woman.

Lesson: A true mother will make the sacrifice of giving up her child in order to save its life.

Pharaoh ordered that all the Jewish male infants be killed. Jochebed wanted to secure her son's safety, so she sets him afloat on the river, where the bathing Pharaoh's daughter would find him and spare him an ugly fate. She later offers herself as the baby's nurse and essentially raises him, keeping him connected to his faith and roots.

Lesson: A courageous mother will give her child to another, to secure its future, health, and happiness.



SUBMITTED BY SIS. LINDA NANCE

A Mother's Poem

BY TANISHA GRIFFITH & FAITH GOFF

You call her kind, because she was a
living sacrifice
the vessel that fed and carried you for
the 10 months you were made.
You call her caring, because for you, she'll
be there
helping and guiding you through life
with care.



For mom, Silvia Laventura-Goff

You call her enthusiastic, because she's
happy for all that you are
so when you ace that test or you're
happy about your dance
She's simply happy to see you smile.
I call her mom because like her there is
no other!
The WOMAN GOD provided for me to call
MY MOTHER!!

To Mom

BY FRANKLYN PHILLIP, JR.

She's a super hero!
That's right! My mom is nothing
short of a superhero and a blessing
from God. She is a prayer warrior
and believes in me more than I could
ever believe in myself.
God made her imperfections perfect
in every way because she knows just
what to say to make me feel good in
the best of situations and in the
worst.
Her tough, honest and true love is
the most unconditional love that a
son could ever ask for.
I love you always.



For mom, Doila Phillip

Life as a New Mom

BY: ROSE SMITH

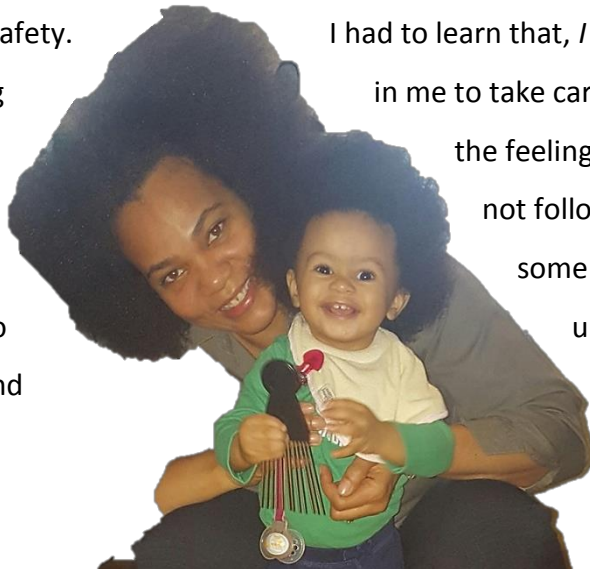
"Sometimes I feel like a motherless child...", but who sings about the childless mother? I often heard that children are a gift from God, and if God said "no good gift shall I withhold from you", was it that I didn't deserve this gift or was this not the gift that God had for me. *Why did I continue to have this unquenchable desire to be a mother?*



I'm still amazed at the manifestation of my years of praying for a child. I still have moments that I look down as I'm holding *Madison* and thankfully weep. The *joy of motherhood* has been a long, painful journey, so I relish when my daughter's face lights up when she sees me and reaches out for me. As joyful as motherhood is, it is equally challenging. I now have this little person that I have to take care of and keep safe at all times. I have to anticipate her needs and be ready at all times to fulfill them. It's not easy and at times it is scary to think that this fragile *person is counting on me*. Am I really living up to her needs? Am I a good mom? My husband *George* said to me just the other day as we were driving to work, *"I remember when you told me that you wouldn't be able to change poopie diapers, but as soon as we got Madison, it's as if a switch went on and you automatically went into mommy mode - you had it in you the whole time."* I've learned that motherhood has forced me to push beyond my personal comfort zone and come face to face with the fact that I will do whatever I have to, for my child's comfort and safety.



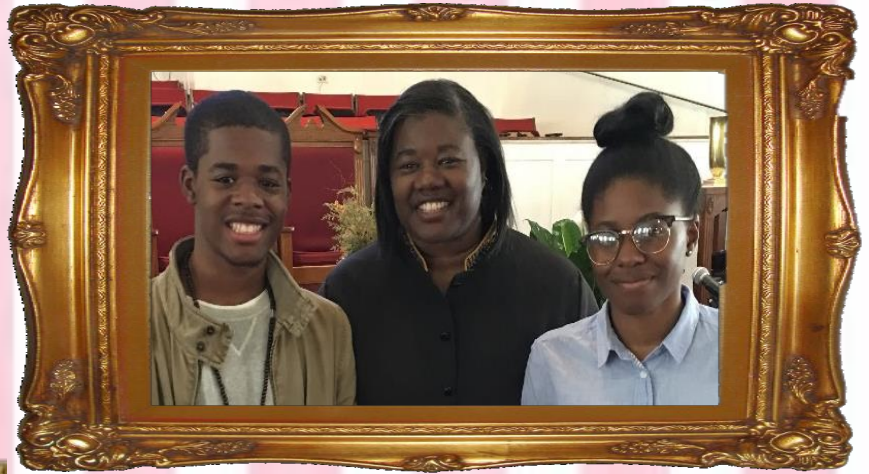
deposited something if that means I hurt *my own mother* - way. Sure I've had being given, I have to As *Madison* grows and milestones are good steward of this



I had to learn that, *I have to learn Madison* and that God has in me to take care of this child that He has given to me, even the feelings of well-intentioned friends, family (*even not following their advice, but doing it my own some hits and misses. And with so much advice ultimately decide what is best.*

her personality takes shape and her reached, I just continue to pray to be a precious gift and *answered prayer*.

With our



Mothers

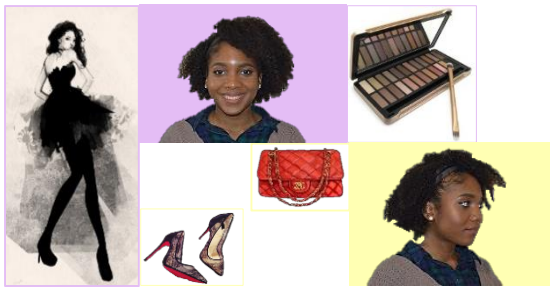


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THE BEAUTY BEAT W/K. HILLS



MAKEOVER FOR MOM

So even though the weather hasn't caught up yet, we are in the Spring season and Mother's Day has arrived.

Want to do something nice and different for mom this year? *Let's talk makeovers!*

Now makeovers do not have to stop at the makeup, hair, or wardrobe.



You can make over the house or the garden!

Maybe mom's favorite area of the house can use a little sprucing up. Replace that old chair with a new one or paint it in mom's favorite colors and add in some of the things she likes. I'm sure her eyes will light up when she sees the transformation.

If mom likes to garden, take some time out and plant with her and makeover the garden. Plant her favorite flower and once spring and summer come along watch the garden come alive with her favorite plants.



Kyrie & her mom, Patricia Hills

But quite possibly, you might need to be the one made up! Is mom *FABULOUS* and is always telling you to do something with your hair and that sweat clothes are going out of style? Maybe you should pull out that dress she gave you and try it on - you never know how much you might like it. Because Moms always know Best! Right?

No matter what you do or get for your mom this Mother's Day, just remember to make sure she knows how much she means to you.

Until Next time Berean Beauties,

K. Hills

ADELE MARTIN

AGE:

64 years young

OCCUPATION:

Retired D.O.E. Assistant
Principal

Currently employed as a
Real Estate Broker



EDUCATION:

Baruch College,
Masters in Business Education

Touro College,
Masters in Supervision & Administration

LOCATION:

New City, NY
Brooklyn, New York

FAVORITE MOMENT:

Working with high school students was fantabulous 90% of the time. Calling their names at graduation took me to the culminating 100%, which I loved to see. This included my son, Toriano, one year.

ADELE'S ADVICE:

"We cannot do things without support from God, our family, and our friends. We are not to think of ourselves as being an island. Psalm 121 says it all for me - I sing it and I say it whenever I need to reassure myself."

THE PROFESSIONAL



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DOES YOUR VOTE COUNT?

What you need to know about the Electoral College—and how it will work this November

By Kathleen McCleary



The Electoral College doesn't have a sweatshirt, a logo or a mascot. It's not a physical building, its members never get together (except with colleagues from their own state) and it ceases to exist as soon as it has performed its function. The term "Electoral College" doesn't even appear in the Constitution. Yet its 538 members are responsible for one of the most significant tasks in the world: choosing the president of the United States.

When you cast your vote for president this November, you're not voting for the candidate on the ballot, you're voting for which group of electors from your state—Republican, Democrat or some third party—get to vote for president. If you don't understand exactly how it works, you're not alone. "For most Americans, even those who study it, the process is still a mystery," says Christina Greer, associate professor of political science at Fordham University.

How does the Electoral College work?

It works a lot like Congress: The U.S. is divided into 435 congressional districts, each of about 710,000 people. Each district elects one person to the House of Representatives. Every state elects two senators. Electoral College votes are allocated the same way. (The District of Columbia is the exception; it doesn't have representation in Congress, but it gets three electoral votes.) There are 538 total electors, each with one vote.

In a presidential election, every party picks its own group of electors. The candidate who gets the most popular votes in a state on Election Day "wins" all the electors for that state (except in Maine and Nebraska, where electors are doled out differently, see page 14). Electors then meet in their own states on a set day in December and vote by paper ballot. Results are sent to the vice president and other officials, and the



Lost the Popular Vote but Won the Election



John Quincy Adams
1824



Rutherford B. Hayes
1876



Benjamin Harrison
1888



George W. Bush
2000

Electoral College is dissolved (until next time). On Jan. 6, Congress meets and states' electoral votes are counted.

Why do we elect presidents this way?

The Electoral College process is outlined in Article II, Section 1, of the Constitution. It was adopted at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and was the process used to elect George Washington. The system reflects the Founding Fathers' concern with separation of powers and checks and balances. The people get to vote for president, the states retain plenty of power (each state gets to decide how to choose electors and how to divvy them up) and electing a president is a separate process from electing members of Congress.

Originally, electors each voted for two people. The person with the most votes became president and the second-place finisher became vice president. The Twelfth Amendment (ratified in 1804) changed that. It requires electors to specify a candidate for president and vice president, which is how we do it today.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE PROS

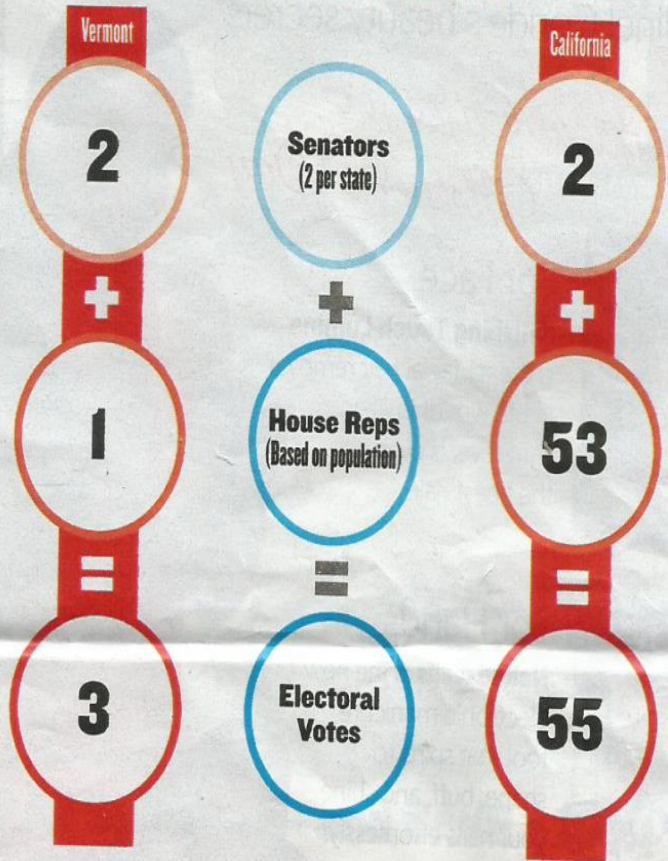
► **It's pretty accurate.** The Electoral College has a more than 90 percent success rate," says Thomas Neale, elections expert at the Library of Congress, meaning electors have chosen the candidate who won the popular vote more than nine out of 10 times.

► **The winner wins with a clear majority.** Because 48 states use the "winner take all" method, "all you have to do is get 50 percent [of the popular vote] plus one and you get all the electoral votes," says Neale. It avoids the possibility of an election with "50 Floridas" (a reference to the 2000 election)—in which states end up recounting popular votes.

► **A president for all the people.** "The biggest thing the Electoral College does for us is ensure that the presidential candidates have to reach out to a variety of people," says Tara Ross. No one region—Midwest, East Coast, etc.—has enough electoral votes to elect a president. So even someone who's a regional favorite (say, Hillary Clinton in the Southeast) still has to reach out to other regions to win.

THE ELECTORAL EQUATION

How votes per state are distributed



Who are the electors?

The Constitution requires that electors can't work for the federal government and can't vote for a president and vice president who are both from their own state. And that's it. The rest is up to each state.

During early presidential elections (before 24/7 coverage of candidates), "people were more likely to know who their electors were than to know the presidential candidates," says Tara Ross, author of *Enlightened Democracy: The*

Case for the Electoral College.

Some states choose electors during party conventions; some states have the party central committee pick electors; in Pennsylvania, presidential candidates choose their own electors. Electors are "prominent party figures" in their state (governors, state legislature leaders, long-term poll workers), loyal party members who can be counted on to vote in accordance with their state's popular vote. In a year like this, with a highly

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• Make a Donation to BCFLC (Make checks payable to Berean Community and Family Life Center.)

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Christ Fellowship Baptist Church

June 3rd – Rev. Dr. Gary V. Simpson
The Concord Baptist Church of Christ

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Pastoral Anniversary Service



Dear Mom,

*You are a blessing from up above.
God knew what he was doing when he made you
my mother and I could not ask for a better one.
I can talk to you about just anything. Our
conversations are wonderful and I enjoy every
moment we share. You taught me self-respect, to
never let anyone take advantage of me and to
always speak my mind.
Mommy, I am the woman I am today because of
you. No one else taught me better and no one else
could. I love you with all of my heart.
Mommy, you are my best friend in the world.
Happy Mother's Day to you. I am very proud and
honored to call myself your daughter.*

Love, Alicia



*Alicia Fabre with her
mom, Marjorie*

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