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## With Every Remembrance

Mike King



The apostle Paul in writing to the Philippians, whom he loved dearly, said, *“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you”* (Phil. 1:3). That pretty well expresses my feelings toward the family of God at New Albany. It is always an exhilarating experience to worship with my brethren at New Albany. You are most encouraging to Sheila and me in our efforts to serve the Lord and the New Albany congregation. You are to be complimented for the wonderful way that you listen and your obvious respect for the Word of God. I have spoken in many countries and states and have yet to find a group that listens as respectfully and intently as do the New Albany members. There are so many others who could say more and say it better, but I am always flattered to have the opportunity to strive to direct your attention to God’s Holy Book. Sure, I feel much inadequacy and unworthiness in presenting the Word as you probably do in receiving it, but God has seen fit for His truths to be conveyed in human vessels. Cracked and chipped we may be, but carry His word we must! Thanks for your efforts to be good students and conscientious listeners so that together we might maintain interest, excitement and involvement in our work, worship and service to God. Please, be in constant evaluation of yourself and have a willingness to change, improve and better respond to influence and nudges to assist you in being more effective in living as spiritual individuals. Give serious consideration to constantly be reviving the inner man. Strive to find how you fit into God’s scheme of growth and service.

Isn’t it splendid to think of all the things there are to find out about?  
It just makes me feel glad to be alive – it’s such an interesting world.  
~ Montgomery ~

The First Century church members were consistent in all that they did. *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine (teaching) and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers...And all that believed were together, and had all things in common”* (Acts 2:42,44). “Steadfastly,” means “continually; regularly.” This passage further indicates (vs. 46-47) they were spiritually involved on a daily basis. Don’t you suppose anything that can be impactful and life-changing should be done as often as possible? They were engaging in worship, uniting their hearts and energies in being happy (gladness) and with unity (singleness of heart). Great benefits came from their efforts of *“praising God.”* They found their spiritual life-styles were warmly received by their neighbors (favor with all the people) and that the young church grew daily as additional souls were being added to the ranks of the saved in the family of God. The same principles still work today. We need to be spiritual, busy, happy, generous, united worshippers of God to deserve His favor and that of our community!

## WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

A young somewhat cocky cowboy was riding his horse one day when he spied a hunched-over old farm hand on a mule. Deciding to have a little fun, the young cowboy drew his six-shooter and told the old man to get off his mule. He then asked the old man "if he had ever danced" and began to empty his revolver at his feet with great laughter.

The old man slowly turned back to his mule (unamused) and put his hand into his pack and drew a shotgun, aimed it at the now bulletless young cowboy and said, "Did you ever kiss a mule?"

To which the young cowboy said with fright, "No, but I have always wanted to!"

There is nothing like a bullet for motivation. What is it, though, that provides you with the motivation to serve God day after day?

Perhaps you are motivated by the fear of punishment if you don't. It's a valid motive - - that's why Jesus told us about heaven.

But I would suggest to you that there is an even higher motive and that is to serve God out of a love and appreciation for all that He has done for us.

As a parent, that is what I hope for my children. They may at times obey me to avoid punishment or to gain some reward I've promised them, but I hope that in time they come to listen to me simply because they love and respect me.

*"We love Him because He first loved us."* (I John 4:19)

Whatever your motivation, may you give your life wholly to God this day!

~Alan Smith

## BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who led a rebellion against the authority of Moses and the ground swallowed them up? Numbers 16: 1-35  
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2. The gift of the Holy Spirit that was given in Acts chapter 2 was spoken by which prophet of the Old Testament? Acts 2: 16-21 & Joel 2: 28-32 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. 2 Tim. 2:3
4. Who took the place of Judas as one of the apostles? Acts 1:23-26 \_\_\_\_\_
5. When Hezekiah was sick unto death, what prophet told him that he was going to die? 2 Kings 20:1  
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## YOUTH NEWS

- Congratulations to all of our youth who participated in both the Junior and Senior Bible Bowls this past weekend. The Junior Bible Bowl group answered all their questions and the following were able to say their memory verses; *Clay, David, Dillon, Madison* and *Olivia*. At the Senior Bible Bowl our senior group placed second and *Daniel* and *Hunter* said their memory verses. We are so proud of them! Please keep encouraging these young people.
- Thanks to *Greg* and *Kim Clayton* for hosting the Youth Devo following services this past Sunday. We appreciate them and all they do here at NA.
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held on February 13th ,at the Zion Rest Church of Christ.

**For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016**

### PRAYER LIST

**Margaret Bailey**, mother of *Paige Young* is now under hospice care. Please remember this family during this difficult time.

**Faye Owen**, mother of *Joe Owen* has returned to Graceland Nursing Home and is under hospice care.

**Ronnie Griggs**, is doing well following his heart procedure.

**Eleta Grimmett**, will return to her doctor at the UAB hospital in Birmingham Thursday. She is still having a difficult time.

#### Continual Prayer

**Maxine McCarley, Wadie Lepard, Diane Jackson, Allen Kelly, Jim Dickerson, Will Bowlin, Robert Hancock, Hugh Collins, Margaret Bailey, Donna Haynes, Shane Crofts, Bill King, Terry Young**

#### Shut-Ins

**Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest**

#### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

**Corrine Hall, Faye Owen, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden**

#### Military List:

**David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole**

#### SAGE ADVICE

When praying, don't give God instructions....just report for duty.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 29.....Alice Ashmore  
January 29.....Victor Ashmore  
February 02.....Miriam Styers  
February 05.....Paige Young

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 29.....Victor & Alice Ashmore (58th)  
January 30.....Raymond & Amy Vest (74th)

### OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an Open House at the new home of *Austin & Jessica Garrett* Sunday afternoon, February 6th, from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Their home is located at 1119 Cr 73 New Albany, in the Beulah community just off of Hwy 178.

### 5th SUNDAY SERVICE

Next Sunday, January 30th, we will have an All Day Service. We will have a covered dish meal following our morning worship. Adult I Class is in charge of preparing the fellowship building for the meal. Our evening service will be at 1:15pm., led by the senior men of the congregation. *J.L. Eaton* will bring the message and *Olen Clark* will be leading our singing. Come enjoy the day with us.

### AREA EVENTS

- **Young Ladies' Day...** Jan. 29 at the Foote Street Church of Christ in Corinth.
- **Zion Rest Church of Christ Ladies' Day 2011** will be Feb. 12th from 9:00-11:30.
- **The 75th Annual Bible Lectureship** at Freed-Hardeman University will be held Feb. 6-11.

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## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	117
Sunday A.M .....	146
Sunday P.M .....	107
Wednesday .....	100
Contribution .....	\$3,190.82
Budget .....	\$3,455.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Bill Botts
A.M. Prayer.....	Jason Jennings
Closing Prayer.....	Dan Cobb
P.M. Prayer.....	J. L. Eaton
Closing.....	Carl Smith
Wed. 1/26.....	Gary Turner
Wed. 1/26.....	Randy Wall
Usher & Lock.....	Greg Clayton
Greeters.....	L & N Weaver



**PANTRY ITEM:**  
**Canned meat**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School .....	9:30
Morning Worship .....	10:30
Evening Worship .....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....	534-6671
Troy Robertson .....	534-3491

## DEACONS

Bill Botts .....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

## MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
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## “DID DADDY GO TO HEAVEN?”

The other day, one of our ladies, Mildred, came to me, burdened with grief over the death of the husband of a life-long friend who is closer than a sister to her. The man was in his early thirties and was killed in an accident, leaving his wife and small children.

Because of the distraught and shocked condition of the young widow, it fell Mildred's lot to take the eight-year-old daughter to see the body of her father at the funeral home, and also to accompany her to the funeral service.

The little girl kept asking, “Did Daddy go to heaven? He never did go to church.” No answer that was given to her seemed to satisfy. They explained that we cannot judge or say whether people have gone to heaven or to hell, but before long, the little girls would be heard asking the same question of some other member of the family.

Deep down in her innocent heart was the gnawing realization that her Daddy's life had not been filled with those things that give hope at death, and take away its sting.

Mildred said that she didn't think that she could ever erase from memory the expression of that little girl's face or the tone of her voice as she repeated her pathetic question.

Death has its ugliness, however it may be viewed. It always wounds deeply, and it always leaves its scars. It seems to me though, that such a wound as is described in the case of this father never dies.

Fathers, if something should happen to call you away from this life today, what kind of questions would be in the heart and on the lips of the little one in your home? “Did Daddy go to heaven?”

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