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CHARACTERISTICS OF A LIVE CHURCH

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“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

There is no doubt most of us want to be a member of a live, growing church. Most of us can easily tell the difference— and so can the Lord!

Live churches have all kinds of problems: parking problems, lack of classrooms, teachers etc. They always have more work, programs, missions, and opportunities than they can take advantage of, dead churches do not have these problems.

Live churches have lots of crying babies, noisy youth, new people, new faces and people we don't know, dead ones do not.

Live churches make constant demands on time, talent and money. There are fellowships, services and classes to attend. There are people to visit, delinquents to reclaim and drifters who need encouragement and admonition, dead ones do not.

Live churches are filled with people who are weak, neglectful, forgetful and who need attention, but they are growing. They are concerned, prayerful and giving, dead churches are not so.

Live churches have preachers who are book and people oriented. They have preachers who preach hard, exhort often and know what

is going on in the world, the church and in the lives of many of the brethren. Dead churches do not.

Live churches have elders who stretch the budget yearly to help the congregation grow. They have programs, sermons, classes, papers, missions, plans and hopes to take every member to greater heights of service, sacrifice and finally heaven. Dead churches do not.

Live churches have deacons that are pushers, vitally involved to improve everything the congregation is doing. They are out front serving and helping in the entire program to get more done now. Dead ones do not.

Live churches have memberships that respond to challenges. The challenge of new programs, budgets, missions and always the world. They have people who evangelize rather than fossilize. Dead churches do not have such.

Live churches fight error and know where it is found. They are compassionate and kind. They are gentle and loving, but bold and brave and afraid of nothing. They Love God and hate sin. Dead churches do not have this.

Andrew Connally, deceased

Update on Haiti

Roberta Edwards, along with the 30 children she fosters at the Sonlight Children's Home are feeding an additional 150 people every day at their home - mostly Christians along with some other neighbors, all of whom have lost their homes. Several families have pitched tents in Roberta's yard and are living there. Because of the work that Roberta does with the Children's Home and the Santo Nutrition Center (where she normally feeds around 100 children twice a day every day), she had food there on the premises and is able to help her fellow Christians and neighbors. She can get supplies by going to the Dominican Republic border in her pick-up truck. She has an artesian well on her property and is able to provide water. She has identified several wounded in the area and is caring for them as best as she can until help arrives. Roberta states, "We are doing what we can do. I continue to praise God as I look around at the destruction and disaster. Thanks for all that you are doing. I know it is hectic and crazy but things are coming together and for that reason, we just rejoice and keep on working." The part of the exterior wall that has fallen completely down will be repaired soon.

The other house that that the New Albany group helped with not only has security walls down but also structural damage. The work done by this group was reported by the new relief group to still be working. Roberta reports that she has found a hardware store open and plans to buy as much cement and re-bar as she can to have available for the workers.

The relief mission at this point consists of repairing the walls and structural damage to ensure safety and security for Roberta, the children, and the relief workers that plan to go in, taking care of the medical and food needs of Roberta, her children, and the local Christians and neighbors for whom she is providing shelter and care, and setting up a consistent supply line for getting needed fuel, food, and other supplies to that area safely and quickly. The intention is to coordinate aid distribution through our Roberta's facility first and then through the local congregations.

The first team of doctors and construction workers arrived Thursday with the intention of beginning the work listed above. This team is purposefully small because they have to make sure the system is set up for other, larger groups to go.

As of this writing, over two thousand dollars has been donated by members of the Church at New Albany.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks so much to Greg and Kim Clayton and Lonnie & Nicki Weaver for hosting the Youth Devo for January. We are so blessed here at New Albany with parents who are willing and able to carry on the work of our Youth!

The next Area Wide Youth Devo will be Sunday night, February 14, at the Hillcrest congregation.

The next Senior Bible Bowl will be here at New Albany, on February 28. We will have more details later.

Youth, please start inviting your friends to our 'Friends and Family Week-End', which will be February 13 & 14. Let's try and overflow our classrooms!

John 1—Fill In the Blanks

1. The Word was with God and the Word _____ God.
2. The darkness has not _____ it.
3. He came as a witness to _____.
4. He who comes after me has _____ me.
5. Made His _____ among us.
6. From the fullness of His _____.
7. For the law was given through _____.
8. I am not worthy to _____.
9. That He might be _____ to Israel.
10. So that through Him all men might _____.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Abby Bailey, (granddaughter of Wadie Lepard) in room 577 of the Tupelo hospital with pneumonia. J. D. Stroud, will be having more tests run in the near future. Sue Stroud, had surgery on her hand this past week. Mary Montgomery & Bobby Montgomery, Mary will be going back to the doctor to have a scan run on her leg this week. Family of Jerry Martin, (of Cordova, TN) lost a grandson as a result of a car accident. His granddaughter is also in critical condition.

Continual Prayer List

Shane Hutton, Sue Collins, Donald Burke, Justin Forsythe, Diane Bowlin, Bell Cross, Terry Young, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Raymond & Amy Vest, Jean Drummond

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joyce McNutt; Corrine Hall; Willie Jackson; Dessie Lee Allred; Mattie Golden, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force-California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Fort Campbell, KY; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Afghanistan; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

January 29.....Victor & Alice Ashmore
January 30.....Raymond & Amy Vest
(Happy 73rd Raymond & Amy)

THANK YOU

Dear Christians Friends,

Words cannot express the blessings I have received from the prayers you have spoken for me and the Get Well cards that I have received. We are so grateful for the wonderful Christian friends we have made through Callie & Chris at the New Albany church of Christ. You are such a warm and friendly congregation; we have always felt so welcome the times that we have worshipped with you. My hip is healing nicely and hopefully I will be off of my walker in a week or so. After changing one of my medications, my COPD seems to be doing better, also. Both of these are the answer to the many prayers that have been sent up in my behalf. Please keep us in your prayers. Bobby and I look forward to worshipping with you in the near future.

In Christian Love, Dee Cox

5th SUNDAY SERVICE

This Sunday, January 31, we will have an ALL-DAY service. Ray Kennedy will bring the morning message and the deacons will be in charge of the afternoon service at 1:15. We will have a meal following the morning service.

FRIENDS & FAMILY WEEK-END

Please be making your plans to join us for our 'Friends & Family Week-End' on February 13th & 14th. Our guest speaker will be Mike King of Orange Park, Fla. On Saturday night we will have a service at 6:00p.m. and then Sunday our service times will remain the same. We will have a meal Sunday following the morning service at the fellowship building.

AREA-EVENTS

- **Fulton Bible Institute**, is offering: Bible History II (part 2). Classes begin January 26 .
- **Young Ladies' Day**, Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Foote Street church of Christ in Corinth, MS. Theme: Miss Goody Two Shoes
- **Ashland Youth Rally 2010**, will be held January 30, 2010 at the Ashland church of Christ. Registration will begin at 9:00AM

OUR RECORD

Sunday School 103
 Sunday A.M 118
 Sunday P.M..... 93
 Wednesday 97
 Contribution \$2,469.20
 Budget \$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Randy Wall
 A.M. Prayer..... Harold Russell
 Closing Prayer.....Phil Young
 P.M. Prayer..... Deacon
 Closing..... Deacon
 Wed. 1/27.....Greg Clayton
 Wed. 1/27.....Andy Clemmer
 Usher & LockAndy Clemmer
 Greeters.....H & D Crowe

PANTRY ITEM:

Soup

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 538-0791
 Roger Clayton..... 534-5240
 Andy Clemmer 816-5887
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall..... 538-6038

Minister

Office..... 534-4649

Beware of Terrorists Groups

Latest new reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been **Operating** in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.

Their leader, Satan Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and **Destroy**.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by **The** name 'Bin Prayin' is actually the only effective counter terrorism **Force** in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team **Does** not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They are Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ, to return.

NO CHURCH EXEMPT!

(However, you can spot them if you bin goin' and bin lookin'.)

Via/email Norma Dorris

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