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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*

## Daubing With Un-tempered Mortar

By Mike King

During the reign of Zedekiah at the approaching of the captivity, Ezekiel prophesied calamity. The final destruction of Jerusalem was imminent and Judah would soon be Babylon bound. Ezekiel had already been taken captive. And was now renouncing the false prophets of Israel.

Jehoiachin was in power at the time of the false prophets. His mother, wife and staff were carried to Babylon after he had been king only three months. The final siege of the Chaldeans sealed their sin and danger while surrounded by false hopes (notes on Ezek. 13: 10 -16). These prophets were prophesying “out of their own hearts” (Ezek. 13:2). They were following their own “spirit, and have seen nothing” (v. 3).

Like false teachers of today, lying prophets led the people to believe that “all was well” while in danger. They had built walls and superficially covered them with “*un-tempered mortar*” to be eroded and etched away when the rains pounded against and the enemy forces battered them. It was a common practice to use mortar that had been mixed with bitumen, a mineral found in the region. Great deposits were found near

the Dead Sea. It was mixed with “slime” to waterproof their construction. The walls looked good, though made in haste, but lacked substance and protection.

Preaching and teaching today that is attractive in surface only, but lacks strength and the integrity that can only be found in the inspired Word, will crumble. There is no comparison between white-wash and a tempered wall. Likewise, there is no comparison to truth and the “winds of change.” False teachers shall be cursed of God (Gal. 1:8-9). All teaching shall be put to the fiery test where wood, hay and stubble shall be burned by God, silver and precious stones will endure (1 Cor. 1:7; 4:12).

Unacceptable religious organizations shall be “*uprooted*” (Matt. 15:13). The only standing body will be fitly framed and built upon the apostles, prophets and Jesus the chief corner stone (Eph. 2:20-22), built by Christ (Matt. 16:18).

Lifestyles that have only an appearance of happiness, prosperity and purpose will wither with wear. The world promises security and peace as well, but it will pass away (1 Jn. 2:15-17). copied

## HAITI UPDATE

Things are very hard in Haiti. Those that had jobs have lost them. Those that are working are not getting paid. Medical needs are growing as infections and sickness grow from over crowded tent camps. Aftershocks have been hitting pretty regularly. The kids are having a difficult time sleeping.

Roberta has been able to share over 100,000 lbs of food with 11 churches of Christ and many local groups. They have received 48 tents and a handful of tarps that were also shared. They have been able to help hundreds in mini medical clinics that have been held by the groups from Estes. They are expecting two containers this week with food and supplies. They have 5000-6400 tents coming in Friday or Saturday. This is a joint effort with CRF, Harding University and Manna Global. To date since the earthquake they have had 21 baptisms. Last Sunday night they had 300 + folks attend service.

Many congregations donated to the relief effort. From the beginning it has been clear that all of the donors were concerned about emergency food and medical care. That has been their main focus so far. There is a wide range of ways to help. Tents, tarps, and hygiene items have also been considered part of what they can purchase. Now they are getting request for help with rebuilding homes and church buildings. In some cases, churches and Christians were renters, and they would need a property purchased before rebuilding. Others have suggested providing basic equipment that might create jobs, such as a press for making concrete block or a stove to start a bread/baking business. Some donors have basically said, "This is specifically for food." Others have said, "Use it however you or Roberta see fit." If you donated, and you would like to share your perspective with the elders at Estes, please feel free to let them know. The church office # is 731-989-5576, or e-mail [estescoc@gmail.com](mailto:estescoc@gmail.com)

### The Growth of the Church is Hindered When We...

- Go about pouting.
- Stay away from worship.
- Gossip about others.
- Are indifferent about the work of the church.
  - Live ungodly lives.
  - Refuse when called on to help
- Have feelings sticking out so someone will step on them.
- Go around complaining to outsiders that we don't agree with the leaders' plan for the church.
- Criticize everybody and everything that is done.

### A Church is Almost Certain to Grow When...

Each member has a deep concern for the lost.  
Each member enters into worship with enthusiasm.  
Each member is interested in an aggressive Bible School.  
Each Teacher is interested in improving his teaching ability.  
Each elder and deacon is dedicated to the work.  
The preacher preaches the Word with love.  
Each member is personally involved in his work of soul-saving.  
Each member lets brotherly love express itself to every other member.

## YOUTH NEWS

The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be Sunday, March 14th at the Zion Rest congregation. The van will leave at 5:20.

The Junior Bible Bowl will meet Saturday, March 27th at the East Main congregation. This will be this last session until fall.

The Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sunday afternoon, March 28th, at 2PM at the Nettleton congregation.

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

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Ray Camp**, (father of Janet Drummond) will have a pace maker installed this week.

**Janet Drummond**, is improving following surgery on her ankle. It will be at least 10 week before she will be able to put any weight on her foot.

**Debbie Moore**, is in ICU at the Oxford hospital in serious condition.

**Betty Adams**, (mother of Richard Adams) will be having knee surgery in the near future.

**Bobby & Mary Montgomery**, will both be seeing doctors this week.

**Helen DePriest**, is doing good following surgery. She was able to be at services Sunday.

**Mother of Bobby Marques**, is out of the hospital and back in a nursing home in Atlanta.

**Veda Fritch**, (former member now living in Alaska) recovering from surgery.

#### **Continual Prayer List**

**J. D. & Sue Stroud, Jeanne Perkins, 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**

March 3.....Angela Ashmore  
March 5.....Price Senter  
March 6.....Bill Lyon  
March 10.....Richard Jennings  
March 12..... Leah Lambert

### **SYMPATHY**

*We express our sympathy to Amy Vest and family in the death of her sister, Wilma Kelly, who passed away this past week.*

*We also express sympathy to the family of Harry Helianak of Oxford who passed away suddenly over the weekend. Mr. Helianak's daughter Sarah is a close friend of Ashlee Weaver.*

### **MARCH INTO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We will begin our *March Into Sunday School* Sunday morning at 9:30. As we have done in the past, all of our children who have perfect attendance during Sunday School for the month of March will receive a certificate at the end of the month. All ages who have perfect attendance will have their names listed in the bulletin.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Sunday, **March 14**, Daylight Savings Time will begin. Be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night. The time change is coming a couple of weeks earlier this year.

### **AREA EVENTS**

- **Ladies Day @ New Bethel Church of Christ** in New Site, MS, Saturday March 6, 2010. Guest speaker : Sandra Foster Time: 8:30-12:00 Lunch will be served
- **Regional Bible Teacher Training Workshop** to be held at the Columbus Church of Christ, Saturday March 6 from 8:30– 3:00
- **Annual Senior Adult Rally @ Henderson TN Church of Christ** Saturday, March 27.
- **Six State Gospel Singing** to be held at the Southwind Church of Christ in Memphis on Friday, April 16 from 7:00-10:00 PM
- **West Main Church of Christ 50th Anniversary Celebration/Homecoming** to be held April 24-25, 2010 Check bulletin board for details

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## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	103
Sunday A.M .....	120
Sunday P.M. ....	98
Wednesday .....	78
Contribution.....	\$2,814.25
Budget .....	\$3,305.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Burrell Walton
A.M. Prayer .....	Dalton Beard
Closing Prayer ....	Ronnie Griggs
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Crowe
Closing.....	Richard Adams
Wed. 3/10.. .....	Greg Harrison
Wed. 3/10.....	Bill Lyon
Usher & Lock .....	Roger Clayton
Greeters.....	L & N Weaver

## PANTRY ITEM: Canned vegetables

## 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
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## MONTH: MARCH, 2010

<b>SOUND ROOM LEAD SINGING</b>	Shane Crotts	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Brad Pounders
		<b>USHER</b>	Matt Jennings
<i>SUN AM:</i>	Greg Harrison	<b>PREPARE</b>	
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Richard Jennings	<b>COMMUNION</b>	Marie Beard
<i>WED:</i>	Dalton Beard		

### LORD'S SUPPER

<i>N Head:</i>	Greg Clayton	<i>S Head:</i>	Roger Clayton
<i>N Help I:</i>	Paul Orman	<i>S Help I:</i>	Harold Russell
<i>N Help II:</i>	Randy Wall	<i>S Help II:</i>	Steve Todd

### SUNDAY PRAYERS A.M.

	Opening	Closing
<i>1ST</i>	Dalton Beard	Ronnie Griggs
<i>2ND</i>	Andy Clemmer	Jason Jennings
<i>3RD</i>	Jerry Gibson	Bobby Marques
<i>4TH</i>	Troy Robertson	Phil Young
<i>5TH</i>		

### SUNDAY PRAYERS PM

	Opening	Closing
<i>1ST</i>	Harold Crowe	Richard Adams
<i>2ND</i>	Philip Young	Daniel Drummond
<i>3RD</i>	Bill Botts	Bobby White
<i>4TH</i>	Lonnie Weaver	Dan Cobb
<i>5TH</i>		

### WED PRAYERS

	Opening	Closing	USHER & LOCK
<i>1ST</i>	J. L. Eaton	Olen Clark	Roger Clayton
<i>2ND</i>	Greg Harrison	Bill Lyon	Andy Clemmer
<i>3RD</i>	Richard Jennings	Carl Smith	Harold Russell
<i>4TH</i>	Greg Clayton	Randy Wall	Randy Wall
<i>5TH</i>	Ray Kennedy	Bill DePriest	

### SCRIPTURE READING

Burrell Walton
Harold Russell
Dean Dillard
Drew Drummond

### USHER & LOCK

Roger Clayton
Andy Clemmer

Harold Russell
Randy Wall

### GREETERS

L & N Weaver
G & K Clayton
B & A Pounders
H & D Crowe

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