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Tools in God's Box

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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

Romans 6:13 tells us our body is an instrument, and we choose to use it for righteousness or unrighteousness. The Greek word translated “instrument” there means “tool or weapon.” What kind of tool or weapon are you? Are you an instrument God holds in His hand to do His will?

Are you a battering ram? The ancients would use a log or some other hard object to break down a wall or door. Have we filled our hearts with the Word to the degree that we can, speaking the truth in love (Eph. 4:15), break down barriers keeping the honest-hearted from God?

Are you a crowbar? Crowbars pry objects apart. These are things we should separate from our thinking and lifestyle. Are we trying to pull away from worldliness? (cf. James 4:4).

Are you a chisel? This is a tool that does meticulous, detailed work. Its blade carves or cuts hard materials. Do we have a tenacity and trust needed to use God's Word and benefit from His providence to remake our lives into the image of Christ? (2 Cor.3:18).

Are you a level? We live in not only a dishonest world but a corrupt world. So many call good evil and evil good (cf. Isa 5:20). Can people find in us a reliable standard of right and wrong, as we re-

flect the principles of God's Word? Levels are used to determine whether something is true and as it ought to be.

Are you a plane? The plane makes rough surfaces smooth by repetitiously moving it back and forth across the surface. All four Gospels (Matt. 3:3; Mk. 1:3; Lk. 3:4; Jn 1:23) speak of John the immerger's work as making ready the path of the Lord, making His paths straight. We are not forerunners of Jesus; we follow in His steps (cf. 1 Peter 2:21). As we do follow Him, we are going to forge a path safe for others to follow (cf. 1 Cor. 11:1).

Are you a magnet? A magnet is an object that draws and holds another object disposed toward such attraction. Magnets can be used as tools themselves, but they are often made a part of other tools, such as hammers and screwdrivers. By living like Jesus, you will draw people to Him.

Paul also, referred to “tools” or “weapons” when talking to the Corinthians. He mentions “armor of righteousness” and “weapons” of our warfare (same word). In both cases, the tools or weapons are spiritual and figurative, yet with them we can help shape and build up those around us.

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TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the preacher.

The husband said, "We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!" The preacher agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The preacher sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone. "Where is God"? Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?"

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it."

YOUTH NEWS

The Junior Bible Bowl will meet Saturday, March 27th at the East Main congregation. The van will leave at 8:45. This will be this last session until fall.

The Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sunday afternoon, March 28th, at 2pm at the Nettleton congregation. The youth will leave following morning services, and eat in Tupelo, before going on to Nettleton. This will be the final Bible Bowl session of the season for the senior group.

Sunday afternoon, March 28th at 4:00pm there will be an Easter egg hunt at the fellowship building. Please bring 12 candy filled eggs. See April Pounders for more details.

Monthly Youth Devo will be Sunday night, March 28th following services. The Crotts will be hosting.

AREA EVENTS

- **Bible Lectureship @** Charleston Church of Christ March 28-31
- **Six State Gospel Singing @** Southwind Church of Christ in Memphis April 16th
- A recording of congregational singing for "**Give Me the Bible**" telecast on WTVA will be Sunday afternoon April 18 at Antioch. They are asking for help with the singing.
- **West Main Church of Christ 50th Anniversary Celebration/ Homecoming** April 24-25

PLAN OF SALVATION

- **Hear** the gospel (Romans 10: 13-17)
- **Believe** that Jesus is the Son of God and believe the gospel (Mark 16: 15-16; Hebrews 11:6)
- **Repent** of sins (Acts 2:38; Luke 13: 3)
- **Confess** faith in Christ (Matt. 10: 32-33; Acts 8: 36-37)
- **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- **Be Faithful** (Colossians 3:17; Rev. 2:10)

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tom Elliott, (Andy Clemmer's boss) has been diagnosed with advanced stages of Melanoma.

Bobby & Mary Montgomery, will both be going back to the doctor this week.

Perrin & Jean Drummond, both had heart catheterization this past week. Perrin had a stent put in on Tues. They are now at home.

Dee Cox, (mother of Callie Smithy) has not been doing well.

Betty Colston, (aunt of Christy Wall) had surgery this past week for breast cancer. Prognosis is good.

Rivers Robertson, (mother of Troy Robertson) is out of the hospital and will be staying with Troy and Novene while she recovers.

Robert Childers, (local attorney) was released from the hospital on Sun. but had to be rushed back Sun night. He is on a respirator.

Continual Prayer List

Nell Hood, J. D. & Sue Stroud, Janet Drummond; Betty Adams; Jeanne Perkins, Terry Young,

Shut-Ins

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins; 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 28.....Roger Clayton

March 29.....Caleb Jennings

March 31.....Austin Adams

March 31.....Mary Montgomery

SYMPATHY

We want to express our sympathy to Mable Erwin and family in the death of her brother, Van Brewer. Funeral services were held this past Friday in Oxford.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all you did for us during my recovery from surgery and Bill's bout with a bad stomach virus. For the prayers, visits, calls, flowers, cards and food you brought and also all those that offered, we are truly grateful. A special thanks to Pat, Ray, and Steve. You really came through for us. Love you all, Bill & Helen

New Albany Church,

Just want to let everyone know how much I appreciate everything that has been done for my family and me. My personality and having things done for me don't exactly go together but I have learned to adjust. It is truly an humbling experience. I go back to the doctor April 12th to get x-rays. Thankfully, I am able to work from home so I am not bouncing off of the walls-yet. I still have to keep my leg elevated until all of the swelling goes down. I have 6 1/2 more weeks of no weight on my foot. Thanks again for everything, Janet

EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children Sunday afternoon, at 4pm . Each child is ask to bring 12 candy filled eggs. If you have questions please see April Pounders.

INFORMER BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the Informer by e-mail instead of by postal mail, please e-mail us at: office@nacoc.org

Mike and Sheila King will be with us Sunday March 28th!

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OUR RECORD

Sunday School	110
Sunday A.M	124
Sunday P.M.	100
Wednesday	86
Contribution.....	\$2,931.50
Budget	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Drew Drummond
A.M. Prayer	Troy Robertson
Closing Prayer	Phil Young
P.M. Prayer.....	Lonnie Weaver
Closing.....	Dan Cobb
Wed. 3/31..	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 3/31.....	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock	Randy Wall
Greeters.....	H & D Crowe

PANTRY ITEM: Dried Beans

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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GRANDMA AND THE CAKE

A little boy is telling Grandma how “everything” is going wrong; school, family problems, severe health problems, etc.

Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake. She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which of course he does. “Here, have some cooking oil.” “Yuck,” says the boy. “How about a couple raw eggs?” “Sick, Grandma!” “Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?” “Grandma, those are all yucky!” To which Grandma replies, “Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake”!

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in **His** order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something “wonderful!”

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