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## WORKING YOUR CLAIM

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

The years of 1848-1859 mark the Gold Rush era in American history. People from all over the U.S. traveled on foot, horseback, and covered wagons to stake their land claim in California. They uprooted their lives to find wealth and success in somewhat a “land of promise.”

Our society is grasping at straws to find sustenance and purpose to life. Some turn to liquor, drugs, or degenerate living for want of better objectives. Many Americans see prosperity, job position, possessions, social status, and worldly pleasures as the elusive “eureka” or “I have found it” for their lives. They soon learn that they have fallen for “fool’s gold” to be left poverty stricken and far from home. The Lord asked, “*Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?*” (Mt. 6:25). The purpose for Christ’s coming was to bring life abundantly (Jn. 10:10). There are three key elements that make life worth living.

Christians must have something for which to **LIVE**. This requires personal happiness with self, with others, and with God. Those who are faithful in Christ know “*the peace of God which surpasses all understanding*” (Phil. 4:7). For them, contentment can be found while living under any circumstance (vs. 11-12). It is with the help of Christ that “*We can do all*

*things*” (Phil. 4:13). When we please Jehovah, “*He makes even [our] enemies to be at peace with [us]*” (Pro. 16:7). We must die to sin so that Christ can rule our lives (Rom. 8: 1-2).

Christians have something for which to **HOPE**. Heaven epitomizes the Christian’s hope (Rom. 8:18). Life and immortality have been brought through the gospel (2 Tim. 1:10). Death and corruption are overcome with the creation of an immortal body (1 Cor. 15:42-42; 52-54). We can look forward to spending an eternity with God and His wonderful Son. (Rev. 7: 15-17); Phil. 1:23). We are comforted with the words of this great hope (1 Thess. 4: 13-18).

Christians have something for which to **DIE**. Paul was on death row, awaiting execution at the hands of the Romans; his only crime being that he had been a good soldier (2 Tim. 4: 5-8). He felt it a promotion to depart and be with Christ (Phil. 1:23). John recorded that those who die in the Lord are blessed (Rev. 14:13). Jesus gave us an example of how to live (Heb. 12: 1-3) and die (Rom. 5:8). Satan has been stripped of his power over death (Heb. 2: 14-15) by the resurrection of Christ (1Cor. 15:54-55).

By: Mike King

## A CHAP WHO THINKS THE WORLD OF ME

To feel his little hand in mine, so clinging and so warm,  
To know he thinks me strong enough to keep him safe from harm;  
To see his simple faith in all that I can say or do.  
It sort o' shames a fellow, but it makes him better, too;  
And I am trying hard to be the man he fancies me to be,  
Because I have this chap at home who thinks the world o' me.  
I would not disappoint his trust for anything on earth,  
Nor let him know how little I just naturally am worth,  
But after all, it's easier, that bright road to climb,  
With the little hands behind me to push me all the time.  
And I reckon I'm a better man than what I used to be  
Because I have this chap at home who thinks the world o' me.

*"The glory of children are their fathers"*  
*Proverbs 17:6*

## WHAT KIND OF TREE

Once upon a time there was a tree. This tree was very proud of the fact that she was an orange tree. Every time that someone walked by she would say, "I am an Orange Tree! I know that I am an Orange Tree because I have the heart of an orange tree." She even told all of the other trees around her that she was an orange tree.

Spring came, and she had blossoms and she said, "Look at my orange blossoms!" Other trees around her were a little concerned about the blossoms (which did not look like orange blossoms to them) but, they said, that if she believed in her heart that she was an orange tree, then she must be an orange tree.

When the blossoms became fruit, they were lemons. But the tree kept saying, "I am an Orange Tree, because I feel in my heart that I am an orange tree!" What kind of tree was she?

According to Matthew 7:20, we will be known by the fruit that we bear, not by what we say that we are. What kind of fruit trees are we?

## YOUTH NEWS

- The next Youth Devo will be Sunday night, April 25th, at the fellowship building. The Botts will be hosting.
- All youth that plan to attend camp at Maywood Christian Camp this summer, need to get their applications turned into Sarah Walker as soon as possible.
- The youth are still collecting non-perishable food items for the Children's Home in Gallup, New Mexico. You may bring items until May 12th

## THE EMPTY PEW

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one all may hear. To the preacher the empty pew says: "Your sermon is not worth while." To the visitor it whispers: "You see, we are not quite holding our own." To a stranger looking for a church home it suggests: "You had better wait a while." To members who are present it asks: "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday, too?"

The empty pew speaks against the services. It kills inspiration and smothers hope. It dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing. *"Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."* (1 Samuel 20:18).

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### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**J. A. Thornton**, is still in the Booneville hospital and doing about the same.  
**Mable Erwin**, will see a cardiologist this week.  
**Wayne Jernigan**, having tests run.  
**Carl Smith**, sick at home  
**Ann Green**, (mother of Duke Loden) was injured in an accident and is in serious condition.  
**Luke Rawson**, (friend of the Weaver's) is slowly improving from an accident. He is in ICU , Jackson, MS  
**Perry Jones**, was injured at work last Wednesday.  
**Donna Weeden**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. (friend of Sarah Walker)

**Continual Prayer List**  
**Bobby & Mary Montgomery, Rivers Robertson, Dee Cox, Tom Elliott, J. D. Stroud, Janet Drummond, Betty Adams, Jeanne Perkins, Terry Young, Jean Drummond**

**Shut-Ins**  
**Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest,**  
**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**  
**Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, 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, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

*April 26.....Austin Garrett*  
*April 29.....Lana Todd*  
*April 30.....Jamie Crow*

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*April 28.....Larry & Linda Ashmore*

### **SECRET BUDDY REVEALING**

On Sunday, May 2nd, the youth will reveal who their Secret Buddies have been for the last few months. All who participated in this program, need to meet in room 12 at 5p.m. Thanks so much to Nicki Weaver for being in charge of this program.

### **MEETING DATE CHANGE**

There has been a change of date for our Spring Gospel Meeting. The new date will be May 30- June 2nd. Jesse Robertson will be the guest speaker. There will be a meal following services Sunday morning, with the evening service being at 1:15. Evening services will be Monday-Wednesday at 7p.m.

### **SPRING PICNIC/CAMPOUT**

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer for the spring picnic and campout to be held at Randy & Christy Wall's on Friday, May 21st. Please sign your name and number of guests that plan to attend. Also, please indicate how many will be staying overnight.

### **AREA EVENTS**

- **Ashland Homecoming 2010** will be Sunday, April 25th. J.C. Enlow will be the guest speaker.
- **West Main church of Christ 50th Anniversary/Homecoming**, April 24-25
- **Southaven church of Christ Ladies' Day** will be Saturday, May 1st. Registration will begin at 8:30. The guest speaker will be Peggy Leonard.
- **New Albany church of Christ Gospel Meeting**, May 30-June 2, with Jesse Robertson

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## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	104
Sunday A.M .....	120
Sunday P.M. ....	101
Wednesday .....	93
Contribution.....	\$2,835.50
Budget .....	\$3,305.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture .....	Burrell Walton
A.M. Prayer .....	Greg Harrison
Closing Prayer .....	Bill Lyon
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Russell
Closing.....	Randy Wall
Wed. 4/28.. ....	Roger Clayton
Wed. 4/28.....	Bobby White
Usher & Lock ....	Andy Clemmer
Greeters.....	T & N Robertson

## PANTRY ITEM:

**Tuna**

## 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.....	316-9255

### Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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## BIBLE QUIZ

### CURSES, CURSES

*Hints: Gal. 3:10; 1:8; 3:13; Lev. 19:14; Job 2:9; Mal. 4:6; Jas. 3:10; Acts 23:12; Job 1:11; 2:5; Ecc. 10:20*

- 1) Why did some Jews remain under a curse? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Who said that people who taught a false gospel would be cursed? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Who was made a curse for our sins? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What sort of handicapped people should we not curse? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Who was told by his wife to curse God and die? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) What prophet ended his book with God's threat to come and strike the land with a curse? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) What epistle says that blessing and cursing should not come out of the same mouth? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Who had enemies that bound themselves under a curse because they were so determined to kill him? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Who told God that Job would curse him to his face? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) What will tell on someone who curse a king? \_\_\_\_\_

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