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## What Is He Within? By: Mike King

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...”

Proverbs 23: 7

It is so true that *“as a man thinks in his heart, so is he”* (Prov. 23:7). Some people are not as expressive as others. Others do not believe in what is being done and find it hard to be enthusiastic. Some possess in general a pessimistic disposition and a negative turn on life. Positive thinking more correctly reflects the nature of a Christian.

There are numerous reasons why some might struggle with enthusiasm. For some, it is the inability to express feelings. The “old school,” in all honesty, was not good in doing this. Whether expressing “I love you,” “You are a good man,” or “You did a good job,” can be the wind beneath the wings of some. Enthusiasm is to soul-saving what grease is to the ball-bearing.

We can exercise our enthusiasm in areas of leadership, study, prayer, soul-saving, fellowship/friendship, godliness, worship, and various other involvements in the local church.

Enthusiasm can be generated by successes in our efforts. We become encouraged by baptisms of precious souls into Christ or the return of an unfaithful member. Growth in strength and attendance of the congregation brings a measure of excitement. We can pray for greater enthusiasm

and the development of a better feeling about self. Eliminate sin that makes us ashamed and bear feelings of guilt. It stifles spiritual enthusiasm and causes us to become caustic and critical. The relationships that we have within the congregation determine our attitude about involvement. The closeness that is felt toward ones biological family can impact our spiritual life (1 Pet. 3:7). Make a contribution to your enthusiasm by having fellowship with positive, enlivened members of the Lord’s church (Rom. 12:15). Quit playing church and become truly involved in the Lord’s work, *“Love [ing] God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind”* (Lk. 10:27).

Develop the ability to think and dream which foster enthusiasm, *“O... that they would consider”* (Deut. 32:29). Have the willingness to think ahead and *“consider the latter end”* (Deut. 32:29). Receive sound advice warmly. The fool refuses counsel (Prov. 12:15). Sometimes others who know the Bible could help us, human nature, and our gifts and limitations better than we. Be willing to examine our own heart objectively and make necessary adjustments (Ps. 139:23). Finally, wait on the Lord. We are sometimes discouraged because we want too much, too soon (Isa. 40:31). Be patient!

## IS CHRIST TO BLAME?

BY: Riley Nelson

It seems that man today is always looking for someone to blame. Children blame one another when they get in trouble for something, husbands and wives blame each other when problems arise, countries blame each other for difficulties and on and on it goes. There are even those who want to blame Christ for all the problems in the world. This attitude usually shows that someone knows little or nothing about our Lord. Notice Peter's words about Christ, "*because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed*" (1 Peter 1:21-24).

Christ is not to blame for all the sin in the world. He lived a sinless life upon the earth, even overcoming direct temptations from Satan (Matt. 4:1-10). The Hebrew writer wrote, "*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15)*". God has made man a free moral agent to choose between right and wrong. He has given us His word so that we can know what is right and what is wrong, but many fail to heed the warnings. We need to have the attitude of Paul and be followers of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

Some try and blame Christ for all the religious division in the world. Man is the cause of this not God. God sent His Son to reconcile both Jew and Gentile into one body. "*And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:*" (Eph. 2:16). Christ offered a prayer for unity just prior to His being arrested and crucified (John 17:20-21). The desire of Christ is that all become part of His body the Church which He paid for with His very life (Acts 20:28).

### YOUTH NEWS

- VBS, is this Saturday. Bring a friend and come enjoy the day!
- Our youth returned home from camp safely Saturday morning. They all reported having a good time. Thanks to Sarah Walker for all the work she does with our young people.
- The next Area Wide Youth Devo will be Sunday night August 8th at the Verona church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:40p.m.

### TAKE TIME TO PRAY

Even a short, simple prayer. When things get tough at work, just take a moment to thank God for loving you. Even when it seems like nothing is going right, God's love is always right. God will never stop loving YOU! Therefore, when you just want to throw your hands up in the air, just stop and pray to God. "Pray without ceasing." I Thessalonians 5:17

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### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Raymond Vest**, is slowly improving.  
**Ethel Russell**, (grandmother of Brad Pounders) has been moved to a rehab center in Fulton.  
**Jared Ward**, (friend of Bobby & Dixie White) is recovering from an automobile accident.  
**Adam & Monica Lindsey**, prognoses is not good for their infant that is to be born this month.  
**Sonja Boyer Each**, (friend of the Eleta Grimmitt) is in a Jackson hospital in serious condition.

#### **Continual Prayer List**

**Betty Adams, Bill King, Marie Wells, Nance Family, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Pauline Smith, J.D. Stroud, Terry Young**

#### **Shut-Ins**

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

#### **Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis, J.A. Thornton**

#### **Military List:**

**David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy –Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force—California, Tiffany Erwin– Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan**

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

*August 03.....Ray Kennedy*  
*August 05.....Martin Crotts*  
*August 06.....Joe Owen*

### ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

*August 08.....David & Cindy Ashmore*  
*August 18.....Shane & Barbara Crotts*  
*August 21.....Roger & Kathy Clayton*  
*August 29.....Larry & Janet Drummond*

### **VBS**

Continue to invite children ages 2years through 6th grade to our Super Saturday Bible School which will be held this Saturday, July 31st. Registration will begin at 9:00AM. We will end around 2:00PM. Lunch will be provided. We will be learning about the Bible characters, Samson and Esther.

### **BRIDAL SHOWER**

There will be a bridal shower for Emily Walton, bride elect of Eric Stroh, Sunday, August 8th, from 2:00—3:30 at the fellowship building. Emily is registered at Belk, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Southern Traditions. Eric & Emily will marry on August 28th.

### **CLASS PROMOTION DAY**

This coming Sunday, August 1st, will be promotion day for our youth Sunday School classes. We encourage all to our young people to be present. We will begin a new study on “Bible Leaders: Good and Bad”.

### **ELDERS/ DEACONS MEETING**

There will be an elders/deacons meeting Sunday, August 1st, at 5p.m. and an elders meeting Tuesday night, August 3rd at 7p.m..

### **AREA EVENTS**

**Faith Basics Youth Rally 2010**, to be held at the Gloster Street church of Christ August 21 from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Theme: “Rightly Dividing the Word” Keynote Speaker: Doug Burleson

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## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	107
Sunday A.M .....	112
Sunday P.M. ....	87
Wednesday .....	76
Contribution.....	3,263.77
Budget .....	\$3,305.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture .....	Olen Clark
A.M. Prayer .....	Dalton Beard
Closing Prayer ..	Richard Adams
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Crowe
Closing.....	Ronnie Griggs
Wed. 8/4. ....	Daniel Drummond
Wed. 8/4.....	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock .....	Randy Wall
Greeters.....	R & K Jennings

## PANTRY ITEM: Paper Products

## 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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## MONTH: AUGUST 2010

<b>SOUND ROOM</b>	Mark Jennings	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Troy Robertson
<b>LEAD SINGING</b>		<b>USHER</b>	Randy Wall
<i>SUN AM:</i>	Richard Jennings		
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Dalton Beard	<b>PREPARE</b>	
<i>WED:</i>	Greg Harrison	<b>COMMUNION</b>	April Pounders

### LORD'S SUPPER

<i>N Head:</i>	Jerry Gibson	<i>S Head:</i>	Brad Pounders
<i>N Help I:</i>	Dan Cobb	<i>S Help I:</i>	Steve Todd
<i>N Help II:</i>	Greg Clayton	<i>S Help II:</i>	Randy Wall

### SUNDAY

#### PRAYERS A.M.

	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>
<i>1ST</i>	Dalton Beard	Richard Adams
<i>2ND</i>	Roger Clayton	Shane Crotts
<i>3RD</i>	Andy Clemmer	J. L. Eaton
<i>4TH</i>	Bill Botts	Bill Lyon
<i>5TH</i>	Harold Russell	Phil Young

### SCRIPTURE

<b>READING</b>
Olen Clark
Drew Drummond
Jason Jennings
Lonnie Weaver
Bill Botts

### SUNDAY

#### PRAYERS PM

	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>
<i>1ST</i>	Harold Crowe	Ronnie Griggs
<i>2ND</i>	Greg Clayton	Carl Smith
<i>3RD</i>	Greg Harrison	Burrell Walton
<i>4TH</i>	Paul Ormon	Matt Jennings
<i>5TH</i>	Randy Wall	Bobby White

### USHER & LOCK

Randy Wall
Bill Botts
Greg Clayton
Roger Clayton
Andy Clemmer

### WED PRAYERS

	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>
	Daniel	
<i>1ST</i>	Drummond	Bill DePriest
<i>2ND</i>	Richard Jennings	Bobby Marques
<i>3RD</i>	Phillip Young	Harold Russell
<i>4TH</i>	Andy Clemmer	Roger Clayton
<i>5TH</i>		

### GREETERS

R & K Jennings
A & S Clemmer
B & A Pounders
H & D Crowe
T & N Robertson

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