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## THE POWER OF A PROMISE

Mike King



Nothing in human or divine relationships has as much potential for power as does a promise. A promise cannot be powerful unless two necessary elements are present: the first element is *genuineness* on behalf of the person giving the promise; secondly, the promise must be accepted by the receiving party with *trust*. When a promise is not genuine, it loses its power quickly. If the recipient does not trust the promise, it too is powerless. Relationships die when built upon insincere promises.

God has placed before those who are His children some “*great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust*” (II Pet. 1:4). If we trust what God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the above becomes a reality for us. This is the actual meaning of belief—to trust.

When an individual resolves to redirect their life by turning from the evil influences that are within, repentance is experienced. When a person is baptized because of their belief and repentance, God will destroy their sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). God will compassionately place them in Christ (Gal. 3:27). He will make them one of His children (Gal. 3:26-27). They will be raised from the waters of baptism to live in a newness of life (Rom. 6:4). Those who have undergone the above mentioned “*operation of God,*” a form of mental circumcision (Col. 2:11-14), will be inducted into His body, the church (I Cor. 12:13). The question is, do we believe these promises? We can believe these promises because the Scripture says it and because they are God’s promises. When the Bible reveals a promise from God, we are to trust that promise!

There is no evil in God and those who have fellowship with God do not knowingly live their lives practicing evil or sin. We do not honor truth when we claim to walk with and know God, yet do evil (I Jn. 1:5-10). We know from Paul’s writing that each and every one of us commit sin, have gone out of the way, and that we come short of God’s glory (Rom. 3:9-10, 23). It is apparent, to the discerning student of the Word, that God will wash away our sins initially by Christ’s blood (Acts 22:16) and that blood continues to flow in our lives as those sins are being confessed (I Jn. 1:6-9). God has promised His blood will not stop flowing in our lives to provide us with forgiveness. We can trust God and His promises to never fail!

## THOSE TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

**Announcements:** Randy Wall  
**Sound Room:** Matt Jennings  
**Usher:** Dean Dillard

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: R. Jennings  
Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison  
Wed.: Kennedy/Youth

### Sunday Prayers:

Feb. 4  
A.M. Andy Clemmer  
Shane Crotts  
P.M. Drew Drummond  
Dan Cobb  
Feb. 10  
A.M. J.L. Eaton  
Daniel Drummond  
P.M. Bill Frohn  
Ronnie Griggs  
Feb. 17  
A.M. Jerry Gibson  
Greg Harrison  
P.M. Brad Pounders  
Harold Russell  
Feb. 24  
A.M. Paul Ormon  
Bobby Marques  
P.M. Troy Robertson  
Steve Todd

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Richard Jennings  
North Helper I: Perry Jones  
North Helper II: Thomas Wall

South Head: Roger Clayton  
South Helper I: Cody Clemmer  
South Helper II: Terry Stubblefield

### Scripture Reading:

Feb. 3—Michael Crotts  
Feb. 10—Mark Jennings  
Feb. 17—Anderson Parks  
Feb. 24—Tyler Weaver

### Wednesday Prayers:

Feb. 6—Jason Jennings; Harold Crowe  
Feb. 13—Ray Kennedy; Bill Lyon  
Feb. 20—Gary Turner; Jason McCullough  
Feb. 27—Burrell Walton; Alvin Parks

### Greeters:

Feb. 3—Harold & Deloris Crowe  
Feb. 10—Lonnie & Nicki Weaver  
Feb. 17—Bill & Nancy Frohn  
Feb. 24—Richard & Kathy Jennings

### Usher & Lock:

Feb. 3—Roger Clayton  
Feb. 10—Harold Russell  
Feb. 17—Randy Wall  
Feb. 24—Lonnie Weaver

**Prepare Communion:** Nicki & Ashlee Weaver

## Looking in the Mirror

Alan Smith



Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, “Surely I can’t look that old?” I love this story below that has been widely circulated:

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 37 years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. Hmmm, or could he?

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

“Yes. Yes, I did. I’m a Mustang,” he gleamed with pride.

“When did you graduate?” I asked.

He answered, “In 1967. Why do you ask?”

“You were in my class!” I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, wrinkled old man asked, “What did you teach?”

It’s so easy, isn’t it, to see the faults in someone else? We see their wrinkles. We see their gray hair. Even more than that, we see all the “specks” in their eyes (Matthew 7:3). However, we are not so quick to notice those flaws in ourselves.

When I was young, I was determined to change the world and make it a better place. As I grew older, I realized that was an unrealistic goal and re-committed myself to changing the people around me. I’ve gotten a little bit older (and grayer). I still want to try to influence people around me, but I have learned that, ultimately, the only person I can change is me, and there is plenty that still needs to be changed.



**PRAYER LIST**

**Darrell Crow** will be going to Birmingham on Feb. 6th to schedule prostate surgery.

**Ben Paist**, a high school student from Myrtle, was injured in a train/car accident last week. He suffered a broken chin and neck, but is expected to recover.

**Boyce Reed**, brother of *Joe Reed* is recovering from carotid artery surgery.

**Robert Frohn**, brother of *Bill Frohn* had carotid artery surgery Monday, in Louisiana.

**Jennie Frohn**, sister-in-law of *Bill* and *Nancy Frohn* has been moved to a skilled nursing facility in Hammond, LA. She is making small improvements.

**Randy Dunnam**, had a spot removed from his chest. He is awaiting test results.

**Continual Prayer :**

**Bill Lyon, Eleta Grimmett, Jack Dunlap, Anna Claire Ellis, Taterrian Wilson, Melissa Reed, David Thornton, Whitney House, Suzette Renix, Diane Sloan, Randall Haney, Rosie Wilson, Rex Lyon, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crofts, Terry & Betty Young**

**Shut-Ins:**

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Belle Cross, Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb**

**Military List:**

**David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



February 02. . . . . Miriam Styers  
February 05. . . . . Paige Young  
February 09. . . . . Marie Beard

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

February 12. . . . . Mike & Sheila King  
February 14. . . . . Andy & Sharon Clemmer



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Friends and Family Day**

Sunday, February 24th 2013



**YOUTH NEWS**

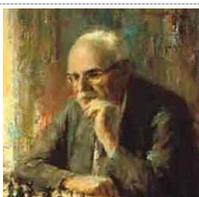
- Congratulations to our Junior Bible Bowlers for a great job this past Saturday at the Mayfield congregation. They answered all their questions and said all their memory verses.
- Thanks so much to *Brad* and *April Pounders* for hosting the Youth Devo Sunday night.
- Sunday Feb. 3rd: Lads to Leaders Boys Song Leading practice and Girls Speech practice begins at 4:00pm. Girls Songs of Praise and Boys Speech practice begins at 5:00pm.
- Congratulation to *Ruston Adams* for being selected to go Washington for the Presidential inauguration this past week. He was accompanied by his dad, *Richard Adams*.

**MISSION TRIP**

In late May, *Jim* and *Dianna Wall* will travel to Honduras with the West Main Church of Christ for a mission trip. They have asked our help by providing toothpaste and toothbrushes. There is a container in the foyer to place these items. Please check the list on the bulletin board for other items that are also needed for this mission trip.

**"I BELIEVE"**

**...that what wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul.**



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

### MINISTER

Mike King ..... 507-0625  
 Home ..... 534-6872  
 Office ..... 534-4649

### ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....534-6671  
 Troy Robertson .....534-3491

### DEACONS

Greg Clayton ..... 252-9762  
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195  
 Harold Russell ..... 534-4648  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver ..... 801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Michael Crotts  
 A.M. Prayer.....Andy Clemmer  
 Closing Prayer.....Shane Crotts  
 P.M. Prayer.....Drew Drummond  
 Closing.....Dan Cobb  
 Wed 2/6.....Jason Jennings  
 Wed.2/6.....Harold Crowe  
 Usher & Lock.....Roger Clayton

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....117  
 Sunday A.M.....144  
 Sunday P.M .....110  
 Wednesday.....105  
 Contribution.....\$ 3,912.60  
 Budget.....\$ 3,817.55



### PANTRY ITEM

Crackers

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### “Memorized Prayer”!

All my life I’ve heard men pray basically the same prayers over and over again. I just don’t think we’re thinking right or at all! You’ve heard ‘em pray...

*“Our Heavenly Father, we are thankful unto thee for this opportunity we have to come together and study another portion of thy word. And to worship thee in spirit and in truth, without fear of molestation in any way. Bless all those for who it is our duty and privilege to pray for the world over, especially those of the household of faith. If it be thy will, restore them to their much wanted and needed health. In like manner, Heavenly Father bless brother \_\_\_\_\_ (preacher-type) as he breaks unto us the bread of life. Give him a ready recollection of the things he has prepared and help us as listeners that we may study these things to see if they are so. Help us then to apply them to our everyday lives. Help us to live closer to thee in the future than we have in the past. Forgive us of all the sins we’ve committed since we’ve last approached thy throne of grace & now Father continue with us throughout this service and through the remainder of our lives here on this earth. Guard, guide and direct us as we depart to our respective places of abode, and bring us back at the next appointed time. And if in the end we have been found faithful, give us that eternal home with thee in Heaven and that will be enough. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.*

Brethren (and sistren) do we really THINK about what our prayers may sound like to God? Want, want, want! Go out behind the barn & think about it.

Doug’s Diggings...Doug Greenway, ~ West Main Church of Christ