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The Master's Business Requires Consistency

Mike King

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It was said about the young church which was started on the day of Pentecost that they learned early how to be consistent. Luke wrote that the Lord's church, after baptisms occurred and people were added to their number, "*continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers*" (Acts 2:42). The word "*steadfastly*" could better be understood as "*continually*" or "*with regularity.*" It must have been implicit that they had "*put their hand to the plow*" and could not look back without being a disappointment to God or having an adverse impact on Christ's cause (Lk. 9:62).

A similar admonition appears in I Cor. 15:58 – "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*" When God's righteous are "*abounding*" in good works, the promise is that the Lord's blessings will be upon those efforts. It should be of sincere interest and concern that we do not slip into seasonal or fair-weather Christianity! Paul charged Timothy to preach "*in season and out of season*" (2 Tim. 4:2). It would stand to reason that "*whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might*" should be done committedly, correctly, unselfishly, and responsibly. "*The Master's business requires haste*" as well as consistency.

We should be exhorted to take the above thoughts to heart when coping with crowded schedules. Our commitment should be genuine enough that it functions "*in season and out of season*" not allowing us to become spotty in our Christian living. We sometimes learn sloppy spiritual habits during the summer, which balloon into spiritual delinquency. As Christians we need to be reliable with attendance, interest in spiritual matters, and consistency in our giving, assumption of church related duties, modesty of dress, and the establishment of priorities. We are not like some golf courses that have a set of winter-greens and another for the summer for which the distance for par and course regulations change. We have one set of S.O.P. (standard operating procedures) to regulate our worship and service all year long. God deserves to be honored and worshipped regardless of the many activities vying for our involvement. Please do not neglect God's business because of something fun by which we allow ourselves to become distracted.

"If we neglect to exercise any talent, power, or quality it soon falls away from us"

(Henry Wood).

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2016

Announcements: Brad Pounders

Sound Room: Paul Ormon

Usher: Justin Dewberry

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Greg Harrison

Sun. P.M.: Richard Jennings

Wed.: Ray Kennedy/Youth

Sunday Prayers:

Jan.. 03:

A.M. Richard Jennings
Bobby Marques

P.M. Tyler Weaver
Mark Jennings

Jan. 10 :

A.M. Lonnie Weaver
Terry Young

P.M. Phillip Young
Alvin Parks

Jan. 17:

A.M. Roger Clayton
Olen Clark

P.M. Ruston Adams
Randy Wall

Jan. 24:

A.M. Andy Clemmer
Dan Cobb

P.M. Greg Harrison
Anderson Parks

Jan. 31:

A. M. Jim Gann
Shane Crotts

P. M. Caleb Jennings
Jerry Grimmett

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Harold Russell

North Helper I: Matt Jennings

North Helper II: Perry Jones

South Head: Jason Jennings

South Helper I: Troy Robertson

South Helper II: Phil Young

Scripture Reading:

Jan. 03 — Terry Stubblefield

Jan. 10 — Thomas Wall

Jan. 17 — Dillon Clayton

Jan. 24 — Dean Dillard

Jan. 31 — Michael Crotts

Wednesday Prayers:

Jan. 06 — Ray Kennedy; Bill Lyon

Jan. 13 — David Clayton; Gary Turner

Jan. 20 — Greg Clayton; Richard Adams

Jan. 27 — Harold Crowe, Steve Todd

Greeters:

Jan. 03 — Open

Jan. 10 — Steve & Lana Todd

Jan. 17 — Brad & April Pounders

Jan. 24 — Troy & Novene Robertson

Jan. 31 — Richard & Kathy Jennings

Usher & Lock:

Jan. 03 — Greg Clayton

Jan. 10 — Roger Clayton

Jan. 17 — Brad Pounders

Jan. 24 — Harold Russell

Jan. 31 — Randy Wall

Prepare Communion: Amy Jennings

Host Youth Devo. (Host Needed)

May God Make Your Year A Happy One!

Not from shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes:

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
Even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their
Causes need you most,
And by making you anxious to be
There to help.

CARE GROUPS MEET

- Care Team 1 (Brad Pounders' group) will meet at the home of *Janice Griffin* Sunday, Jan. 24th, following morning services.
- Care Team 2 (Andy Clemmer's group) will meet at the home of *Austin & Jessica Garrett* Friday night, Jan. 22nd at 6:00.
- Care Team 3 (Greg Clayton's group) will meet at the home of Terry & Betty Young Sun. Jan. 10th following morning services.
- Care Team 4 (Mike King's group) will meet at the home of Mike and Sheila King, Sun. Jan. 10th following morning services.

AREA EVENTS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held at the Oak Ridge congregation near Booneville, Sun. Jan 10th. The van will leave at 5:40p.m.
- The Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sunday Jan. 17th, at the Hillcrest congregation for their first competition of the new year. Our youth will eat at the Tupelo Mall before their competition.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



April Pounders, had an emergency appendectomy Mon. night, Jan. 4th, at the New Albany Hospital.

Wanda DeLoach, grandmother of *Lonnie Weaver* is in a Memphis Hospital with blood clots in her legs.

Gene Dowdy of the Pinedale community is in the Tupelo diagnosed with lung cancer.

Anthony Erwin, grandson of *Mable Erwin* was released from a Memphis Hospital Sunday, Jan. 3rd, after an extended stay due to aneurism in his head.

B.A. Stubblefield, father of *Terry Stubblefield* is having a difficult time with his health.

Harold Reeves, grandfather of *Emily Gann* is now under Hospice Care, room 510 of Traceway Retirement Center, in Tupelo.

J.B. Higgins, relative of *Jim Gann* has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, Larry Cobb, David Crossings, Joyce Clayton, Roy Crow, Jackie Dodd, Kevin Flowers, Preeble Foster, J.T. Gaines, J.C. Garner, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Davie Johnson, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Brooks Russell, B.A. Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Eudell Wilson Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mayna Senter, Miriam Styers, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Derek Bradley, Kevin Bradley

DIAPER SHOWER



A "Diaper Shower" is planned for *Jessica & Austin Garrett* Sunday night Jan. 17th, at our 3rd Sunday night fellowship. *Austin* and *Jessica* are expecting their 3rd child in late March, (gender to be a surprise).

I've Learned...

One who lacks courage to start has already finished.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 04. Pat Kennedy
January 05. Linda Ashmore
January 06. Yolanda Stubblefield
January 09. William Sloan
January 11. Alvin Parks
January 15. Jason Jennings

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 11. Greg & Kim Clayton



SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to *Steve Hill* and family in the death of his father, **Glen Hill**. *Mr. Hill* passed away Friday, Dec. 18th, in Texas after a battle with cancer. Funeral services were held Wed. Dec. 23rd at United Funeral Home.

Our sympathy is extended to *Perry Jones* and family in the death of his sister **Suzette Renick**. *Mrs. Renick* passed away Sat. Jan. 2nd in Memphis. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

We also express our sympathy to *Kim Clayton* and *April Pounders* in the death of their great-uncle, **Dalton Wilson**, who passed away Sat. Jan. 2nd. No arrangements are known at this time.

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to say a big "thank you" to the youth and the adults that work with the youth, for coming to my house to sing Christmas carols. I enjoyed the fruit, the delicious meal, and especially the visit so very much. You will never know how much those sweet hugs mean to us Senior Citizens. You are a GREAT youth group and our whole congregation is so very proud of each and every one of you. Love, Mary Frances Reid

"The family, through God's eyes, as seen in 2016!"



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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 Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Thomas Wall
A.M. Prayer.....Lonnie Weaver
Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....Phillip Young
ClosingAlvin Parks
Wed.1/6.....Ray Kennedy
Wed.1/6.....Bill Lyon
Usher & Lock ...Roger Clayton
Greeter.....S & L Todd

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....122
Sunday A.M.....143
Sunday P. M.....117
Wednesday.....117
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What Kind of Christian Are YOU?

(author unknown)

Some are like wheelbarrows — have to be pushed;
Some are like trailers — have to be pulled.
Some are like kites — always trying to fly away.
Some are like kittens — more contented when petted.
Some are like footballs — you can never tell which way they bounce.
Some are like balloons — full of wind and ready to explode.
Some are like neon signs — always going from on to off.
Some are like a "dead" battery — no energy or power.
Some are like the hitchhiker — want a free ride while others foot all the expenses.
Some are like an iceberg — cold and dangerous.
Some are like a candle under a basket — useless.
Some are like salt mixed with sand — no saving power.
Some are like little children — no sense of responsibility.
Some are like falling leaves — carried away with the slightest wind of doctrine.
Thank God, some are like the Rock of Gibraltar — Firm, Unmovable.

PANTRY ITEMS

Canned Chicken

