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Choosing A Successor

Mike King

There was a successful businessman who was aging and knew that he must select his successor to assume his business.

He called all of the young executives in his business together and approached it in an unorthodox manner. He explained that it was time for him to step down and that he would choose another CEO. He stated that he would be giving each executive a seed and they were to plant it and return within a year for him to see results. The plant growth would enable him to choose the next CEO.

One of the men, named Jim, received a seed and took it home excitedly and told his wife the story. They found a pot, filled it with compost and soil and planted the seed. They watered and watched with anticipation. The other workers began talking about their beautiful plants and the new growth, but Jim's was dormant. This growth continued on for the entire year and much talk was given to their beautiful plants. Jim kept watering and cultivating his plant futilely.

The day arrived for the plants to be displayed. Jim had nothing but a pot full of soil and compost. He discussed with his wife what to do. He loathed taking an empty pot to the board room and being laughed at by the other candidates. She advised that he take his pot, explain his story, and be honest. He arrived and placed the empty pot on the floor out of sight. Jim was terrified as the CEO entered the room. He said, "My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown...Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!" Jim knew the CEO would think him to be a genuine failure.

The CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead – it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees, plants, and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive!"

Two thousand years ago Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia the same story, but with fewer words, "*What you sow, so shall you reap.*" (Gal. 6:7). We are the grass that will wither and die, but the incorruptible seed of God's Word will live forever – sow it daily into the lives of others!

Plant with Consideration For Harvest

- If you plant honesty, you will reap trust.
- If you plant goodness, you will reap friends.
- If you plant humility, you will reap greatness.
- If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment.
- If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective.
- If you plant hard work, you will reap success.
- If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation.
- If you plant faith in Christ, you will reap a harvest.





PRAYER LIST

J. D. Stroud, is in room 221 of the local hospital recovering from hip surgery. He expects to be moved to the Union County Health and Rehab within the next few days.

Janice Cobb, is at home slowly recovering from bypass surgery.

J.L. Eaton, is doing well following back surgery. He was able to be at services Sunday.

Ruby Wagoner, aunt of *Darrell Crow* is not doing well following surgery to remove a cancerous kidney. The doctors have found other cancerous spots.

Lucille Gibson's knee surgery that was scheduled for this week was postponed due to an infection. Her surgery will be rescheduled when the infection is clear.

Barry Yancey, friend of the *Pounders* has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Continual Prayer

Bobby Marques, Earnestine McKinney, Lisa Mitchell, Ron Garner, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Randy Wall, Daphne Fitzpatrick, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Pauline Smith, Ruby Shouse

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole, Micah Russell

"I BELIEVE"

.... The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; They just make the most of everything they have.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 16.....Jodie Parks
October 27.....Mark Jennings
October 28.....Erin Wall
October 29.....Phil Young
October 31.....Steve Todd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 13.....Olen & Teresa Clark
October 14.....Perrin & Jean Drummond
October 27.....Jason & Amy Jennings

THANK YOU

To the congregation of the New Albany Church of Christ,

I want to thank you for your calls, visits and cards. This is the most thoughtful, caring and loving congregation I know. Thank you very much.

J. L. Eaton



FALL LECTURES

Our "Fall Lectures" will continue each Wed. evening through the end of October. Our guest speaker this week will be *King McCarver* from the Beech Hill Church of Christ. There will be a meal at 5:45 hosted by the adult II class. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy a meal and a period of fellowship before the lecture begins at 7 PM. Next week our guest speaker will be *Adam Miller*, the youth minister from the Mayfield Church of Christ.



- The Senior Bible Bowl will be held Sunday, Oct. 16th, at the Antioch Church of Christ.
- The youth devo for this month will be hosted by *Randy and Christy Wall*. We will have more details later.

Bible Reasons For Christian Living

J. Winfred Clark

We live in a day and age when people are looking for reasons. That is good. Such an approach will cause one to act in a fashion that is intelligent. There are also cases where one may be told to do, or not do, a certain thing. That person may respond by saying "Why?" That is, they want to know the reason.

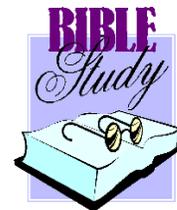
If you take the time to look at your Bible, you will see some reasons outlined as to the "why" people ought to live right.

1. **TO SAVE THE LOST.** This is clearly spelled out in the Bible. Peter speaks to the wife who has the husband that is not a Christian. She is told to, "...*be in subjection to your own husband; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear*" (I Pet. 3:1-2). Notice that the wife is told what to do, and she is also told why she is to conduct herself in that way. In short, her life is to be lived in such a way that she may be a Christian influence and save the husband.

2. **TO SILENCE THE OPPOSITION.** This is surely seen in the language of Paul to Titus. "*Sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you*" (Titus 2:8). The man that is a Christian is to so speak and so act that nobody can have any reason to speak a word against him. He may not agree with what he believes but he cannot deny the kind of life he lives. This was true in the case of Daniel.

3. **TO SUPPORT THE TRUTH.** Listen to the language of Paul, "*Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ*" (Phil. 1:27). This passage calls for a life that will support the gospel. It will be a life that attracts people to the gospel rather than having them repulsed by such. One would not listen to someone like the priest or Levite that passed by on the other side of the road. He would however pay some attention to what one like the Samaritan had to say. Surely the gospel would make one more like that Samaritan than the priest and Levite.

Yes, there are reasons for living the life a Christian is to live.



AREA EVENTS.

- **N. Gatlin St. Church of Christ** in Okolona invites you to their Gospel Meeting Oct. 16th-20th, at 7:30 each evening with *Adam Miller* as the guest speaker.
- **Annual Spaghetti Supper** sponsored by the **Freed-Hardeman Associates** will be held October 21, at the Tippah County Fairgrounds in Ripley, Ms. Tickets are \$7.00 and all proceeds go to Freed-Hardeman University for student scholarships. Check the bulletin board for more details.
- **Parenting Seminar** to be held October 29th at the Batesville Church of Christ with *Dr. Sam Jones* of Freed-Hardeman University as the guest speaker.

SUNSHINE...



The thing that really matters is the
"something else" you do,
Besides the getting dollars
all your whole life through.
It's just the touch you're giving to others day by day,
The sunshine that you scatter all along your way.
The kindly deed you're doing
when someone needs a friend...
The service that you render, the helping hand you lend.
It brings a joy that's lasting,
which money cannot do -
To know that someone's gladness
Is just because of you!
~ Sidney J. Burgone ~

OUR RECORD

Sunday School 118
Sunday A M 143
Sunday P.M. 134
Wednesday 112
Contribution\$4,473.87
Budget \$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Steve Todd
A.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon
Closing Prayer.....Dan Cobb
P.M. Prayer.....Bill Botts
Closing.....Bill Lyon
Wed 10/19.....Greg Harrison
Wed. 10/19.....Mark Jennings
Usher & Lock....Lonnie Weaver
Greeter.....H & D Crowe



PANTRY ITEM

Pantry is low

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
Troy Robertson 534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts 316-2422
Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
Roger Clayton 534-5240
Andy Clemmer 816-5887
Harold Russell 534-4648
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthew Powell

Joyfully invite you to share

In the marriage of their daughter

Megan Ann

to

Mr. Craig Oneal Owen

Saturday, the twenty-ninth of October

Two thousand and eleven

At half after four in the evening

1872 Highway 404

Duck Hill, Mississippi 38925

Reception to follow.



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