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## BUILT ANY FENCES LATELY?

Mike King



According to *Darren Wride*, a motivational speaker from Manitoba, Canada, there are two farms near Valleyview, Alberta where you can find two parallel fences only two feet apart, running for a half mile. It seems senseless that you would need two fences seemingly doing the same job.

Two farmers, Paul and Oscar, had a disagreement that erupted into a feud. Paul wanted to build a fence between their lands and split the cost, but Oscar was unwilling to contribute with the expense. Paul wanted to keep cattle on his land, so he went ahead and built the fence covering the entire cost.

Soon after the fence was completed, Oscar said to Paul, "I see we have a fence."

"What do you mean 'we'?" Paul replied. "I got the property line surveyed and built the fence two feet into my land. And if any of your cows sets foot on my land, I'll shoot it."

Oscar knew Paul was not joking, so he eventually decided to use the land adjoining Paul's for pasture and was forced to build another fence, two feet away.

Oscar and Paul are both gone now, but their double fence stands as a monument to the high price we pay for stubbornness.

The sin of stubbornness was not to be tolerated during Old Testament times. If parents had a son who was stubborn, who would not obey his mother and father, and refused chastisement, he was to be brought before the elders of the city. The consequence was very severe: "*Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear*" (Deut. 21:18-21).

David was appealing for his people to give ear to God and not be like their fathers, who failed to keep His commandments and forgot His works. He said they were "*A stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God*" (Ps. 78:8). Do you have an "unfaithful spirit?"

The people of God were given judges to govern the Children of Israel's behavior. When the judge was dead they returned to their behavior, even worse than their parents. They bowed down to and served false gods and "*they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way*" (Jud. 2:19). Paul's plea to the Corinthians was, "*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*" (I Cor. 1:10). He knew that they could not make an impression upon their unbelieving community with a quarrelsome spirit and a divisive mindset; neither can we today!

"Stubborn" means "obstinate." It can be exhibited toward fellow-man or toward God. Either is selfish and has damnable ends.

## OCTOBER FALL LECTURESHIP SPEAKER

### *David Powell - Speaker*

North Jackson Church of Christ - Jackson, TN

OCT. 10, 2012 - 7:00 PM



David was born in Paducah, KY. His parents were the late Joe and Delores Powell. His mother, “momma Dee,” served as a dorm mother in Farrow Hall at FHU for seven years. He is married to former Cathy Dublin of Mayfield, KY. Both David and Cathy are FHU graduates. Cathy teaches for Jackson Christian School in Jackson, TN. They have been married for 31 years. They have a daughter and son, Katie and Nathan. Katie is 23 and a 2008 graduate of FHU. She currently teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade English at Madison Middle School. Nathan is a senior at Jackson Christian and plans to attend FHU to major in Bible and Youth Ministry.

Dr. Powell began teaching in the Freed-Hardeman University School of Biblical Studies in 1994. He worked with the Henderson Church of Christ for twelve years (1981-1986 and 1994-2000). Since May of 2000, he has served as Pulpit Minister for the North Jackson Church of Christ in Jackson, TN. This is his second time to work with them, having served as Associate Minister from 1988-1992.

In addition to these roles, Dr. Powell holds at least six Gospel Meetings per year and conducts mission trips to Honduras and Peru each year. He serves as a co-sponsor of the Preachers’ Club and Horizons programs. He also serves on the Lectureship Committee. He has appeared on a number of lectureships and he frequently writes for lectureship publications as well as the Spiritual Sword. He makes at least one trip abroad in campaign work each year and travels with the North Jackson congregation to Peru and the Dominica Republic. David holds a B.A. in Bible from FHU; M. Th., Harding University and a D. Min., Harding University. He loves to fish, work in his yard and spend time with his family.

## DYING TO SELF

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don’t sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being worthy to suffer for Christ, that is dying to self.

When your good is evil spoken of when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take it all in patients, loving silence, that is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, any unpunctuality, or any annoyance; when you stand face-to-face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility - - and endure it as Jesus endured, that is dying to self.

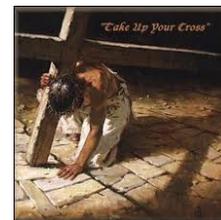
When you are content with any food, any offering, any climate, any society, any raiment, any interruption by the will of God, that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendations, when you can truly love to be unknown, that is dying to self.

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances, that is dying to self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart, that is dying to self.

*“Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matt. 16:24-25).*





### PRAYER LIST

**Crystal Bickerstaff**, daughter of *J. L. Eaton*, is scheduled for kidney surgery Oct 2nd, at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

**Jennie Bell**, is suffering from a pinched nerve in her back. She will be seeing a doctor in Memphis about possible surgery.

**Eleta Grimmett**, was admitted to the Tupelo Hospital Monday, with pneumonia.

**Perrin Drummond**, is awaiting results of tests he had last week.

#### Continual Prayer

**Taterrin Wilson, Rosie Wilson, Mayala Wood, Rex Lyon, Altha Rogers, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Connie Phagan, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Brooks Russell, Jack Dunlap, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry & Betty Young**

#### Shut-Ins

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:** **Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris**

#### Military List:

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



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



October 05. ....Claudia Senter  
October 06. ....Tara Sparks  
October 12. ....Greg Harrison

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 09. .... Terry & Betty Young  
October 13. ....Olen & Teresa Clark



### OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an Open House at the home of *Greg and Kim Clayton* Sunday, Oct. 7th, from 2:00-4:00pm. Their address is: 1067 CR 26, Myrtle, MS. No gifts are necessary.

### MEN'S CHICKEN FEST



The Men's Annual Chicken Fest is scheduled for Sunday night, Oct. 14th, following services, at *Phil Young's* barn. Please be sure to sign the list in the foyer by Oct. 7th, if you plan to attend. Remember...no name, no chicken. You do not want to miss this opportunity for great food and fellowship!

### WEB SITE & EMAIL CHANGE!

Please make note that our web site address has changed as well as our office email. You may find our web site at <http://www.nacoc.us>. You may reach us by email at [nacoc15s@gmail.com](mailto:nacoc15s@gmail.com).

### AREA EVENTS

- Tippah-Benton County **FHU Associates Annual Spaghetti Supper**, Fri. Oct. 5th, at the Tippah Co. Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$7.00.
- A **Gospel Meeting** is planned for Oct. 7-11 at the **N. Gatling St. Church of Christ** in Okolona, Ms. The guest speaker will be *David Paden*.
- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Ashland Church of Christ** Oct. 14-17. Different speaker each night.
- **Youth Day** at **Crockett Church of Christ** Oct. 13th, from 10:00-1:00pm. Check bulletin board.

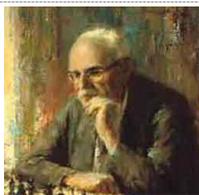


### PINE VALE CHILDREN'S HOME FALL PANTRY DRIVE

The fall food drive for Pine Vale Children's Home will continue until the week of Oct. 14th. Please remember to bring cake mixes and Lysol products.

**"I BELIEVE"**

**...that a lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.**



## OUR RECORD

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Sunday School..... | 119         |
| Sunday A.M.....    | 147         |
| Sunday P.M.....    | 102         |
| Wednesday.....     | 102         |
| Contribution.....  | \$ 3,586.25 |
| Budget.....        | \$ 3,567.55 |

## TO SERVE

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Scripture.....      | Anderson Parks   |
| A.M. Prayer.....    | Dalton Beard     |
| Closing Prayer..... | Ronnie Griggs    |
| P.M. Prayer.....    | Greg Clayton     |
| Closing.....        | Dillon Clayton   |
| Wed 10/10.....      | Richard Jennings |
| Wed. 10/10.....     | Randy Wall       |
| Usher & Lock.....   | Greg Clayton     |
| Greeter.....        | R & K Jennings   |



## PANTRY ITEM

Pasta Meals

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

## MINISTER

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

## MONTH: OCTOBER 2012

### SOUND

### ROOM

Steve Todd

### LEAD

### SINGING

*SUN AM:* Greg Harrison

*SUN PM:* Richard Jennings

*WED:* Dalton Beard

### LORD'S

### SUPPER

*N Head:* Roger Clayton

*N Help I:* Mark Jennings

*N Help II:* Matt Jennings

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### A.M.

#### Opening

*1ST* Dalton Beard

*2ND* Phil Young

*3RD* Richard Adams

*4TH* Bill Frohn

*5TH*

#### Closing

Ronnie Griggs

Bill Botts

Daniel Drummond

Terry Young

### SCRIPTURE READING

Anderson Parks

David Clayton

Clay Ormon

Alvin Parks

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### PM

#### Opening

*1ST* Greg Clayton

*2ND* J. L. Eaton

*3RD* Jerry Gibson

*4TH* Jason Jennings

*5TH*

#### Closing

Dillon Clayton

Dan Cobb

Shane Crotts

Drew Drummond

#### USHER & LOCK

Greg Clayton

Roger Clayton

Harold Russell

Randy Wall

### WED

### PRAYERS

#### Opening

*1ST* Harold Crowe

*2ND* Richard Jennings

*3RD* Ray Kennedy

*4TH* J. McCullough

*5TH* Paul Ormon

#### Closing

Bobby White

Ruston Adams

Olen Clark

Perry Jones

Bill Lyon

#### GREETERS

R & K Jennings

T & N Robertson

B & N Frohn

G & K Clayton

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