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Hear

RANDY COLLUM

Corinth, MS



Randy was raised in Memphis, TN where he was educated and where he met his wife Amy who is also a native of Memphis. He attended the Southaven congregation during his growing up years.

While still living in Memphis he attended and is a 2010 graduate of Memphis School of Preaching. He is now seeking a Master of Science Degree in Human Services at Ambridge University in Montgomery, AL. He is better preparing himself with credentials so as to direct the home in as professional manner as possible. He manages a staff, property, finances, and coordinates meeting the needs of 18 children. In addition to the above obligations, he travels and speaks in behalf of the home to report on the activities of Pine Vale and to raise funds for its on-going effectiveness.

For the past year, Randy has been the Campus Manager of Pine Vale Children's Home in Corinth. The New Albany congregation has been supportive of the home for many years and continues to support the home on a monthly basis in addition to memorials being sent upon the death of a congregational member. The congregation has been very supportive in providing supplies for their fall collection, which was packed up today and was enough to fill a van.

Following his graduation, our brother Collum began work with the Ashland Church of Christ, during which time he was one of our speakers for our October Lectureship and did a great job. He moved from Ashland to preach at Mumford, TN, just north of Memphis, and has now been at Pine Vale for a little over a year.

Randy is married to Amy and they have two beautiful daughters, Allison (13) and Lilly (12). Their work for Pine Vale is somewhat a family project and their unselfish disposition and conscientiousness for the care and concern for children that are homeless and deprived is very commendable.

We are pleased that Randy can return once again to be a part of our 2015 October Lectureship. You can expect an encouraging and sound message from this fine young brother in Christ. Plan to be present!

God's Economy

God's economy is all about turning our hardship into help for someone else. There is a purpose in pain. It's never pleasant at the time, but it bears fruit for others. The process is quite simple really. I go through something that necessitates my receiving resources from God to get through it. And while God is strengthening me, the strength that He gives me is something I can share with someone else, especially someone going through a similar difficulty.

Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 1:3-5...

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the Lord of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

There you have it. Overflowing comfort. When we're going through a hard time, God gives us more than enough to cope, so we'll have something leftover to share with someone else, thus giving us a purpose even in our hardship. This is so important because one of the tendencies when things go bad is to think that our life is suddenly pointless and wasted. We find it hard to wrestle anything good out of the bad things that happen to us. But the good is always there, and if we can't see it, it's because we aren't tuned into God's economy. We are just looking at the situation from one point of view, and it happens to be the most depressing one.

Did you notice, also, that our sufferings and comfort both come from the same source? We share in the sufferings of Christ so that we can share in the comfort that comes from Christ as well. That's God's economy.

So are you going through it right now? Are you asking God, "Why?" and not getting any answers? Well, at its most basic level, the unique set of circumstances that set you up for this are such that they will qualify you to help someone else in a similar situation. So if that someone should say to you, "You can't possibly know what I'm going through," you will be able to say, "Oh yeah? Let me tell you my story and show you how God met me." It keeps circling around like that. That's part of God's economy.

Via ~ Bulletin Fodder

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who called for a prophet to curse Israel because he was afraid of them? _____ (Numbers 22:1-6)
2. Who was the cup-bearer for King Artaxerxes? _____ (Nehemiah 1:1 - 2:1)
3. Who is a brother or sister or mother to Christ? _____ (Matthew 12:50)
4. Of what affliction was Bartimaeus healed by Jesus? _____ (Mark 10:46-52)
5. What people controlled the city of Jerusalem until King David was able to defeat them? _____ (Judges 1:21; 1 Chronicles 11:4-9)
6. What Israelite married Ruth the Moabitess? _____ (Ruth 4:9-10)
7. What was the Roman name of the goddess of the Ephesians (called Artemis by the Greeks)? _____ (Acts 19:24-41)
8. What were Eldad and Medad able to do even though they did not assemble with the other elders? _____ (Numbers 11:24-26)



Out of the Mouths of Babes

A family is riding in the family car and an advertisement for a current movie comes on the radio. At the end of the advertisement comes the disclaimer, "Opens Friday in a theater near you! This film contains intense thematic material, graphic violence, nudity, strong sexual situations, drug content and course language. May not be appropriate for children under thirteen."

At the end of the disclaimer, the family's young son, sitting in the back seat, asks, "Mommy, who would it be appropriate for exactly?"

"Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

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PRAYER LIST



Ralph Williams, minister for the Hwy 178 congregation was admitted to an Atlanta Hospital with flu like symptoms.

Janice Cobb had a stent put in last week at the Tupelo Hospital for a blockage. Another blockage will be treated with medication. She is at home doing ok.

Madison Griggs will undergo heart tests in the next few weeks.

Mildred Shackelford, sister of *Dixie White* has been in the Ripley Hospital having tests run.

SYMPATHY:



We express our deepest sympathy to *Troy and Novene Robertson* and family in the death of their grandson **Whit Robertson**. *Whit* passed away Wed. Oct. 14th, at the age of 17 after a battle with brain cancer. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 18th in Lebanon, TN. This fine young man will be missed!

Continue to Remember:

David Crossings, Gina Cole, Joyce Clayton, Roy Crow, Maurine Drummond, Jackie Dodd, John Elliott, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Brooks Russell, Lisa Russell, Ola Senter, Carl Smith, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Perrin Drummond, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley

I've Learned...

What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 27..... Jason & Amy Jennings



RESPONSES

Yolanda Stubblefield responded to the invitation Wed. night Oct. 14th asking for the prayers of the church for strength and encouragement that she might be the kind of example she needs and wants to be. Please remember her in your prayers.

Kaye Parks responded to the invitation Wed. Oct. 14th, seeking the prayers for strength that she might be more devoted in the Lord's work. Please encourage *Kaye* as she strives to live for Christ.

COOKOUT/HAYRIDE

A Fall Campout/Cookout/Hayride has been planned for Sat. Oct. 30th at the Walls' Lake. Please be sure to sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend, and mark if you will be bringing a guest. The meal will be served around 6:00pm. Be sure to bring a lawn chair and a jacket. We appreciate *Randy, Christy, Erin* and *Thomas* for opening their beautiful home place for this fun event.



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

- Fall Lectures Speakers: Oct. 21st ~ *Gary Hampton*; & Oct. 28th ~ *Randy Collum*
- Care Team 3 will meet at the home of *Jerry & Eleta Grimmert*, Sat. Oct. 24th at 5:30.
- Trunk or Treat Wed. Oct. 28th, at 6:15p.m.
- Cookout/Hayride/Youth Devo at the Walls Lake, Fri. Oct. 30th.

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To Be Seen in 2015!**



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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Greg Clayton252-9762
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 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dean Dillard
 A.M. Prayer.....Perry Jones
 Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
 P.M. Prayer.....Mark Jennings
 ClosingTroy Robertson
 Wed.10/28.....Andy Clemmer
 Wed.10/28.....Matt Jennings
 Usher & Lock ...Brad Pounders
 Greeter.....G & K Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....120
 Sunday A.M.....140
 Sunday P. M.....114
 Wednesday.....121
 Contribution.....\$3,584.00
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PANTRY ITEMS

Dried Beans or Peas

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Spelling Integrity

At a national spelling contest in Washington, an incident occurred that made me feel good—and made me wonder. In the fourth round of the contest, Rosalie Elliot, then an eleven-year-old from South Carolina, was asked to spell *avowal*. In her soft Southern accent she spelled it. But did the seventh grader use an *a* or an *e* as the next to last letter? The judges couldn't decide. For several minutes they listened to tape recording playbacks, but the critical letter was accent-blurred. Chief Judge John Lloyd finally put the question to the only person who knew the answer, "Was the letter an *a* or was it an *e*?" he asked Rosalie. Surrounded by whispering young spellers, she knew by now the correct spelling of the word. Without hesitating, she replied she had misspelled it. She walked from the stage.

The entire audience stood and applauded, including half a hundred newspaper reporters, one of whom was heard to remark that Judge Lloyd had put quite a burden on an eleven-year-old. Rosalie rated a hand and it must have been a heartwarming and proud moment for her parents. The thing that makes me wonder, however, was the apparent feeling on the part of so many that the issue might have been in doubt and that honesty might have bowed to temptation. Have we in this age stopped taking honesty for granted, even from our children? ~ copied

