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BEING FISHERS OF MEN

Mike King



God's purpose for men was that we be fishers of men. It is a natural thing for fishers to seek fish, not the opposite. We often comment that the community or world knows where we are. They are welcome to come anytime they want. Jesus made it known that His purpose on this earth was to seek and save the lost (Lk. 19:10). He then sent His disciples to do the same (Jn. 20:21).

The Father wants us to understand men as fishermen understand fish. Until we understand our position before God, we cannot see others as they really are. By doing so, we can have sympathy and compassionate feelings for others (2 Cor. 1:3-6). God wants us to attract men using as bait a Christ-filled life. The unity and love of Christ's disciples attracted in His day and will today (Jn. 13:34-35; 17:20-21). The individual life of the Christian is found attractive today as well (Matt. 5:14-16; 1 Pet. 2:11-12).

God wants us to catch men. The bond is love (Lk. 14:13-14) which compels and draws others to Jesus through us (2 Cor. 5:14). This is where the significance comes into play of "*Bless be the tie that binds...*"

God's promise is to make us fishers of men. Some are not aware of this promise and its significance. We think that it is all up to us to win souls so we try to make ourselves into fishermen. God has told us that He would give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6). He promised to make or develop us into "fishers of men" (Mk. 1:16-17). We are not alone for He will go with us to the work (Matt. 28:20). What He commands, He gives us the power to perform. Jesus was able to lay His life down because of God's command (Jn. 10:18). We are included in this promise as well (Phil. 2:12-13; 4:13).

We become fishers of men when we recognize our need and Jesus' power. This was so with Peter when told to catch men (Lk. 5:1-11). We are admonished to be strong in our weaknesses (2 Cor. 12:9). If necessary, we are to leave all to follow Jesus (Mk. 1:16-20). When we put ourselves in His hands, He will recreate us in His image and in so doing, we will put Him first (Eph. 2:8-10). If each Christian would take upon himself the challenge to reproduce self by leading one to Christ within a year, we can readily see that the family of God, the church, would double. The fish are plentiful (fields white unto harvest), but as has always been the case, the laborers are few. Let us do our part to eliminate this personal hold-back to the kingdom's growth!

PRAYER LIST



Jessie Hawkins, brother of *Viva Dillard* remains in the Burn Center in Jackson, Ms., after being burned while working on a car. He is in serious condition.

Janice Cobb, will have gall bladder surgery Thursday. She is still recovering from by-pass surgery.

J. D. Stroud, is slowly improving from hip surgery.

Ron Garner, friend of *Mike & Sheila King*, to have a high risk surgery to replace his aorta valve.

Jonathan Clayton, will have eye surgery Friday.

Susan Ware & family, friend of *Christy Wall* is suffering from the loss of her husband.

Continual Prayer

Betty Lang, Lucille Gibson, Barry Yancey, Earnestine McKinney, Lisa Mitchell, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Daphne Fitzpatrick, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

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 & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole

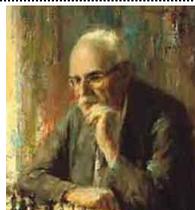
WEDDING REMINDER



Remember the wedding of *Megan Powell* and *Craig Owen* this Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 4:30pm at 1872 Highway 404, Duck Hill, MS. A reception will follow the ceremony. Everyone is invited.

“I BELIEVE”

.... That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- October 28.....Erin Wall
- October 29.....Phil Young
- October 31.....Steve Todd
- November 01.....Amy Vest
- November 03.....Paul Ormon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- November 03.....Bill & Grace Lyon



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for the pantry supplies. Y'all did a great job and helped us to replenish some of our most used supplies. Come see us anytime you are up our way.

Tommy Baragona
Pine Vale Children's Home

New Albany Church of Christ,

Your love and support for me and our family during my recent surgery and recovery has been overwhelming! Thank you for the visits, calls, cards, gifts, flowers, food and especially your prayers. Special thanks to those who came to be with our family during surgery! We are blessed to have Christian friends like you!

Love,
Janice & Larry Cobb

5TH SUNDAY SERVICE



This Sunday, we will have an 'All Day Service'. There will be a pot luck meal following our morning service and our evening service will be at 1:15. The elders will be in charge of the evening service. Adult I class will be in charge of the fellowship building. Invite you family and friends to come and enjoy the day with us.



TIME

It had been some time since Jack had seen the old man. Life just got in the way. In fact, Jack moved across the country in pursuit of his dreams. Jack had little to think about the past and often no time to spend with his wife and son. He was working on his future and nothing could stop him.

Over the phone his mother told him, “Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday.”

Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

“You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man’s influence in your life.” she said.

“He’s the one who taught me carpentry,” he said. “I wouldn’t be in this business if it weren’t for him. Mom, I’ll be there for the funeral.”

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser’s funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. “What’s wrong, Jack?” his Mom asked. “The box is gone,” he said. “What box?” Mom asked.

“There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. “All he’d ever tell me was ‘the thing I value most,’” Jack said. It was gone.

Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

“Now I’ll never know what was so valuable to him,” Jack said. “I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom.”

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belsar died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a small package waiting on his doorstep. It was old and looked like it had been mailed a long time ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention.

“Mr. Harold Belsar” it read. Jack took the package out to his car and ripped it open. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack’s hands shook as he read the note. “Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It’s the thing I valued most in my life.”

His heart raced and tears filled his eyes as Jack carefully opened the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Inside the cover of the watch he found these words engraved: “Jack, Thanks for your time! Harold Belser.”



“The thing he valued most was...my time.”

AREA EVENTS.

- **Ladies’ Day** Sat. Nov. 5th at the **Mayfield Church of Christ**. Registration begins at 9:00am.
- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Gloster Street Church of Christ** Nov. 6-9, Mon-Wed at 7:00pm
- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Nettleton Church of Christ** Nov. 13-16th. Mon.-Wed night at 7:00pm
- **Fulton Church of Christ Homecoming** Nov, 6th.

Check the bulletin board for more details

YOUTH NEWS

- Thanks to *Randy & Christy Wall* for hosting this months youth devo. We appreciate them.
- Trunk ‘R’ Treat will be this Wed. night at 6:15 in the back parking lot. In case of rain it will be held in the gym.
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held here at New Albany on Nov. 13th.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	118
Sunday A M	137
Sunday P.M.	111
Wednesday	106
Contribution	\$3,136.87
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Gary Turner
A.M. Prayer.....	Dalton Beard
Closing Prayer...	Jason Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....	Randy Wall
Closing.....	Carl Smith
Wed 10/26.....	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 10/26	Bobby White
Usher & Lock. .	Greg Clayton
Greeter.....	B & N Frohn



PANTRY ITEM

OATMEAL/GRITS

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	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

- How beautiful are they that preach the Gospel of _____!(Rom.10:15)
A. repentance B. righteousness C. faith D. peace E. salvation
- What should we not allow to "reign in our mortal bodies"? (Romans 6:10)
A. Sin B. wickedness C. evil D. fear E. hatred
- We should walk not after the flesh but after what? (Romans 8:1)
A. spirit B. righteousness C. faith D. salvation
- What can separate us from the love of God? (Romans 8:35)
A. tribulation B. distress C. nothing D. persecution
- We are justified by Christ's what? (Romans 5:9)
A. life B. death C. resurrection D. blood
- The carnal mind is ____ against God? (Romans 8:7)
A. contrary B. enmity C. evil D. hatred E. hostile
- Being reconciled, we shall be saved by Christ's what? (Romans 5:10)
A. blood B. life C. resurrection D. death
- What are those who are led by the Spirit of God called? (Romans 8:14)
A. faithful B. sons of God C. Christians D. righteous
- How many men had not bowed to Baal in the time of Elijah? (Rom. 11:4)
A. none B. 7000 C. 100 D. 1000 E. 700
- Instead of servants of sin we should become servants of what? (Rom.6:18)
A. Love B. truth C. righteousness D. faith

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