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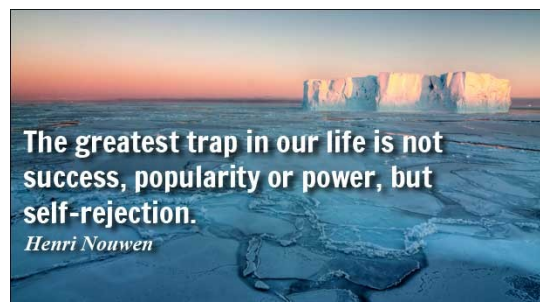
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## Our Person – The Church’s Greatest Asset

Mike King



*Bruce Barton* wrote, “If you have anything really valuable to contribute to the world, it will come through the expression of your own personality.” When reading the twelfth chapters of Romans and I Corinthians, one finds inspiration in agreement with *Mr. Burton’s* writing. The strongest asset that we have in communicating the gospel, not considering the Word of God, is our person. What a challenge it is to make sure that we are the right kind of person!

It is amazing to me that God would see fit to entrust His Word to the custodial care of “*earthen vessels*” (2 Cor. 4:7). Each vessel is unique and serviceable in its own way. The diversity of persons, not teaching, contributes to the strength and outreach of the “*body*” in that it has “*many members*” none of which fulfill the same role.

*Sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple,  
but God declared: “Go down again – I dwell among the people”*

~ J.H. Newman ~

The Lord’s church is a composite of beautiful and talented people merging their various strengths and talents to honor and glorify the Lord and bless humanity. There are no insignificant members in the body of Christ. Some are “*uncomely*”, but vital to the body (I Cor. 12:23). The inference is that those we think to be less honorable are given more abundant honor “*to that part which lacked*” (v. 24). Elders, deacons, and preachers are not a “*cut above*” anyone. They are merely men who have dedicated themselves to the cause of Christ in a leadership capacity. To serve in this capacity is not a function of arrogance, but of considerably increased responsibility and answerability. Those who assume leadership and teaching roles shall “*receive the greater judgment*” (Jas. 3:1). They too are but members and are to be found “*Submitting...one to another in the fear of God*” (Eph. 5:21). Truly, the “*ground is level at the foot of the cross,*” none standing taller or more important than the next. True servants lose themselves in the greatest effort known to mankind! Peter and the apostles were beaten by the Sanhedrin for preaching Jesus and left “*the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name*” (Acts 5:41). So, “*when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do*” (Lk. 17:10).

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2014

**Announcements:** Terry Stubbelfield  
**Sound Room:** Brad Pounders  
**Usher:** Chris Smithey

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: Greg Harrison  
 Sun. P.M.: Richard Jennings  
 Wed.: Ray Kennedy/Youth

### Sunday Prayers:

Nov. 02:  
 A.M. Troy Robertson  
 Bill Lyon  
 P.M. Randy Wall  
 Bobby Marques

Nov. 09  
 A.M. Harold Russell  
 Alvin Parks  
 P.M. Andy Clemmer  
 Olen Clark

Nov. 16:  
 A.M. Paul Ormon  
 Steve Todd  
 P.M. Dillon Clayton  
 Shane Crotts

Nov. 23:  
 A.M. Lonnie Weaver  
 Olen Clark  
 P.M. J. L. Eaton  
 Harold Crowe

Nov. 30:  
 A.M. Phil Young  
 Greg Clayton  
 P.M. Hunter Jennings  
 Josh George

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Richard Jennings	South Head: Roger Clayton
North Helper I: Burrell Walton	South Helper I: Jason Jennings
North Helper II: Gary Turner	South Helper II: Tyler Weaver

### Scripture Reading:

Nov. 02 — Anderson Parks  
 Nov. 09 — Thomas Wall  
 Nov. 16 — Ruston Adams  
 Nov. 23 — Michael Crotts  
 Nov. 30 — Cody Clemmer

### Wednesday Prayers:

Nov. 05 — Perry Jones; Phillip Young  
 Nov. 12 — Ray Kennedy; Dan Cobb  
 Nov. 19 — David Clayton; Ronnie Griggs  
 Nov. 26 — Drew Drummond;  
 Daniel Drummond

### Greeters:

Nov. 02 — Brad & April Pounders  
 Nov. 09 — Greg & Kim Clayton  
 Nov. 16 — Richard & Kathy Jennings  
 Nov. 23 — Alvin & Kaye Parks  
 Nov. 30 — Troy & Novene Robertson

### Usher & Lock:

Nov. 02 — Randy Wall  
 Nov. 09 — Greg Clayton  
 Nov. 16 — Roger Clayton  
 Nov. 23 — Brad Pounders  
 Nov. 30 — Harold Russell

**Host Youth Devo: ?**

**Prepare Communion:** Callie & Carlisle Smithey

\* If you are unable to carry out your assigned task please let Randy Wall know so he can find a replacement.

## Scriptural Recipe For Burnout

What do you do when you are down? What do you do when you feel that you are to the “breaking point?” GOD’S prescription is found in Is. 40:3, “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall not faint.” The pattern of the LORD here established the Sabbath day in the Old Testament specifically for this (Ex. 31:15). We need time to recoup, to recover. After the victory on Mount Carmel, Jezebel threatens Elijah. For fear of his life, Elijah runs and hides. Before GOD reprimands Elijah for running and not trusting Him, He feeds Elijah and allows him time to rest (I Kgs. 18,19). GOD knows that we need rest. That is why He commands us to wait.

How does God renew us? Through prayer and rest. Jesus prayed in the garden three times for strength to endure the cross (Matt.26:36-44). Look what happened when Jesus waited and prayed; He was able to endure until the end eternal life. GOD can change our heart through waiting (time) and praying (time in the presence of the ALMIGHTY). He can recreate, renew a heart of passion for His cause, The cause.

Once we are renewed, we need to rejoin the battle against sin and Satan (Eph. 6:12). We must stand fast and strong (Eph. 6:11) and press on till the end (Phil. 3:14). So you need a heart transplant? Does God need to rebuild your heart? If so, we have talked about what to do. “Now...Let’s Roll!” (Lk. 9:23).

## Bible Verse To Remember

“ For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.” Isaiah 41:13

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## PRAYER LIST

**Tony Cross** has been moved to The New Albany Rehab and will begin chemo.

**Whit Robertson**, grandson of *Troy* and *Novene Robertson* will have corrective surgery on his kidney Friday Oct. 31, in Franklin, TN.

**Kyle Crofts**, brother of *Shane Crofts* is having health problems and has requested our prayers.

**Nicki Weaver** is to see a endocrinologist this week.

### Continue to remember:

Lyndon Beard, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Barbara Davis, Mabel Erwin, Mary Butler, Paul Carruth, John Popson, Nancy Petrowski, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

### Shut-Ins:

Victor Ashmore, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, (Rehab) Charlene Coker, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

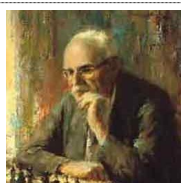
### Military List:

Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



## I've Learned...

When we have done what we can, God will do what we can't.



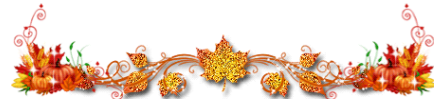
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



October 29. . . . . Phil Young  
October 31. . . . . Steve Todd  
November 03. . . . . Paul Ormon  
November 06. . . . . Janice Griffin

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November. . . . . Bill & Grace Lyon



## SYMPATHY

\* We express our sympathy to *Janice Griffin* in the death of her mother **Sarah Gordon** of Okolona, MS. *Mrs. Gordon* passed away Monday night, Oct. 26th at the age of 90. Visitation will be from 12:00-2:00pm Tuesday, Oct. 28th at the Okolona Church of Christ. Funeral services will be at 2:00pm at the church.

\* We also express our sympathy to *Bobby* and *Dixie White* in the death of their brother-in-law, **Hudson Grisham** of TN. *Mr. Grisham* passed away last week after a lengthy illness. Graveside services were held Monday Oct. 27th, at the Chapman Church of Christ.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



'Trunk or Treat' will be held Wednesday night, Oct. 29th. If you would like to participate, it will begin at 6:15pm in the back parking lot of the church building.

Please, no costumes worn to our 5th Wed. night singing which will begin at 7:00pm.

## AREA EVENTS

- You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Gloster St. Church of Christ Nov. 2-5. The guest speaker will be *Vance Hutton*. Services Mon-Wed at 7:00pm
- A Gospel Meeting will be held at East Main Church of Christ Nov. 2-5 with *Barry Kennedy* as the guest speaker. Services times Mon- Wed at 7:00pm.

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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 Jennings .....316-1305  
Troy Robertson .....534-3491

**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.....Anderson Parks  
A.M. Prayer.....Troy Robertson  
Closing Prayer.....Bill Lyon  
P.M. Prayer .....Randy Wall  
Closing .....Bobby Marques  
Wed.10/29.....Roger Clayton  
Wed.10/29.....Dalton Beard  
Usher & Lock .....Randy Wall  
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....108  
Sunday A.M..... 136  
Sunday P.M.....89  
Wednesday.....114  
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**RUNNING AHEAD**

Lord, I would put my hand in Thine  
And learn on Thee to wait.  
Your help will never come too soon  
Nor will it come too late.

So often in an hour of need,  
I offer up my prayers  
In hopes that you will help me bear  
My burdens and my cares.

I lay them at Your mercy seat  
But then when I am through,  
I pick them all back up again  
And run ahead of You.

It seems that I am not content  
To let You work things out.  
It's not my part alone I work  
But yours I go about.

I often just don't trust You, Lord,  
The best for me to do,  
And then I fume and fuss and fret  
At what I'm going through.

That's when I know I need to learn  
To stop and wait a while.  
It's then that You must look at me,  
And give a knowing smile.

And I can hear You say to me,  
When things are going wild;  
If you would learn to wait on Me,  
I'd spare you this, my child.

