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HAVING OUR NEEDS MET

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Recently, I read an article written by *William Woodson* that caught my attention, titled, “I want a church that meets my needs.” His assertions are noteworthy.

If “meeting our needs,” means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then, it is a good expression. It is a proper desire for our spiritual community to address them. God’s voice needs to be heard, opportunity to serve, love and be called to repentance should prevail.

Our primary aim should not be to have our needs met, but rather so we may best meet the needs of God’s work. This entails to some, reaching goals of “self-actualization.” Therefore, if personal wants and expectations are not fulfilled “they must move on to another emotional department store, with different merchandise, more appealing to their ‘tastes’.” His conclusion is that congregations make a mistake by thinking that “we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people’s needs, so they won’t leave. Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God’s church into a merchandizing institution. So we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.” Start some kind words on their travels - who knows where the good it will do may stop.

His summary is that the approach needs to be reversed. A change in attitude may need to occur, “I’d like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs!” We are mature when we empty ourselves and are filled with serving others just as Jesus taught (Mt. 20:26-28). Paul’s teachings were similar, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service*” (Rom. 12:1). “*Reasonable service*” is meeting the needs of others, not ours. It “*is more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:35).

The Lord’s church is not a place where people cater to our desires and preferences. It should not be what the church can do for us, but what we can do for it! If we are experiencing spiritual struggle, it may well indicate that we need to lose ourselves in order to find ourselves. Our expectations would change with greater concentration on giving than receiving. When we do, we shall find our needs met in the process.

“The Remedy For Judging”

1. Love. Love is slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient (I Cor. 13:7, I Pet. 4:8). The faults of others will appear thick if our love for them is thin.
2. Consider how despicable it is. Matt. 7:3 suggests the censorious judge anxiously looks for a fault upon which to pounce. He is a “picker.” How despicable! The critic is always actuated by improper motives (Jn 12:4-6).
3. Practice the golden rule (Matt. 7:12). Substituting “think and judge” for “do” in this passage makes it read, “Whatsoever ye would that man should think and judge of you, do ye even do to them.” This would eliminate unkind censoring.
4. Examine self (I Cor. 11:28; II Cor. 13:5). Upon examining self we will see that “there is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it little behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us.” So, when looking for faults, use a mirror and not a telescope.
5. Look for the good in others. Though Paul was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and unjurious, God saw in him the possibility of being a chosen vessel and minister (I Tim. 1:13; Acts 9:15; Acts 26:16). Be like the bee and concentrate on the sweet and beautiful, rather than like the buzzard who concentrates on the dead and the foul. Though the dog was ugly and mangy the little child said, “But he wags his tail.” Let us not concentrate exclusively on the one small black dot on the white sheet of paper, and fail to see and appreciate all the white surface that remains unmarred. Be a Barnabas and see the good in others (Acts 9:26-31; Acts 15:36-41).
6. Ask God for help in overcoming this sin. It is not accidental that “ask, and it shall be given you” immediately follows the Lord’s classic text on judging (Matt. 7:7).
7. Consider how much hurt reputation, that upon which his influence is predicated, resulting in his potential for good being seriously hampered.
8. Consider the fact that the victim is your brother (Matt. 7:3-5; James 4:11-12). Judging is contrary to the very spirit of brotherhood.
9. Put yourself in the other person’s shoes. The old Indian prayed, “Great Spirit, help me never to judge Indian brother until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins.” Ezekiel sat where others sat before warning them. (Ezekiel 3:15-17).
10. Remember that our judgments are often wrong (I Sam. 16: 6-13). Eliab misjudged the motives of David (I Sam. 17: 28-29). Lysias misjudged Paul (Acts 21:37-38). Nathanael was wrong in his judgments about Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:46).
11. Consider what judging will do to you: (a) It will blind you to your own faults (Matt. 7:1-6; Luke 18: 9-14). This makes repentance and confession impossible (Acts 8:22; I John 1:8-10). (b) It will destroy your friends. Picking your friends to pieces makes them come to loathe you. (c) It will put your eyes out to the beauty and virtues of others. (d) It will rob you of happiness. No one can live happily and meaningfully on a diet of negatives.

~ By: Wendell Winkler

YOUTH NEWS YOUTH NEWS

- A campout and hayride is planned for Nov. 2nd at the Walls’ lake. The Oct. Youth Devo will be held at the campout. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend and also mark if you will be spending the night. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs.
- The next Junior Bible Bowl will be held at the Gloster St. Church of Christ, Nov. 17th.
- The next Senior Bible Bowl will be held at the Antioch Church of Christ, Nov. 18th.
- Remember Trunk or Treat this Wed. night Oct. 31st, at 6:15, in the back parking lot!



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PRAYER LIST

Melissa Reed, will have the first of several eye surgeries at UT Memphis, on Thursday.

Diane Sloan, mother of *Brad Sloan* underwent a double mastectomy Thursday. She will begin treatments in the near future.

Whitney House, granddaughter of *Gary & Linda Turner* was seriously injured in an automobile accident this past week. She is in serious condition at the MED, in Memphis.

Anna Claire Ellis, a newborn infant from Greenville, MS is in St. Jude following surgery for a tumor on her liver. She remains in serious condition and will be having more surgery.

Crystal Bickerstaff, daughter of *J. L. Eaton* will have surgery Thursday at Vanderbilt to remove the stent from her kidney.

Vicki Lovelace, sister of *Mike King* has been diagnosed with a mass in her abdomen. She will be having more tests this week.

Continual Prayer

Yolanda Stubblefield, Kelly Taylor, Jennie Bell, Mallory Chapman, Randall Haney, Eleta Grimmitt, Taterrin Wilson, Rosie Wilson, Mayala Wood, Rex Lyon, Altha Rogers, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, 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

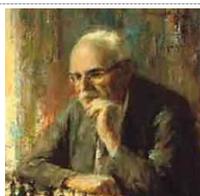
Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

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

"I BELIEVE"

...that the most valuable antiques
are old friends.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 01..... Amy Vest
November 03..... Paul Ormon
November 06..... Janice Griffin



TIME CHANGE!

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, Nov. 3rd. Otherwise, you will be very early to Bible classes Sunday, Nov. 4th!

INFORMER MAILING UPDATE

From time to time we try to update our Informer mailing list. If you would like to keep receiving the Informer by mail please clip your address from the front of the bulletin and mail it to us at: P.O. 148 New Albany, MS 38652. You may also contact us at 662-534-4649 or by email at: nacoc15s@gmail.com. We will be happy to keep you on our mailing list. If you are a member here at New Albany you will continue to receive your bulletin as usual. If you would prefer to receive the bulletin by email please let us know.

AREA EVENTS

- **Homecoming** Nov. 4th at the **Fulton church of Christ**. Guest speaker: *Jason Jarrett*.
- **Gospel Meeting** Nov. 4-7 at the **Gloster St. church of Christ**. Speaker: *Glenn Colley*
- **Power of Choice Workshop** at the **Foot Street church of Christ** in Corinth, Nov. 10th; 9:00am-noon. Facilitated by *John Coleman* of Southaven, Ms. Lunch will be served. Bring you Bible!
- **Gospel Meeting** Nov. 11-14 at the **Nettleton church of Christ**. Different speakers
- **Gospel Meeting** Nov. 11-14 at the **Ozark church of Christ**. Guest speaker: *James Watkins*
Mon.-Wed. at 7:00pm
* Check the bulletin board for more details



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OUR RECORD

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|--------------------|-------------|
| Sunday School..... | 117 |
| Sunday A.M..... | 144 |
| Sunday P.M..... | 104 |
| Wednesday..... | 112 |
| Contribution..... | \$ 3,543.00 |
| Budget..... | \$ 3,567.55 |

TO SERVE

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| Scripture..... | Tyler Weaver |
| A.M. Prayer..... | Terry Stubblefield |
| Closing Prayer..... | Phil Young |
| P.M. Prayer..... | Gary Turner |
| Closing..... | Phillip Young |
| Wed 11/07..... | Dalton Beard |
| Wed. 11/07..... | Bill Lyon |
| Usher & Lock..... | Lonnie Weaver |
| Greeter..... | H & D Crowe |



PANTRY ITEM

Pantry is low

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

ELDERS

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| Richard Jennings | 534-6671 |
| Troy Robertson | 534-3491 |

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| Bill Botts..... | 316-2422 |
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| Roger Clayton..... | 538-8195 |
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MONTH: NOVEMBER 2012

SOUND

ROOM Brad Pounders

LEAD

SINGING

SUN AM: Dalton Beard

SUN PM: Greg Harrison

WED: Richard Jennings

LORD'S

SUPPER

N Head: Harold Russell

N Help I: Steve Todd

N Help II: Burrell Walton

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

A.M.

Opening

Closing

1ST Terry Stubblefield

2ND Randy Wall

3RD Bill Botts

4TH Greg Clayton

5TH

Phil Young

Dillon Clayton

Roger Clayton

Harold Crowe

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

PM

Opening

Closing

1ST Gary Turner

2ND Dan Cobb

3RD Richard Jennings

4TH Perry Jones

5TH

Phillip Young

Richard Adams

Olen Clark

Jason Jennings

WED

PRAYERS

Opening

Closing

1ST Dalton Beard

2ND Jerry Gibson

3RD Ray Kennedy

4TH Dan Drummond

5TH

Andy Clemmer

Bill Frohn

Ronnie Griggs

Mark Jennings

SCRIPTURE READING

Tyler Weaver
Ruston Adams
David Clayton
Matt Jennings

USHER & LOCK

Lonnie Weaver
Bill Botts
Greg Clayton
Roger Clayton

GREETERS

H & D Crowe
T & N Robertson
R & K Jennings
B & N Frohn

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