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2013 OCTOBER LECTURESHIP

Hear:

DONNIE DEBORD – WED., OCT. 16th



We are happy to welcome Donnie DeBord to our dignified list of speakers for our 2013 October Lectureship. Donnie is the local preacher for the Ripley, MS congregation of the Lord's people. His third anniversary with the congregation will be March of 2014. Good reports have come our way about the good work that Donnie is doing with the Ripley church.

He is a family man, being married to Jessie and they have three children: Sophie (5); Timothy (4); and Evie (1). He and his family have visited with us at New Albany previously for a gospel meeting and he was kind enough to lead the congregation in prayer.

Both Donnie and Jesse are graduates of Freed-Hardeman University where Donnie earned a Bachelor's degree in Bible with an emphasis in preaching and a Master's of New Testament degree with an emphasis in New Testament Greek. He too has an additional 50 graduate hours beyond his graduate degree requirement. Jessie degrees are in the field of counseling.

He was awarded the Zondervan Biblical studies award in 2007 by the publisher and FHU for studies in New Testament Greek.

Donnie has preached in Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi. He has written for the Gospel Advocate, spoken at both local and university lectureships, and holds Gospel Meetings. He is the host of a television ministry titled "Living by Faith" which is seen locally in Ripley and internationally on the Gospel Broadcast Network.

We cannot expect anything but a doctrinally sound, well studied, and fervently delivered message, which is exactly what we desire!

TACTFULNESS

“The point of tact is not sharp” (Colleen Carney).

I don't know of anything more widely praised and rarely practiced than tact. Nearly everybody thinks tact is a good idea, but hardly anybody uses it. This may be because tact is such a hard habit to learn. It's one of the biggest challenges in the world.

Tact would be much easier if it only meant remaining silent and leaving some things unsaid. But while there is more to tact than this, as we shall see in a moment, most of us have room for improvement even at this preliminary stage. Just because a thought enters our head, that doesn't necessarily mean that it should be verbalized. It's only a fool (and a rude one at that) who says everything that comes into his mind. Common sense tells us that some things are better off left unsaid.

But there is more to tact than silence. As Samuel Butler said, “Silence is not always tact and it is tact that is golden, not silence.” If there is something you think about me –perhaps a criticism– you've got to decide whether to say it. After considering the matter, you may decide not to say it: perhaps it's not clear whether the criticism is justified, it's not very important in the greater scheme of things, or it's simply not your place to talk to me about it. By your silence, you've been tactful. But if you remain silent about something you SHOULD talk to me about, that's not tact. As Frank Medlicott wisely noted, “Some people mistake weakness for tact. If they are silent when they ought to speak and so feign an agreement they do not feel, they call it being tactful. Cowardice would be a much better name.”

When we speak, however, it takes wisdom to know HOW to speak. “Tact,” as Henry W. Newton said, “is the art of making a point without making an enemy.” And as Franklin P. Jones put it, “Tact is the art of building a fire under people without making their blood boil.” Doing these things is hard. It calls for great earnestness and effort.

But we must try. We must learn tactfulness. And I want to conclude with this observation: it is with those who mean the most to us that we should be the most tactful. **CLOSENESS IS NO EXCUSE FOR RUDENESS.**

“Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become” (Oliver Wendell Holmes).
~ Gary Henry –WordPoints.com,07/05/2013

A Healing Tongue

Some animal tongues stretch nearly two feet. Some work like straws. Some boast the sense of smell. Some help keep the whole animal clean. Some provide the first line of defense against predators. But none have the ability of the amazing, healing human tongue!



“...*The tongue of the wise brings healing*” (Prov. 12:18b). How so?

If we know the good news of God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ, when we share it with guilt-ridden sinners, we bring healing. Tell them that *Jesus “Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you are healed”* (I Pet. 2:22-24).

If we offer heartfelt words of forgiveness to one who has wronged us and is sorry for it, we bring healing. “*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you*” (Eph. 4:32).

If we make ourselves bridges of peace between people who are at odds, we bring healing. “*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God*” (Matt. 5:9).

If we bring Biblical words of comfort in a time of distress, we bring healing. “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God*” (II Cor. 1:3-4).

“*There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing*” (Prov. 12:18). Do you have a healing tongue?
~ Danny Boggs, PTP,2011



PRAYER LIST

Tauso Branch is in the local hospital and unable to have visitors at this time.

Justin Forsyth, neighbor of *Sue Stroud* is at MD Anderson Hospital undergoing chemo treatments.

Lynden Beard, father of *Dalton Beard* is back at his home. He has been experiencing mini strokes.

Harold Crowe remains in room 406 of the Union Co. Health and Rehab undergoing therapy.

Dixie White, will see a neurologist Wednesday. She is feeling better and regaining her strength.

Lisa Norris of Oxford is not doing well.

Nancy Petrowski will go to Vanderbilt, Oct. 22nd, for a bone marrow test.

Continual Prayer :

Ricky Adams, Frank & Caroline Mills, Farrah Godwin, Bill DePriest, Donna Haynes, Steve Stokes, Martha Collins, Ken Joines, Polly Sago, Kelly Fryar, Ruth Ann Stroud, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Norman Brown, Terry Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

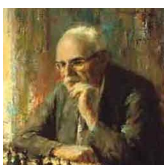
Military List:

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



Wise Thoughts

Never let a problem to be solved become more important than the person to be loved.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



October 12.....Greg Harrison
October 16.....Jodi Parks
October 18.....Rex Bell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 13.....Olen & Teresa Clark
October 14.....Perrin & Jean Drummond
October 18.....Justin & Rebecca Dewberry



RESPONSE

Wednesday night Oct 2nd, *Phillip Young* responded to the invitation asking forgiveness and prayers for strength to face the trials and temptations of this life. We appreciate *Phillip* and his willingness to live as Christ would have him.

MEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN FEST

Men, remember the Annual Chicken Fest to be held at *Phil Young's* barn Sun. night Oct. 13th, following our evening worship services. Please bring a lawn chair!



FALL LECTURES

Our Fall Lectures will continue each Wed. night during the month of October. This Wed., Oct. 9th, *Dr. Kevin Moore* of Freed-Hardeman University will be our guest speaker. There will be a meal at 5:45 at the fellowship building. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and enjoy a period of fellowship and greet the Moore family. The adult I class is in charge.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be held for our youth Wed. night, Oct. 30th. If you would like to participate please be in the back parking lot at 6:15pm.



PINE VALE'S FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Fall Food Drive for Pine Vale Children's Home will continue until Oct. 20th. We were asked to provide; broths, (chicken and beef) or bullion cubes; ranch dressing; cooking oil or Pam type spray. A container has been placed in the foyer for these items.

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 Jennings534-6671
Troy Robertson534-3491

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.....Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer.....J. L. Eaton
Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....Dan Cobb
Closing.....Hunter Jennings
Wed.10/9.....Ray Kennedy
Wed.10/9.....Bill Lyon
Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall
Greeter.....L & N Weaver

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....123
Sunday A.M.....140
Sunday P.M.....98
Wednesday.....NA
Contribution.....\$3,414.26
Budget.....\$3,817.55



PANTRY ITEM

Pudding Mixes

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Together with their Parents

Andy Brown & Victoria Botts

Invite You To Join Them In Celebrating Their Marriage

Saturday, October 26
two thousand and thirteen
Five O'clock in the evening

Peaceful Oaks Bed & Breakfast
636 Barnes Road, Medina TN 38355

Reception to follow