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PERMISSION GRANTED TO COME ABOARD!

Mike King



For many years, it has been accepted courtesy in the maritime world for permission to be requested of the captain before coming aboard his vessel. It usually begins by the appeal, "Requesting permission to come aboard, Sir." The response then follows, "Permission granted to come aboard" which is usually accompanied by an exchange of a salute.

When we became Christians, we requested to become enrolled in the Lord's church and subject to all the responsibilities and duties associated with it. The Lord invited repeatedly for us to "come aboard" and to sail salvation's vessel with Him and the scores of others who have been granted permission prior to our boarding. It is so important that "all hands are on deck" and that each inductee provide his "ho-heave-ho" in order to make this spiritual organism we call the church function with ease and effectiveness.

All who are members of the New Albany Church of Christ are being admonished to get on board and pull our share of the load. The elders are encouraging you, the deacons solicit your sharing the toting of the common responsibility of the work-load with enthusiasm and discipline. The community in which we live is appealing for us to be at our post of duty without delay. Precious days, hours and moments are rapidly passing that provide us opportunity to make a difference.

This is an exciting time in the history of the congregation. It is an exciting time for *Sheila* and me to begin work, fellowship and worship opportunities with another element of God's family. We are very encouraged by your enthusiasm for our being with you and for the great potential that the congregation possesses. It has been a long road in getting here with numerous sacrifices to make it happen. We appeal to you to "get on board" with us to make a host of good things happen. It is obvious that the New Albany brethren are sincere, loving and serious about meeting your obligations as Christians and enjoying all the benefits that accompany a job well-done. There is a composite of talent within the congregation that with sufficient inspiration and leadership can make the cause of Christ flourish in the New Albany area.

Typically, I am not so much a numbers man, but they do tell a story. It has been said that "Liars figure, but figures do not lie!" In glancing back over the previous ten months of the congregation's history, I learned that the average attendance has been 130 for AM services. In doing a head count of the potential attendees of the congregation as a whole, there would be 167 in attendance with just all of our family members being present. I realize that this number represents shut-ins, sick members, etc., but it is apparent that we have some work to do in getting some of our own members to "come aboard". When factoring in those who visit and family members who accompany our members, our attendance could and should be no less than 150 each Sunday. The difference between Bible School, AM Worship, PM Worship and Wed. PM is rather remarkable in that there is only a slight variation. This indicates stability and consistency which is a very positive sign and suggests spiritual maturity. These numbers will increase considerably when inviting friends and neighbors to worship services and engaging in Bible studies with prospects. The contribution has averaged \$3,013 for the past ten months. The weekly budget calls for \$3,305.70 for a shortfall of \$292.70 per week. Here is another area where we can all get on board and make a difference. These numbers are not to be viewed as a discouragement, but challenges and opportunities for growth and greater service.

Burned Biscuits

When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I ask him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults - and choosing to celebrate each others differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

So, Please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine. Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

YOUTH NEWS

- The next JR Bible Bowl will be Saturday, November 13, at the Antioch Church of Christ
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be here at New Albany Sunday night, November 14, at 6:30 pm.
- The next Senior Bible Bowl will be held November 28 at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ. The youth will eat at George's in New Albany before leaving for Pontotoc.
- This month's Youth Devo is scheduled for Sunday night, November 28 following evening services. Dan Cobb will be hosting.

I Am Your Bulletin

I am not just another piece of paper.
I am your church information sheet.
I do not come to you easily nor without expenses.
I cost money time, thought, and energy.
I should not be taken for granted.
I can be useful and valuable as you allow me to be.
I am often abused and overlooked.
Sometimes all I get is a fleeting glance.
Sometimes all I get is a critical analysis.
I want so much for you to read me, study me,
appreciate me, and make me useful for your spiritual
activity and development.
I want to serve you.
I am **YOUR** bulletin.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Vickie Chism, cousin of Steve Todd has been diagnosed with cancer.

John Sanford, will have gall bladder surgery some time this month. His surgery will take place in Alabama. He is at home at this time.

Margaret Bailey, mother of Paige Young is now at home. She will begin treatments this week in Tupelo.

Continual Prayer List

Chris Isbell Donna Haynes, Barbara Smithey, Shane Crotts, Udell Wilson, Arkie Grimmitt, Bill King, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy -Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force-California, Tiffany Erwin- Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Ham, Fort Leonard, Missouri,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*November 03.....Paul Ormon
November 06.....Janice Griffin
November 09.....Drew Drummond*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 03.....Bill & Grace Lyon



SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to J.L. Eaton and family in the death of his wife Betty. Mrs. Eaton passed away Thursday night, October 28th. Funeral services were held Sunday in Ripley.

THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for your prayers and cards while I was in the hospital and at home recovering from knee surgery.

In Christian Love,
Betty Adams

AREA WIDE YOUTH MEETING

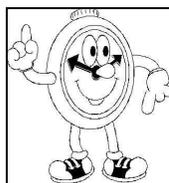
We will be hosting the Area Wide Youth Meeting for the month of November. The date for this meeting is Sunday night, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. We will be feeding around 300 and could use your help by providing drinks and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

NEW ADDRESS

Please make the following changes in your directory:

Justin & Rebecca Dewberry
909 Chloe Drive, New Albany, MS 38652

Mike & Shelia King
1008 CR 357, New Albany, MS 38652



TIME CHANGE

Daylight savings time will end this weekend. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

AREA EVENTS

Homecoming @ Fulton Church of Christ Sunday, November 7th. Richard Rogers will be the speaker.

Gospel Meeting @ Gloster Street Church of Christ, November 7-10. Charles Williamson will be the speaker.

Gospel Meeting @ Ozark Church of Christ, November 7-10. Jimmy Clark will be the speaker.

Area Wide Youth Devo for November will be here at New Albany on November 14. Mike King will be the speaker.

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OUR RECORD

Sunday School	115
Sunday A.M	143
Sunday P.M.	112
Wednesday	103
Contribution	\$3,267.46
Budget	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer	Richard Adams
Closing Prayer	Olen Clark
P.M. Prayer	Dalton Beard
Closing	Harold Crowe
Wed. 11/10.	Jerry Gibson
Wed. 11/10.	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock	Greg Clayton
Greeters	T & N Robertson

**PANTRY ITEM:
Canned Fruit**

**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

Minister

Mike King	904-705-4206
Office	534-4649

MONTH: NOVEMBER 2010

SOUND ROOM	Brad Pounders	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Harold Russell
LEAD SINGING		USHER	Shane Crotts
<i>SUN AM:</i>	Dalton Beard		
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Ray Kennedy	PREPARE	
<i>WED:</i>	Greg Harrison	COMMUNION	Callie Smithey

LORD'S SUPPER

<i>N Head:</i>	Ray Kennedy	<i>S Head:</i>	Paul Ormon
<i>N Help I:</i>	Greg Clayton	<i>S Help I:</i>	Bill Botts
<i>N Help II:</i>	Matt Jennings	<i>S Help II:</i>	Phillip Young

SUNDAY

PRAYERS A.M.	Opening	Closing	SCRIPTURE READING
<i>1ST</i>	Richard Adams	Olen Clark	Ruston Adams
<i>2ND</i>	Roger Clayton	Daniel Drummond	Dean Dillard
<i>3RD</i>	Dan Cobb	Jason Jennings	Phil Young
<i>4TH</i>	Richard Jennings	Mark Jennings	Randy Wall
<i>5TH</i>			

SUNDAY

PRAYERS PM	Opening	Closing	USHER & LOCK
<i>1ST</i>	Dalton Beard	Harold Crowe	Greg Clayton
<i>2ND</i>	Andy Clemmer	Bill Lyon	Roger Clayton
<i>3RD</i>	Greg Harrison	Bobby Marques	Andy Clemmer
<i>4TH</i>	Troy Robertson	Carl Smith	Harold Russell
<i>5TH</i>			

WED PRAYERS

	Opening	Closing	GREETERS
<i>1ST</i>	Andy Clemmer	Dillon Clayton	T & N Robertson
<i>2ND</i>	Jerry Gibson	Bill DePriest	L & N Weaver
<i>3RD</i>	Steve Todd	Ronnie Griggs	R & K Jennings
<i>4TH</i>	Gary Turner	J.L. Eaton	B & A Pounders
<i>5TH</i>			

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