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God Is Still Able!

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We sometimes find ourselves doubting God's ability to help in times of distress. The three occupants of Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace declared that *"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king"* (Dan. 3:17).

It was this same God who spoke the world into existence, which reaches beyond view of the most powerful telescope, without toil. Light traveling at 186,000 miles per second takes 80,000 years to reach across our galaxy. Our God is mighty!

God continues to demonstrate his capabilities as in the past and gives promises for the future. Note just a few with me:

He is able to fulfill promises. All that was promised to Abraham and Sarah were met. Solomon worded it succinctly in 1 Kings 8:56: *"Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promises, which He promised through His servant Moses."* He promised sins completely forgiven, strength for every task, prayer is answered and heaven awaits.

Our God is able to save completely. Yes, even the grossest of sins! *"He is able also to save those who come to God through Him"* (Heb. 7:25). Isaiah wrote: *"But you have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption. For you have cast all my sins behind your back"* (Isa. 38:17).

God is able to answer prayer. *"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"* (Eph. 3:20). Hannah prayed for a son and was given Samuel. The church prayed for Peter and he was released from prison (Acts 12:5). Jesus told us to *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you"* (Matt. 7:7). We must avoid at all costs asking amiss or selfishly to consume the request upon our lusts for it will not be given (Jas. 4:3).

God is so big that He can guide the destiny of nations. There has not been a time when guidance has been more greatly needed in our nation's history than now. God is still in charge of our nation and all others and has ordained government (Rom.13:1). He both established and destroys controls. Pray for peace and governmental decisions for they impact our lives significantly. God is not limited by schemes or devices of men or Satan. **OUR GOD IS ABLE – We can rely on Him!**

Who Will Attend Your Class This Week?

An old man arose after a class session in Ohio, where he was visiting, and said: "I am an old man, but the greatest work I have ever done was to teach a Sunday school class. I arrived in an Ohio town a total stranger. The first Sunday morning I went to Sunday school and asked for a class, but they didn't have one to give me. "If you want a class," said one of the elders, "go out and get one." I went and found four boys playing marbles in the street and asked them to be my Sunday school class. They consented. I had the greatest time of my life with them. I stayed with them, and they stayed with me. They write me every year on my birthday."



Who were they? The old man went on to tell his story.

"A few years have passed but here are three of those marble-playing boys: One is Charles Conway, a missionary to India, one became secretary to the President of the United States, and one became President of the United States—Warren G. Harding."

That old man's name is lost. Nobody knows who this teacher was, but the results of his teaching are unforgettable. Teachers, your work is powerful! Do your job well, and it will not return void (Isaiah 55:11).

Your work is challenging, but rewarding. It is said that teachers *nurse* their children through the early years, *chase* them through the middle years, and *tolerate* them through the teen years. A teacher wears many hats: custodian, doctor, umpire, psychologist. But never forget that, as a teacher, you have a tremendous opportunity to influence souls made in the image of God! We appreciate your interest in young people and your willingness to do the work necessary to prepare your lessons. You are precious in God's sight (Prov. 11:30; Jas. 5:19,20) and the children you teach are "gifts from God" (Gen. 33:5; Psa. 127:3).

Who Lived When?

It may take some reasoning, but can you arrange these people in the order in which they lived, placing a 1 for the earliest to have lived to a 15 as they progress through the Christian age?

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| ___ Ham | ___ Zacchaeus |
| ___ Rahab | ___ Methuselah |
| ___ Seth | ___ Elisabeth |
| ___ Timothy | ___ Boaz |
| ___ King Saul | ___ Noah |
| ___ Enoch | ___ Daniel |
| ___ Sarai (Sarah) | ___ Rehoboam |
| ___ Moses | |

Make Something Happen

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him— too far behind the times, boring tunes, meaningless words. His father put an end to the discussion when he said, "If you think you can write better hymns, then why don't you?" The boy went to his room and wrote his first hymn. The year was 1690; the teenager was Isaac Watts. In case you don't know the name Isaac Watts, he wrote "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Joy to the World" and about 350 other hymns.
~ Roy Deaver

HAITI SUPPORT

We have been asked to participate again this year with a service project for several children's homes in Haiti, one of which is Son Light Children's Home. The Beltline Church of Christ where *Mike* and *Sheila's* daughter *Christy* attends, will be making a trip there the first of Dec. They have asked if we could supply 100 washcloths, 100 individually wrapped bars of soap, 100 small tubes of toothpaste (not the travel size) and 100 toothbrushes. These items will be picked up the third week in November. A container has been placed in the foyer for these items.



YOUTH NEWS

- Sr. Bible Bowl will be held Sun. Nov. 17th, at the Antioch Church of Christ. The youth will eat at the Tupelo Mall before their competition.
- The Jr. Bible Bowl will be held Sat. Nov. 23rd, at the Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc.



PRAYER LIST

Helen DePriest, was scheduled to have surgery on her nose this past week but was postponed until a later date.

Continual Prayer :

Nancy Petrowski, Caroline Puckett, Earnestine McKinney, Denise Littlejohn, Harold Crowe, Justin Forsyth, Frank & Caroline Mills, Bill DePriest, Donna Haynes, Steve Stokes, Martha Collins, Polly Sago, Kelly Fryar, 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, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan

SYMPATHY



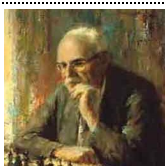
We express our deepest sympathy to *Patty Jacks* in the death of her step-father *Frank Mills*, who passed away Wed. Oct. 30th, in Florida. A memorial service was held Sat. Nov. 9th, in Barbourville, KY.



We express our deepest sympathy to *Joe Reed* in the death of his brother *Boyce Reed*, who passed away Fri. Nov. 8th, in Corinth, MS. Visitation will be held Tues., Nov. 12 from 9:00-11:00am at the Magnolia Funeral Home in Corinth, MS. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am at the Funeral Home.

Wise Thoughts

The first person to speak seems right, until the second is heard. A wise man will hear the whole of a matter before making a judgment.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 13..... Joe Reed
November 17..... Josh George
November 18..... Linda Griggs
November 19..... Darrell Crow
November 19..... Linda Turner
November 23..... Betty Young



THANK NOTES

New Albany church of Christ,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, calls, food, visits, and all your concern for *Harold Crowe* and *Nancy Petrowski* during the past several months. You all are so special! Please keep us in your prayers. May God Bless each of you. Thanks again,

Family of Harold and Nancy

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all you did for us when I was sick. We are blessed to be a part of such a loving family. May God bless you for the prayers, calls and food. In Christian Love, Bobby & Dixie White

To the Wall Family,

Our thanks goes out to *Randy, Christy, Erin* and *Thomas* for such a fun cook-out and hayride. What a wonderful fellowship we had! Thank you for all that you do in sharing your home with all of us!

New Albany Church Family

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our 3rd Sunday night fellowship will be held Sunday night, Nov. 17th, following services. You are asked to bring soup or finger foods and desserts. The adult II class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the fellowship building. Come join us for a great time of fellowship and good food!

AREA EVENTS

A **Gospel Meeting** will be held at the **Nettleton Church of Christ** Nov. 17-20, with different guest speakers. Check the bulletin board for details.

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..... Cody Clemmer
 A.M. Prayer.....Bill Botts
 Closing Prayer.....Jason Jennings
 P.M. Prayer.....Bill Frohn
 Closing.....Shane Crotts
 Wed.11/20.....Richard Adams
 Wed.11/20.....Ruston Adams
 Usher & Lock.....Harold Russell
 Greeter.....S & L Todd

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....129
 Sunday A.M.....168
 Sunday P.M.....257
 Wednesday.....100
 Contribution.....\$3,979.79
 Budget.....\$3,817.55



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Vegetables

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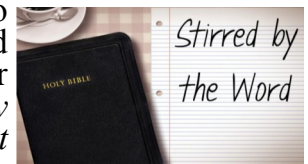
Hearts Stirred For God

When Paul came to Athens and saw the city steeped in idolatry, the Bible says, “his spirit was stirred in him” (Acts 17:16). Believe me, that is exactly the same type of thing that needs to happen in the church today. So many Christians are beset by appalling indifference! Vast numbers of church members are satisfied, week after week to just warm a pew. Beyond that — nothing!

In so many places today, the church is just like the one in Sardis in the first century — it “hast a name” of being alive and active when in reality it is nigh to being dead (Rev. 3:1ff).

We must somehow awaken Christians out of the lethargy and complacency if the church is ever to be all that God would have it to be! As long as we are content to “hit on only 3 out of 8 cylinders” we will continue to “chug along” instead of really functioning efficiently for the Lord.

Brethren, let us open our hearts to the Word of God. We desperately need hearts that are “stirred” to action. Our actions reveal the heart, *“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life”* (Prov. 44:23).



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