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LESSIE MAE BRYANT



One definition of a legend is: “a person or thing that inspires”. This being the case, Lessie Bryant was truly a legend! What a life she lived and what quality of living she experienced over a period of 98 years. What a gift to God she presented by the giving of her life for many years as a New Testament Christian and a member of the Lord’s church. Her influence and impressions made during her visit to this world were stamped with indelible ink and will remain etched in the hearts and lives of all who knew and loved her for a portion of her many years of life.

Ms. Lessie was born Sept. 16, 1913 in Tippah County to James Franklin and Lucy Ann Gray Roberson. She passed from this life on Oct. 16, 2011 quietly at her residence in New Albany. She was placed to rest in the Ebenezer Cemetery in Cotton Plant. She was married to Frank Bryant on Jan. 13, 1931, during the depression years. She has seen a lot of history, several major wars and many changes during her life.

At the age of 14 she was baptized at Hickory Grove. For more than 80 years she belonged to the Lord and had warm association with His people. She was a member of the Ripley congregation for many years before moving to Cotton Plant, at which time she started attending New Albany. Despite the longevity of her life, she never became hard or difficult, but was a warm and loving individual. She loved spending time with visitors and was an avid collector of salt and pepper shakers and dolls. She loved cooking and quilting. She was a retired cafeteria worker for the Tippah-Union School.

She was a devoted family person. She was survived by two daughters: Norma Crumpton (Larry) of New Albany and Donnie Rowland (Lynn) of Saltillo. She doted on her seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Bryant; one daughter, Bernice Ledbetter; one son, Carrol Bryant; and three sisters and four brothers. One of the difficult things of reaching her age is that she outlived most of her contemporaries and had to bury most of her immediate family before her own death. She was a grateful person and appreciated the lengthy and healthy life that she was able to live.

The words spoken by Abraham Lincoln come to mind when thinking about this fine lady. He said during his Gettysburg Address that, “The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.” Praise and honor given her during her life and at her death were all kind and impactful, both then and for years to come, but the real impression that was made and is to be remembered is what she did here for family, friends, the world in general and most of all for God. We truly need more of her kind to grace this world and to impress upon each citizen what is really important and what genuine living entails.

To Norma, Donnie, all the grandchildren and their extended family, we offer our love and thanks for their sharing a portion of this wonderful person with all who knew and loved her. Her life now belongs to the ages and her soul to the Lord. May she truly, rest in peace in the presence of God. For she is deserving.

PRAYER LIST



J. D. Stroud, is now at home recovering from his second hip surgery. He is having a difficult time.

Ron Garner, friend of Mike & Sheila King, will have a high risk surgery to replace two aorta valves, Tuesday, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Chris Isbell, grandson of Ronnie & Linda Griggs has a staph infection in his leg.

Lucille Gibson, is scheduled for knee surgery Nov. 28th, in Tupelo.

Continual Prayer

Jessie Hawkins, Betty Lang, Barry Yancey, Earnestine McKinney, Lisa Mitchell, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Ruby Shouse

Military List:

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

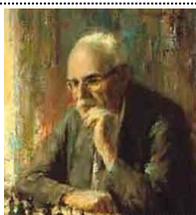


THANKS

Thanks so much to all who helped in any way to prepare for the Area Wide Youth Meeting. We had a large crowd and an enjoyable evening of worship and fellowship.

“I BELIEVE”

.... That one finds time for what’s important to him.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- November 18.....Linda Griggs
November 19.....Linda Turner
November 19.....Darrell Crow
November 23.....Betty Young
November 25.....Cooper Pounders



SYMPATHY



We express our sympathy to the family of Pauline Smith who passed away late Wednesday night, November 2nd. Funeral services were held Friday at United Funeral Home in New Albany, and burial at Beulah Cemetery in Myrtle. Ms. Pauline had been a faithful member here for many years, and will truly be missed.

HAYRIDE/HOTDOG ROAST



There will be a hayride/hotdog roast Sat., Nov. 19th at the Walls. You may come any time during the afternoon to fish or just visit. We will begin eating around 6:00pm. The hayride will follow. Please sign the list in the foyer by Wed. night, so they will know how many to expect.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Junior Bible Bowl will be held this Sat., Nov. 19th, at the East Main Church of Christ.
Senior Bible Bowl will be held Sun. Nov. 20th at the East Main Church of Christ.
Fellowship supper Sun. night Nov. 20th following services. Please bring your favorite soup, sandwiches and desserts.
Men’s Breakfast/Planning session is planned for Sat., Dec. 3rd at 7:00am. Sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.
Ladies Christmas Brunch Dec. 10th, at the home of Maria Ormon. More details later.

Haiti Up-date -Where We Stand 18 Months Post-Earthquake

By: Jesse Robertson

In January 2010, I was part of a short-term team of fourteen workmen and college students who spent a week teaching and repairing facilities in Haiti. The day after we left Port-au-Prince, the earthquake struck. Immediately, we began to receive donations and calls offering help. It quickly became clear that our role would be to try to find helpful (and unharmed) ways to put your gifts and your talents to good use.

First responses included sending in emergency teams every week, getting security walls rebuilt, and trucking in food from the Dominican Republic. Then we began sending large containers of food and emergency supplies. After a few months of these procedures, we settled into a more sustainable pattern of using local people and local resources to provide aid. Brother *Jean-Claubert Belton* accepted responsibility for purchasing and distributing large quantities of food, relieving *Roberta* of a huge burden. Young men from Sonlight and the church in and around Santo became our contractors for assembling pre-fabricated housing units available in Port-au-Prince. *Larry Waymire* from the Broad street congregation in Lexington, TN, accepted the role of visiting Haiti about every six weeks in order to check on the various areas of work, including construction of schools and church buildings at several locations. *Jason* and *Rachel Baker* volunteered to go for a two-year period and work alongside *Roberta*, shouldering several of the auxiliary roles she was being asked to fill. Through all of this, *Roberta* has cared for her children, hosted teams, taught, encouraged, advised, and given of herself far beyond the second mile. The combined effort of your generosity and the leadership provide by servants like these has made a profound difference in Haiti.

In August of this year, I was able to return to Port-au-Prince for the first time since the earthquake. It is astonishing to be able to say that as you drive from the Airport to Sonlight Children's Home, very little evidence of the earthquake remains. Rubble has been cleared. Buildings have been rebuilt (some, obviously with improved design). Roads are crowded with tap-taps full of people, and trucks filled with supplies add to the congestion. Obviously, the evidence of extreme poverty is on every hand, but conditions are similar to what they were before the disaster. We saw new church buildings and schools in Santo, Ganthier, and Cite Soleil, which your gifts provide. New facilities are also in use at Crois-desBouquets, Kis Roi, and Jacmel. We visited some of the locations where people have received the prefabricated homes, and those will be serving families for years to come.

With all these improvements having taken place, we are moving toward the final phase of earthquake relief. Funds allocated for housing have been spent, and that project is drawing to a close. Allocations for other permanent investments, such as church buildings and schools, have also been expended. Over the next six to twelve months, other elements will be phased out as well, although the long-standing projects of the children's home, the nutrition center, and the education program will continue. Some of you have made additional pledges of support, with the result that even after the emergency funds are gone, we will be able to sustain the ongoing work at a higher level. More pledges are needed, however, for one project in particular. Some of the earthquake funds were allocated to provide food and education for an additional 82 children in the nutrition program. It costs about \$65 per month for each of these children (\$30 for nutrition and \$35 for education). Funds are in place to carry them through this school year, but long-term commitments will be required in order to continue to keep them in the program beyond that. If you are interested in helping with that project, please see the pledge form attached to this newsletter. Overall, we are encouraged that this relief effort has strengthened this network of congregations and generated a great amount of goodwill. There have been many baptisms, and church attendance has increased. We hope that your response to this great need will lead to even greater opportunities in evangelism, church unity, and leadership training in days to come. Thank you, again, for the generosity that has absolutely amazed us, and blessed thousands in Haiti.



A house built in Cite Soliel, one of the poorest slums in the world.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	115
Sunday A M	130
Sunday P.M.	307
Wednesday	99
Contribution	\$3,041.25
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Greg Harrison
A.M. Prayer.....	Bill Botts
Closing Prayer..	Matt Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Crowe
Closing.....	Bobby Marques
Wed 11/23.....	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 11/23.....	Phillip Young
Usher & Lock.	Harold Russell
Greeter.....	G & K Clayton



PANTRY ITEM

Pasta or Rice

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
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

TO THE OLDER CHRISTIAN

You may be growing older,
And your step a mite bit slow;
You may not move as fast as once,
But, Oh, God loves you so.

You may think you're not needed,
That your work down here is through;
But, our beloved oldster,
God has a plan for you.

Your white hair shows the wisdom
You've gained through the years;
Your patience stands for victories,
Proves you've conquered many fears.

Your sweetness shows that Christ indwells,
His love in you abides;
As these virtues flow out from you,
You're blessing other lives.

Oh, don't ever be discouraged
If others must wait on you;
You've done your share of service,
Just let his light shine through.

So rejoice and live for Jesus
And to others kindness show;
You're still wanted and needed,
You're God's messenger you know.



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