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Living A Life Of Precision

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When living in Florida, one of the highlights of the year was to see the Navy's Blue Angels perform. This is always a spectacular exhibition of precision flying. As those blue and orange F/A 18 Hornets take to the air, all who view them (17 million in 2005) are in awe as they perform maneuvers with the planes virtually inches from each other while soaring at a high rates of speed (1,200 mph at times). Their aerial ballet seems so effortless and easy.

Principles that govern a well executed program by those pilots are similar to those governing the family and the church. Let us notice some of them.

Nothing that requires accuracy is easy or happens without effort! These pilots are the best specimens that the Navy has to offer, mentally, physically, and attitudinally. It is only after thousands of hours of ground-schooling at Sherman Field, Naval Air Station in Pensacola before they can take the controls. They perform their maneuvers for hundreds of additional hours at the Naval Air Facility in El Centro, California from January to March before beginning their tour schedule of 68 shows in 35 locations.

Leadership is critical when cooperation and harmony are expected. The Blue Angels have a commanding officer who goes by the name "Boss," who is chosen by the Chief of Naval Air Training. He must have flown 3,000 tactical jet flight-hours and have commanded a tactical jet squadron. He flies the #1 jet. The other pilots follow his command and position themselves in relationship to him. A few years ago a flying team from another branch of the service flew into the ground and were all killed as they followed their disoriented leader. When following our Lord, there is no disorientation or fear of confusion. He will lead us safely and effectively through every contortion and challenge that life has to offer.

Each pilot must be sensitive and in tune with all others and remain focused. One bobble could cause the entire squadron to crash. The behavior and spiritual strength of each member of the church is vital to the healthiness of the entire body. Each member of a family must avoid sabotaging the good of the whole.

Maintenance and adequate fuel are necessary for the well-being of all. They must be in good health. We must prepare ourselves with spiritual reserve for the task at hand.

Those who serve the Lord too, when properly prepared and taught, "*shall mount up with the wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint*" (Isa. 40:31).

“What’s the Difference Between Live and Dead Churches?”

One of these churches has problems with parking, lack of classrooms, and teachers. There is always more work to be done, programs that would work well or mission opportunities. Which do you think has these kinds of problems - live churches or dead churches? Dead ones do not have these kinds of problems. Which kind of church do you think we are? If we are alive and are having these kinds of problems, then what is the solution? To become a dead church is out of the question (some might like this but it is still not an option). To seek the answer to the problem is the only solution.

Another problem live churches have is that they are filled with folks who need attention. They are growing and are seeking ways to help these people to grow in the “*grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior*” (2 Peter 3:18). These living churches are concerned, prayerful, and giving. Are these the kinds of problems here; what do you see?

Living churches have men who have a vision for the church as she can be, “*a light set on a hill*” (Matt. 5:14-16) in this community that is showing the way to the Savior and the pathway to heaven. What do you see here?

A live church has members who respond to challenges. The challenge of new programs, new budgets and mission works are ever before live churches. These congregations have always responded well to the challenges that have been placed before them.

A live church also is a church that takes a stand against error and for what is right. Some may not like that, but that is what the church is supposed to be about! Alive churches are also kind, compassionate, gentle, loving, bold, brave, and afraid of nothing.

What do you see here? Are we an alive church or a dead church? If you suppose that we are dead, then what would it take to make this church alive? Let us keep the church here a living and alive church.

Via ~ Chalmette Church of Christ bulletin

For What Will This Church Be Known?

- For its love of selves or its love of lost souls (I Thess. 2:8)?
- For its spreading gossip or its spreading the gospel (Mark 16:15)?
- For its rudderless drifting or its strong leadership (I Peter 5:1-4)?
- For its ideas or its lofty goals (Col. 3:2)?
- For its knowledge of the world or its knowledge of the Word (Acts 17:11)?
- For its financial limitations or its generous giving (2 Cor.8:1-6)?
- For its comatose Christians or its many active members (Eph.4:16)?
- For its selfish pursuits or its selfless serving (Gal. 5:13)?
- For its internal strife or its brotherly love (John 13:34-35)?
- For its different positions or its defense of the truth (I Pet. 3:15)?
- For its cold shoulders or its warm fellowship (I Pet. 1:22)?
- For its living below God’s expectations or its living above the world (I John 3:3-6)?
- For its helping itself or its helping the needy (2 Cor. 9:12-13)?
- For its innovations in worship or its spiritual and true worship (John 4:24)?
- For its accolade of men or its glorifying of God (Eph. 3:2)?
- For its stagnation or its vibrancy (2 Peter 3:18)?



Actually the question is, “For what will you be known?” Because , if you are a member of this church, then the church will be known for these things to the extent that you are!

Bulletin Gold Extra; via ~ Doug Smith (The Encourager, Calvert City Church of Christ)



PRAYER LIST

Eleta Grimmitt, remains in room 6628 of the Tupelo hospital with pneumonia. She is feeling some better. Please, no calls or visits at this time.

David Thornton, great nephew of *Price Senter* has begun treatments for Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Crystal Bickerstaff, daughter of *J. L. Eaton* received a good report from her last doctor's visit. Her kidney surgery that was scheduled for Dec. 4th, has been canceled.

Continual Prayer

Melissa Reed, Whitney House, Audrey Clement, Suzette Renix, Grace Anderson, Anna Claire Ellis, Diane Sloan, Yolanda Stubblefield, Randall Haney, Taterrin Wilson, Rosie Wilson, Rex Lyon, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Jack Dunlap, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross

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

Military List:

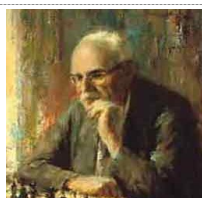
David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

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"I BELIEVE"

**....that when God measures a man,
he puts the tape around the heart.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- December 02.....Stacie Dunn
- December 02.....Dillon Clayton
- December 04.....Daniel Drummond
- December 07.....Kathy Clayton
- December 08.....Larry Ashmore
- December 08.....Deloris Crowe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- December 08.....David & Sharon Peeler



DECEMBER EVENTS

- Men's Breakfast and Planning session is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 1st, at 7:00am. All men are encouraged to attend.
- Ladies' Annual Christmas Brunch will be held at the home of *Novene Robertson* Sat. Dec.1st, at 10:00am. You are asked to bring a brunch dish and a wrapped Christmas ornament.
- Teen Shopping trip is planned for Sat., Dec. 1st. The youth will leave around 9:30am, following the Men's Breakfast.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be Dec. 2nd, at the West Main Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:50. The extra car driver if needed will be *Greg Clayton*.
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Sun. Dec. 9th, following morning services. The boys are asked to bring desserts and the girls chips. *Dan Cobb* and *Sarah Walker* will be hosting.
- Our Holiday Fellowship will be held Sun. night Dec. 16th, following evening services. You are asked to bring finger foods and desserts.
- 5th Sunday Services will be Dec.30th. There will be a potluck meal following morning services. Our afternoon service will begin at 1:15pm.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	123
Sunday A.M.....	151
Sunday P.M.....	118
Wednesday.....	92
Contribution.....	\$ 3,572.86
Budget.....	\$ 3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Clay Ormon
A.M. Prayer.....	Brad Pounders
Closing Prayer.....	Bill Lyon
P.M. Prayer.....	Troy Robertson
Closing.....	Jason McCullough
Wed 12/5.....	Randy Wall
Wed. 12/5.....	Alvin Parks
Usher & Lock.....	Harold Russell
Greeter.....	G & K Clayton



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Meat

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.....	538-8195
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

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

MONTH: DECEMBER 2012

SOUND

ROOM Dan Cobb

LEAD

SINGING

SUN AM: Richard Jennings

SUN PM: Dalton Beard

WED: Harrison/Kennedy

LORD'S

SUPPER

N Head: Andy Clemmer

N Help I: Olen Clark

N Help II: Anderson Parks

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

A.M.

Opening

Closing

1ST Brad Pounders

2ND Harold Russell

3RD Phil Young

4TH Dalton Beard

5TH Greg Harrison

Bill Lyon

Steve Todd

Bobby White

Terry Young

Ruston Adams

SUNDAY

PRAYERS

PM

Opening

Closing

1ST Troy Robertson

2ND Richard Adams

3RD Bill Botts

4TH Roger Clayton

5TH Jerry Gibson

Jason McCullough

Gary Turner

Phillip Young

Shane Crotts

Drew Drummond

WED

PRAYERS

Opening

Closing

1ST Randy Wall

2ND Lonnie Weaver

3RD Dillon Clayton

4TH Harold Crowe

5TH

Alvin Parks

David Clayton

Mark Jennings

Daniel Drummond

SCRIPTURE

READING

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Tyler Weaver

J.L. Eaton

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