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ERON PAULINE SMITH

1918 – 2011



Another marvelous piece of history has been relieved from her duty on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011. What a legend she has left for all who were related to or knew her in any way. She celebrated her 93rd Birthday on August 24th of this year. She was brought into this world in 1918 by James Oscar Smith and Minnie Lee Dodson Smith. Ms. Smith was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters. She is survived by three sons: Carl Wayne Smith (Mary Nell) of Myrtle, Billy Wayne Smith (Barbara) of Potts Camp and Tommy Smith (Georganne) of Potts Camp. She had five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. To each of her loved ones, we express our sincere sympathy.

It is hard to enumerate the many experiences, lessons learned, tears shed and joys had during her 93 years of life. Someone has stated that it is not as important the numbers on either side (birth and death) as is the dash in the middle. The numbers tell of the starting and stopping, but only the dash can tell the real story of the quality of life lived. Ms. Pauline lived a rich and full life in reasonably good health until the last few years.

Her years were spent as a homemaker serving her family and a member of the New Albany Church of Christ where she lovingly served her Lord. She obeyed the gospel on Aug. 24, 1959 when baptized by Robert Willis and was faithful in service to Him until health prevented her from attending.

Those of us who observed were impressed by the attentiveness of her sons. For many years, she has lived in the home of Carl and Mary Nell. This is such a compliment to both, but particularly to Mary Nell for sharing her husband, home and her kitchen with a mother-in-law. Mary Nell has dispelled the myth that all mother-in-laws are evil and cannot get along with their daughter-in-law. In recent years, during the time that Pauline was convalescing, her family has been extremely attentive to her needs and condition.

A great lady, friend, mother and sister in Christ has departed our midst for a brief respite, awaiting in her heavenly home for the family reunion. All that could have been done was done and she could not be retained or returned. She is enjoying her rest at long last and all of those of like precious faith should be making plans to meet her.

“I’ll meet you in the morning by the bright river side

When all sorrow has drifted away

I’ll be standin’ at the portals when the gates open wide

At the close of life’s long weary day.”



PRAYER LIST

Lucille Gibson, is in room 4435 of the Tupelo hospital recovering from knee surgery.

Ron Garner, friend of the Kings' is back at his home in Florida recovering from his heart surgeries.

Continual Prayer

Pat Reed, Norbie Livingston, Bernice Nobles, Chris Isbell, J.D. Stroud, Jessie Hawkins, Betty Lang, Barry Yancey, Lisa Mitchell, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, 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

Military List:

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



GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

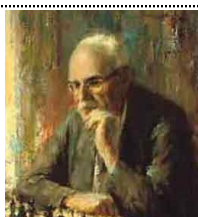
December 04. Andy & Sharon Clemmer
December 11. Richard & Kathy Jennings
December 18. Lonnie & Nicki Weaver
December 25. Bill & Nancy Frohn

* If you would be interested in being a door greeter in 2012 please let the office know.



“I BELIEVE”

.... That opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

SYMPATHY



We express our sympathy to *Brad Pounders* and family in the death of his grandmother, *Ethel Russell*. *Ms. Russell* passed away Monday afternoon at the age of 92. Visitation is expected to be Wed. night at the Senter Funeral Home in Fulton and funeral services Thursday at the funeral home. Please check the news line for an update.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased that *Alvin and Kaye Parks* along with their children, *Anderson* and *Jodi* have placed membership here at New Albany. Please make them welcome. Their address is 606 Garfield St., New Albany, MS 38652

MEN’S BREAKFAST



The men’s annual breakfast and planning session is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00am at the fellowship building. All men are asked to attend.

LADIES’ CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



The ladies’ annual Christmas Brunch will be held at the home of *Maria Ormon* Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am. You are asked to bring your favorite finger foods and a wrapped Christmas ornament.

The Wisdom of Sharing

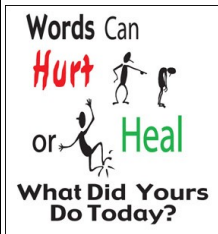
Imagine a world in which we all showed our gifts and bounty with each other rather than focusing on self preservation.

There are many variations of the story of stone soup, but they all involve a traveler coming into a town beset by famine. The inhabitants try to discourage the traveler from staying, fearing he wants them to give him food. They tell him in no uncertain terms that there's no food anywhere to be found. The traveler explains that he doesn't need any food and that, in fact, he was planning to make a soup to share with all of them. The villagers watch suspiciously as he builds a fire and fills a cauldron with water. With great ceremony, he pulls a stone from a bag, dropping the stone into the pot of water. He sniffs the brew extravagantly and claims how delicious stone soup is. As the villagers begin to show interest, he mentions how good the soup would be with just a little cabbage in it. A villager brings out a cabbage to share. The episode repeats itself until the soup has cabbage, carrots, onions, and beets - indeed, a substantial soup that feeds everyone in the village. The story addresses the human tendency to hoard in times of deprivation. When resources are scarce, we pull back and put all of our energy into self preservation. We isolate ourselves and shut out others. As the story of stone soup reveals, in doing so, we often deprive ourselves and everyone else of a feast. This metaphor plays out beyond the realm of food. We hoard ideas, love, and energy, thinking we will be richer if we keep them to ourselves, when in truth we make the world, and ourselves poorer whenever we greedily stockpile our reserves. The traveler was able to see that the villagers were holding back, and he had the genius plan to draw them out and inspire them to give, thus creating a spread that none of them could have created alone.



Are you like one of the villagers, holding back? If you come forward and share your gifts, you will inspire others to do the same. The reward is a banquet that can nourish many. ~ copied

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." Hebrews 10:24



THE TONGUE THAT BROKE A BONE

"By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone."

Proverbs 25:15

Once, according to Aesop's Fables, the wind, rain and sun were watching a man walking along the road bundled up with gloves, a hat and an overcoat. These three decided on a competition to see which one could make the man remove his warm clothing.

First, the wind began to blow, in an effort to tear the coat off, but it only succeeded in making the man wrap his coat more tightly about himself.

Next the rain began to pelt him with hail, hoping the coat would be forced off, but he hunched up even more.

Finally the sun came out, shining warmly. After an hour or so the man was so warm and comfortable that he took his coat off!

"Honey," we say these days, "will catch more flies than vinegar." Impatiently we think we should be able to change people overnight. "Why doesn't our fifteen year old behave like a mature adult?" parents wonder. "Why doesn't my husband see things from my point of view?" wonders the young wife.

Be patient. Allow them the one element they truly need to mature - the passage of time. Demanding things of others, nagging and accusing them, usually makes them hunch over in a defensive posture. How much better to allow the sunshine of your love to make the changes they need.

~ Stan Mitchell ~ Forthright.net

YOUTH UPDATE

- All teens going on the shopping trip to Memphis, Sat. Dec. 3rd, need to meet at the building at 9:30am.
- All Lads to Leaders that will be preparing a bulletin board need to turn in their ideas to Sarah by Sun.
- This month's youth devo will be held Sun., Dec. 11th, following evening services. Dan Cobb and Sarah Walker will be hosting. You are asked to bring items to go with taco soup and desserts.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School 113
 Sunday A M 129
 Sunday P.M. 92
 Wednesday 94
 Contribution \$2,939.05
 Budget.....\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Bill Botts
 A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
 Closing Prayer. ..Terry Young
 P.M. Prayer.....Greg Clayton
 Closing.....Ronnie Griggs
 Wed 12/7.....Dalton Beard
 Wed. 12/7.....Tyler Weaver
 Usher & Lock..... L. Weaver
 Greeter..... A & S Clemmer



PANTRY ITEM

Cereal

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School 9:30
 Morning Worship 10:30
 Evening Worship 6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 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

MONTH: DECEMBER 2011

Sound Room: Dan Cobb
Usher: Shane Crofts

Announcements: Lonnie Weaver
Prepare Communion: Ione Wall

Lead Singing: Sunday A.M. Richard Jennings
 Sunday P.M. Dalton Beard
 Wednesday Greg Harrison

Lord's Supper:

North Head <u>Roger Clayton</u>	South Head <u>Richard Adams</u>
North Helper I <u>Burrell Walton</u>	South Helper I <u>Matt Jennings</u>
North Helper II <u>Steve Todd</u>	South Helper II <u>Ruston Adams</u>

Prayers: A.M.

Opening
1st Sun. A.M. Phil Young
2nd Sun. A.M. Randy Wall
3rd Sun. A.M. Bill Frohn
4th Sun. A.M. Harold Crowe
5th Sun. A.M. _____

Closing

Terry Young
Olen Clark
Martin Crofts
Drew Drummond

Prayers: P.M.

Opening
1st Sun. P.M. Greg Clayton
2nd Sun. P.M. Andy Clemmer
3rd Sun. P.M. Greg Harrison
4th Sun. P.M. Richard Jennings
5th Sun. P.M. _____

Closing

Ronnie Griggs
Bill Lyon
Bobby Marques
Paul Ormon

Scripture Reading:

1st Sun. Bill Botts
2nd Sun. Dan Drummond
3rd Sun. Mark Jennings
4th Sun. Brad Pounders
5th Sun. _____

Wed. Prayers:

Opening	Closing
1st <u>Dalton Beard</u>	<u>Tyler Weaver</u>
2nd <u>Dillon Clayton</u>	<u>Bobby White</u>
3rd <u>J.L. Eaton</u>	<u>Bill DePriest</u>
4th <u>Jerry Gibson</u>	<u>Jason Jennings</u>
5th _____	_____

Usher & Lock: 12-4, L. Weaver 12-18, G. Clayton
 12-11, B. Botts 12 -25, R. Clayton

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