

THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 11, 2014

Please Join Us

Sunday, February 23rd for:

"Friends and Family Day"

at the

New Albany Church of Christ

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:25am

Noon Meal

Evening Worship: 1:30pm

AMEND THINGS

"Little said is soon amended" (Miguel de Cervantes).

THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID HAVING TO MAKE AMENDS IS TO DO NOTHING. If we're actively involved with life, doing our best to do as we should, we're going to make some mistakes, and when we do, amends will have to be made. Looking at it one way, the less we say and do, the fewer apologies we'll have to make. "Little said is soon amended," as Cervantes said, and there is definitely some wisdom here. But on the other hand, life is about more than the negative avoidance of mistakes; in a larger sense, it's about the positive use of our abilities to accomplish as many good results as we can. We can't give up or stop trying. Making amends is just one of life's necessities.

In its most basic sense, to make amends is to "mend" a situation that has been "broken" by an error that we've committed. And, of course, to "mend" something is to repair" it. Thus the American Heritage Dictionary defines "amends" as "reparation or payment made as satisfaction for insult or injury." So when we make amends, we "repair" what we've damaged, making "reparation" for our wrongdoing.

To make amends honorably, we must do a good bit more than offer an apology, though that's the obvious starting point. Even at the level of apology, we must do more than express regret that someone's been hurt. We must (a) acknowledge the **WRONGFULNESS** of what we've done, (b) commit ourselves to **CHANGE** (that is, promise that we would never do the same thing again, even in the same circumstances), and then make **RESTITUTION** for the damage done, to whatever extent that may be possible. Obviously, many wrongs do damage for which no perfect restitution can be made, but we should never fail to try. If we've gotten out of the blaming mode and into the amendment mode, the question we'll always ask is, "WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU?"

Making amends is one of the most difficult things in life, but it's also one of the most important. If we can't do it eagerly, we can at least do it **WILLINGLY**. And just as important, the making of amends is something we should do **REGULARLY**. Timely amendments are a part of the maintenance that keeps our relationships working. If we value these relationships, we'll spare no effort to fix them when they break. *"Keep your friendships in repair" (Ralph Waldo Emerson).*

~ Gary Henry ~ via the Montrose Bulletin

YOUTH NEWS

- Lads to Leaders practice will meet every Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm unless otherwise announced.
- The next Senior Bible Bowl will be held here at New Albany Feb. 16th. The questions are being submitted by the Hwy 15 Pontotoc church of Christ. Please come out and support these young people.
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Sunday night Feb. 16th instead of the 23rd. *Brad* and *April Pounders* will be hosting. Everyone planning to attend is asked to give \$1.00 for pizza. Please let *April* know by Wednesday night if you will be coming. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

ADULT I CLASS

The Wednesday night adult I class is beginning a study on Islam, the Koran and Christianity. The young adult class meets in the large classroom in the annex building. You are welcome to join them.





PRAYER LIST

Melissa Reed, will be having another surgery on her eye February 19th, in Memphis. Her recovery time should not be as long as before.

Joel Holley, father of *Kim Clayton* remains in room 573 of the Tupelo Hospital. He has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is waiting on some tests result before beginning treatments. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Joyce (Thornton) Gilmore, has had colon cancer to return and will be undergoing treatments.

Taterrin Wilson a New Albany elementary student has had cancer to return will be undergoing treatments again at Le Bonheur.

Austin Hall, a student at Myrtle was diagnosed with a mass and is still having tests.

Tony Cross, was released from rehab and is now back at home.

Continual Prayer list:

Eulene Hooper, Phyllis Popson, Cathy Dye, Roger Clayton, Jennie Bell, Grace Anderson, Alicia Dukes, Rivers Robertson, Hudson Grisham, Pat Reed, Nancy Petrowski, Justin Forsyth, Steve Stokes, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, 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

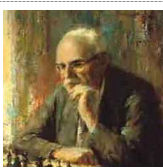
Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



Wise Thoughts

When we have done what we can, God will do what we can't.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- February 15.....Greg Clayton
- February 17.....April Pounders
- February 19.....Barbara Crotts
- February 22.....Jennie Bell
- February 25.....Carlisle Smithey
- February 27.....Justin Dewberry
- February 28.....Brian Carpenter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- February 12.....Mike & Sheila King
- February 14.....Andy & Sharon Clemmer
- February 21.....Price & Claudia Senter



REJOICE

We are happy to announce that *Robbie Brown* was baptized into Christ Thursday night, February 6th by *Lonnie Weaver*. We congratulate *Robbie* on his decision to become a Christian and pray for him as he begins his new life in Christ.

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to the Young Adult Class for hosting a special evening for the senior citizens of the congregation. Each table was decorated beautifully by different members of the class. A delicious meal was served and everyone was treated like royalty. There was a lot of laughter which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to *Andy & Sharon Clemmer* for getting it all together. They put in a lot of work and it was very much appreciated.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!



Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for Friends and Family Day, Sunday, Feb. 23rd. We will have a meal following our morning worship services. Our evening services will be at 1:30. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. We are looking forward to a great day!

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.....Hunter Jennings
 A.M. Prayer.....Mark Jennings
 Closing Prayer..Dan Drummond
 P.M. Prayer.....Gary Turner
 Closing.....Phil Young
 Wed.2/12.....Phillip Young
 Wed.2/12.....Perry Jones
 Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall
 Greeter.....R & K Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....119
 Sunday A.M.....144
 Sunday P.M..... 92
 Wednesday.....116
 Contribution.....\$3,272.71
 Budget.....\$3,989.47



PANTRY ITEM

Ketchup/Mustard

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GOD IS ON THE JOB

One of the greatest examples of the providential hand of God is found in the book of Esther. In it are these words: *"who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

Now, I don't know every situation in which God is involved in the lives of men, and neither do you. However, I do know that He's still "on the job." Today, you and I have and will witness the general providence of God. Jesus said, *"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust"* (Mt. 5:45). If you received a good night sleep, it was the general providence of God. If you were up in time to see the sun rise, you witnessed the general providence of God. God is constantly at work in our lives. Some of these examples of God's providence are observed by us each and everyday. However, there are more specific ways in which God works in our lives today that are not so obvious. Did God put _____ in my life because He knew I needed her? Maybe. Did God allow me to leave the house a few minutes late so it wouldn't be me in that awful accident on the interstate? Maybe. Did God move us to this town, which has an exceptional neonatal unit, just in time for our premature baby to be born and to receive a fighting chance at survival? Maybe. I guess we could speculate all day about these sorts of things. In reality, we don't always know when we're seeing God's providence, but we know He's on the job. David believed God was at work in his life (Psa. 23). The Proverbs writer believed that God was at work in the lives of His people (Pro 3:6). The disciples were taught by Jesus himself that God would work in their lives as well (Mt. 6:11). I don't know how and when God is working things out, but I know He's working. I thank God for His love, care, and providence in my life. I hope you have a great day, wonderful week, and will take time to stand in awe of God's working in your life--whether you can see it or not.

~ Neil Richey ~