

THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 18, 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

Thank God for Ordinary Christians

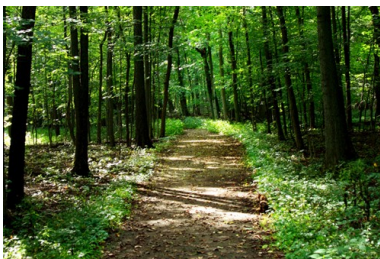
Someone has said, "God must really love ordinary people — He made so many of them." In this day of super-stars and specialists, experts, and authorities, it is reassuring to know there is one place that the ordinary man/woman will always be loved and needed; IN THE CHURCH!

Although there are some who selfishly wish to fill the church with the rich, the educated, and the successful. The truth is that these are generally not receptive to the gospel. Jesus found that it was the "common people" who "heard Him gladly. " Paul said, "...not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble are called " (I Cor. 1:26).

General Eisenhower once rebuked one of his officers for referring to a soldier as "just a private." He reminded him that the army could function far better without generals than it could without its foot-soldiers. "If this war is won," he said, "it will be won by privates." In the same way, the common, ordinary, one-talent Christians are the very backbone of the church. We have our great evangelists, our super congregations led by dynamic leaders, and our wealthy brethren who are able to finance great works. But, if the work of the Lord is to be done, if the gospel is to be taken to the lost, it will be the "ordinary" Christians who do it. In thinking back over the years I have been a Christian, I can think of some tremendous examples of "ordinary" Christians serving God in extraordinary ways. The work that has been done by these fine brothers and sisters is known by only a few. It has rarely been made known or acknowledged publicly. Their names do not appear in bulletins. But their works are precious and priceless, and their reward in heaven is great! There is no shame in having limited talents. But there is shame and sin in not using the talents God has given. Zechariah wrote, "*Who hath despised the day of small things?*"

It's Mostly Up To You

When you start out in a morning
With your luck a-running wrong,
The birds along your pathway
Have a harshness in their song,
And the grass, though soft and velvet,
You will sort o' stumble through;
Such times, if you want things better,
Friend, it's mostly up to you.
"Tain't hard smiling with the sunshine,
But it's during stormy spells,
When our weary feet are slipping,
That the stuff what's in us tells.
No, you don't have flowers always
In the path you travel through;
Still, if you would have things better,
Friend, it's mostly up to you.



Someone Else

I know all of you were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our congregation's most valuable members - Someone Else. Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years Someone did for more than the normal person's share of work. Whatever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as for results. Someone Else can work with that group Whenever there was a job to do, an event to direct, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everybody's lips, "Let Someone Else do it". It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the great doers in the congregation. Whenever there was a job to be done, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would do the job. Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Remember, we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

~ Anonymous ~



PRAYER LIST

Ivery Cobb, friend of *Sue Stroud* is undergoing tests and requested prayers.

Pat Reed, is experiencing weak spells and was to see her cardiologists Monday.

Gloria Jones, is experiencing vertigo and will be undergoing tests.

Melissa Reed, will be have eye surgery Wed, in Memphis. Her recovery time is not expected to be as long as her previous eye surgeries.

Joel Holley, father of *Kim Clayton* remains in room 573 of the Tupelo Hospital. He began chemo treatments last week. Please keep him in your prayers.

Taterrin Wilson a New Albany elementary student began chemo treatments Monday, at Le Bonheur.

Glen Jumper of New Haven school was diagnosed with a mass and is undergoing tests.

Grace Anderson, mother of *Kaye Parks* has been moved to Graceland Care Center for rehab.

Continual Prayer list:

Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Tony Cross, 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, Claudia Senter, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

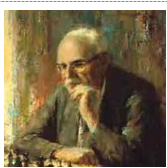
Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

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

Wise Thoughts

Good words are worth much and cost little!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- February 19.....Barbara Crotts
- February 22.....Jennie Bell
- February 25..... Carlisle Smithey
- February 27..... Justin Dewberry
- February 28..... Brian Carpenter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- February 21..... Price & Claudia Senter



FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!

Our much anticipated “Friends and Family Day” is this Sunday, Feb. 23rd. There is still time to invite your family members and friends! All adult classes will meet in the auditorium for Bible class. There will be a covered dish meal following the morning worship service at the fellowship building. Please prepare an extra dish for our visitors. Our evening service will be at 1:30.

ADULT I CLASS

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

YOUTH NEWS

- Lads to Leaders will not meet for practice Sunday, Feb. 23, due to our Friends and Family Day. Please continue to practice your speeches and song leading and be prepared for practice the following Sunday, March 2nd.
- Congratulations to our Senior Bible Bowl group for winning first place in a tie breaker with Randolph. The next Bible Bowl will be held at the Mayfield congregation March, 16. This will be the final meet for the season.
- Thanks to *Brad and April Pounders* for hosting this month’s Youth Devo. We appreciate all they do for our youth.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

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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.....Tyler Weaver
A.M. Prayer.....Troy Robertson
Closing Prayer..Dan Drummond
P.M. Prayer.....Gary Turner
Closing.....Bobby Marques
Wed.2/26.....David Clayton
Wed.2/26.....Olen Clark
Usher & Lock....Lonnie Weaver
Greeter.....R & K Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....112
Sunday A.M.....134
Sunday P.M.....120
Wednesday.....88
Contribution.....\$4,046.28
Budget.....\$3,989.47



PANTRY ITEM

Instant Potatoes

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**Did You Bring Your Cell Phone
Bible to Church Today**

I just wonder, as I watch what is happening in our culture these days, what would happen if we treated our Bible the same way we treat our cell phone. For instance:

- What if we constantly carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we went back to get it whenever we left it somewhere?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to our kids for gifts?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?
- What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something that makes you go... hmmm... where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus has already paid the bill, so we can use it all we want!

~ Tim Woodward ~