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## A Mere Man Turned Godward

Mike King



We look to the apostle Paul and marvel at his greatness in serving the Lord. We may ponder the thought to ourselves, “I would love to have the strength of character and spiritual integrity that he had.” He told the Colossians the key to his strength. He was a mere man who turned God-man, or godly man. Listen to his source, *“To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily”* (Col. 1:29). He saw himself as an unworthy servant because he *“persecuted the church of God”* (I Cor. 15:9). He gave credit where credit was really due, *“But by the grace of God, I am what I am”* (v. 10). He further acknowledged, *“His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me”* (v. 10). This awareness must have been responsible for prompting statements from him as, *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”* (Phil. 4:13); *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God”* (Rom. 8:28). He was determined that nothing would get in the way of his service to the Lord. I like these words: *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written ... Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us”* (Rom. 8:35-37).

Paul recognized the source of his ministry as *“the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power”* (Eph. 3:7). Though he considered himself to be *“least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach...the unsearchable riches of Christ”* (v. 8).

The only way that Paul could reconcile his knowledge of his past as a persecutor of the church, a servant of Christ, and son of God was through accepting God’s grace, “unmerited favor” which was abundantly providing him *“with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus”* (I Tim. 1:14). The sufferings and the mercy all came from God so that He *“might show all long-suffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on him for everlasting life”* (v. 16). We too can do great things today in the church of our Lord for heaven’s sake by the grace and power given us through God’s Word (Rom. 1:16).

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014

**Announcements:** Troy Robertson  
**Sound Room:** Shane Crotts  
**Usher:** Brian Carpenter

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: Greg Harrison  
 Sun. P.M.: Richard Jennings  
 Wed.: Ray Kennedy

### Sunday Prayers:

March 2:  
 A.M. Greg Clayton  
 Dan Cobb  
 P.M. J. L. Eaton  
 Ronnie Griggs

March 9:  
 A.M. Josh George  
 Jason Jennings  
 P.M. Brad Pounders  
 Matt Jennings

March 16:  
 A.M. Perry Jones  
 Alvin Parks  
 P.M. Terry Stubblefield  
 Thomas Wall

March 23:  
 A.M. Paul Ormon  
 Harold Russell  
 P.M. Burrell Walton  
 Lonnie Weaver

March 30:  
 A.M. Gary Turner  
 Steve Todd  
 P.M. David Clayton  
 Richard Adams

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Andy Clemmer  
 North Helper I: Phil Young  
 North Helper II: Phillip Young

South Head: Roger Clayton  
 South Helper I: Dillon Clayton  
 South Helper II: Bill Botts

### Scripture Reading:

March 2 — Cody Clemmer  
 March 9 — Mark Jennings  
 March 16 — Clay Ormon  
 March 23 — Tyler Weaver  
 March 30 — Ruston Adams

### Wednesday Prayers:

March 5 — Richard Jennings; Harold Crowe  
 March 12 — Anderson Parks; Hunter Jennings  
 March 19 — Ray Kennedy; Bill Lyon  
 March 26 — Olen Clark; Bobby Marques

### Greeters:

March 2 — Alvin & Kaye Parks  
 March 9 — Greg & Kim Clayton  
 March 16 — Brad & April Pounders  
 March 23 — Richard & Kathy Jennings  
 March 30 — Lana & Steve Todd

### Usher & Lock:

March 2 — Greg Clayton  
 March 9 — Roger Clayton  
 March 16 — Brad Pounders  
 March 23 — Harold Russell  
 March 30 — Randy Wall

**Host Youth Devo:** Lonnie & Nicki Weaver

**Prepare Communion:** Sarah Walker

## WORKING TOGETHER

When the fellow in the old pickup truck stopped to help a stranded limo, little did he know that his handy mechanical skills would start a chain of events that would change his life.

After fixing the limo, the driver offered to pay him something but the good citizen said that he was just happy to help and kindly said "you don't owe a thing." As he walked back to his truck parked behind the stretched limo, the rear window rolled down and to the surprise of this gentleman, Donald Trump was sitting in the back seat, or so the story goes. Mr. Trump insisted on paying the gentleman something but he declined, at first. Then he said, "Mr. Trump, my wife would be thrilled to get a box of flowers from you. Would you do that for me?" Mr. Trump was delighted to oblige.

The next day, as promised, a box of flowers arrived at the couple's home with a note that read, "Dear Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_: You are lucky to have for a husband such a caring and kind person. When I offered him payment for his act of kindness he thought only of you. These flowers are for you. Signed, Donald Trump." P.S. "By the way, I have paid off your mortgage at the bank. You now own your house free and clear."

I'm not sure if anyone has paid off a total stranger's mortgage the past couple of days, but I do know that many have been helping their fellow Georgians through this wintery mess. I've seen folks deliver food to stranded motorists, push cars when the tires would just spin, park a car and get out in the cold to direct traffic around accidents, offer a warm place to stay when it was clear that someone wasn't going to make it home Tuesday night.

It's been nice to watch citizens in our communities work together as a team. It's been refreshing in fact. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships--the abilities of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together in the same world at peace. We've seen some of that spirit first hand this week.

The Bible teaches us this same principle when it comes to soul winning. Remember Paul's words to the Corinthians? He said, "*Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase*" (1 Cor. 3:5-7).

I watched little neighborhoods, small towns, and finally the big city work together in so many ways through a rather unpleasant situation. Imagine what we could do as a body of believers for the greater cause of Christ and winning souls for His church? What a difference we could make if each one did his part to reach out and then share the gospel with his neighborhood, his community, his city, his world!

~ Neil Richey ~

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## PRAYER LIST

**Barbara Kimbrell**, will have possible eye surgery Thursday, in Oxford.

**Ivery Cobb**, friend of *Sue Stroud* will undergo surgery Wednesday.

**Pat Reed**, had tests this past week that showed some blockages. She will be treated with medication.

**Gloria Jones**, will be going to the Shea Clinic 3 days this week for shots in her ear to help with vertigo.

**Melissa Reed**, is at home recovering from eye surgery.

**Joel Holley**, father of *Kim Clayton* was able to go home for a few days before his next treatment which is expected to be around the end of this week.

**Joe Wilson**, neighbor of the *Parks* was released from Hospice Care and is at home not doing well.

### Continual Prayer list:

**Glen Jumper, Teterrin Wilson, Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Tony Cross, Jennie Bell, Grace Anderson, Alicia Dukes, Rivers Robertson, Hudson Grisham, Pat Reed, Nancy Petrowski, Justin Forsyth, 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

The sign of a beautiful person is that they always see beauty in others.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 27..... Justin Dewberry  
February 28..... Brian Carpenter  
March 05..... Price Senter  
March 06..... Bill Lyon



## VISITATION PROGRAM

A new visitation program has been in the planning stages for some time and will be kicking off right away. The new program will be called "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". We would like for a large group to participate. We plan to meet once a month on a Sat. night. The first meeting is tentatively set for Sat., March 22nd. A sign-up sheet and questionnaire will be on the table in the foyer. If you would like to participate any time during the year please fill out the form and return it to *Lonnie Weaver* by March the 8th. *Lonnie* will head up this program and could use our support. Our theme for the year is "Souls to Glean in 2014." What a good way to work toward that goal together!

## MARCH ACTIVITIES

2- Elders/Deacons/Preacher meet at 5pm  
4 - Elders meet at 7pm  
9- Daylight Savings time begins -Area Wide Meeting at East Main -School Break week  
16- SR Bible Bowl - Mayfield  
22- JR Bible Bowl -Gloster St  
22- Visitation Meeting (Places to be announced)  
23 - Youth Devo  
25- Elders/Deacons/Preacher visitation night  
30- 4-2 **Gospel Meeting:** Chad Ramsey, guest speaker; Sunday noon meal and meals Mon-Wed @5:45  
30 - Deacons meet at 5pm

## A GREAT DAY!

Thanks to all who made our Friends and Family Day a success. We are thankful for the many visitors who came to be with us for all who helped prepare the wonderful meal and to *Mike* for 3 great lessons.

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**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 Jennings .....534-6671  
Troy Robertson .....534-3491

**DEACONS**

Greg Clayton .....252-9762  
Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Cody Clemmer  
A.M. Prayer.....Greg Clayton  
Closing Prayer.....Dan Cobb  
P.M. Prayer.....J. L. Eaton  
Closing.....Ronnie Griggs  
Wed.3/5.....Richard Jennings  
Wed.3/5.....Harold Crowe  
Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton  
Greeter.....A & K Parks

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....147  
Sunday A.M.....195  
Sunday P.M.....107  
Wednesday.....116  
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**PANTRY ITEM**

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**A Teacher's Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
I do not ask That Thou should'st give me some high work of Thine,  
Some noble calling, or some wondrous task.  
Give me a little hand to hold in mine;  
Give me a little child to point the way  
Over the strange, sweet path that leads to, Thee;  
Give me a little voice to teach to pray;  
Give me two shining eyes Thy face to see.  
The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to wear  
Is this: that I may teach a little child.  
I do not ask that I may ever stand  
Among the wise, the worthy, or the great;  
I only ask that softly, hand in hand,  
A child and I may enter at the gate.

-Author unknown



*"For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall re-  
joice..." (Zechariah 4:10).*