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Introducing

CHAD RAMSEY

Speaker

Gospel Meeting

New Albany Church of Christ

March 30th – April 2nd, 2014



Chad Ramsey is the minister of the Gloster Street Church of Christ in Tupelo, MS where he has served since 2003. He and his wife Beverly have three children: Johnson, Anna Mae, and Jake Franklin. Chad is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University (B.A., History), Tennessee Bible College (B.A., Bible; M.A., Christian Doctrine and Apologetics), and the University of Mississippi (M.A., Philosophy). Chad obtained a Master of Divinity degree from FHU in 2013.

Prior to coming to Tupelo, Chad preached at the West Sparta church of Christ, Sparta, Tennessee. He is the author of two books, *Reasons to Believe: A Survey of Christian Evidences*; and *In God's Image: A Study of the Nature of Man*. He also writes Bible class curriculum for Gospel Advocate Company and has a weekly article in the Tupelo Journal.

Chad is a regularly sought after speaker for gospel meetings and youth gatherings. He is a talented speaker, academically prepared and grounded in the Word. He is well thought of by the Gloster Street congregation and respected in the Tupelo area. You will find that Chad's presentation will be both interesting and informative. He will help focus our attention on our annual theme, "Our Objective: Souls to Glean in 2014."



A Gospel Meeting offers many opportunities that we are not able to take advantage of as effectively at other times. We can invite our friends with whom we work, classmates, family members, to hear simple New Testament Gospel preached in a non-threatening environment.

They can have exposure to great singing at each service, make friends with our members, and generate interest for further one-on-one private Bible study. We have invited over 10,000 to attend through the House to House/Heart to Heart publication. You can be a source of welcome and strength to our worship. Your presence will speak volumes to Chad and give him inspiration due to a good attendance and exuberant singing with a large group of voices. It too is another opportunity to demonstrate to God our love in worship to Him; the same message can be read by visitors who will be in attendance. Plan to be present for each service and available to exercise as much influence in as many areas as possible.

Small Piece of String

A visitor to Niagara Falls today has it easy compared to what it was like one hundred years ago. There was no easy way to get from the American side to the Canadian side of the falls. The only practical way involved a frightening boat ride over a very dangerous stretch of river. One day someone came up with a very practical idea, "Why not build a suspension bridge across the river?"

That sounded like a good idea, but it really wasn't all that easy. The most difficult part was getting started. The canyon walls were too steep and the rapids too dangerous to get that first cable started. Finally, someone got a bright idea. They proposed a contest with a ten dollar prize to see who could be the first youngster to fly his kite across Niagara. A line could be tied to the string, a rope could be tied to the line, and a cable could be tied to the rope. That would be the way to get the first cable in place.

The critics had a good laugh when the contest was announced. How could a simple kite and kite string be used to build a great bridge? The whole idea seemed to be preposterous. In fact, it was so preposterous that it worked. A young boy named Homan Walsh flew his kite across Niagara in 1948. The simple kite string gave way to a line and to a rope, and finally the first cable was in place. Soon a great suspension bridge spanned the Niagara, a great bridge that owed its existence to a boy, a kite, and a slender piece of string.

How many of us look at our place in the church as if we it were only a piece of string. We doubt that we can contribute anything at all to the building up of the church. We don't see ourselves as having the great talents and abilities that are necessary to be leaders in the Lord's church. This sort of attitude causes so many to sit back and refuse to become involved in the church's ministry and mission.

In the first place, most of us have more abilities than we would imagine. Great men of God like Moses and Gideon made excuses for their lack of ability when they were called to serve God. After they hesitantly accepted the call, they found that their faith did indeed allow them to serve the Master in ways they had never dreamed possible.

But even if we're totally convinced that our talents are meager, remember that small piece of string that spanned the Niagara. Compared to the mighty cable that anchored the bridge, the string was pretty insignificant. But unless and until the string did its part, the cable was useless.

Let's all promise ourselves to serve God and His church to the best of our abilities. Those abilities are richer and more varied than many of us would admit. Until we are ready to use those abilities, then the Lord's work will not get done. If a small piece of string can bridge a mighty river, then the lives of members of the New Albany Church of Christ can bridge the chasm between God and man in our community.

YOUTH NEWS

- The Junior Bible Bowl will meet for the final competition of the season March 22nd, at the Gloster St. congregation.
- *Cody Hardin*, our summer youth intern, will be here to speak Sunday, April 6th at our morning worship service and also teach the teenage class.
- This month's youth devo will be held Sunday night, March 23rd, following services. The girls are asked to bring desserts and the boys chips. The *Weavers'* will be hosting.

Getting Mad and Quitting the Church

An old Negro preacher said to his audience: "Some folks think they hurt the church when they get mad and quit, but they are wrong about that. It never hurts the tree for the dried-up apples to fall off!"

~ Selected ~

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PRAYER LIST

Pat Reed is in room 175 of the Tupelo Hospital recovering from hip surgery. She will remain there for a month having rehab and dialysis. Visiting hours are from 5pm-8pm only.

Teterrian Wilson is back in St Jude having more chemo treatments.

Joel Holley, will return to the Tupelo Hospital for another round of chemo on the 21st.

Nancy Petrowski, is in the Vanderbilt Hospital this week for a bone marrow biopsy and preparing for a bone marrow transplant.

Betty Young is at home not feeling well.

Patty Jacks was taken to the ER Sunday for stomach problems. She is being treated with medication.

Continual Prayer list:

Barbara Kimbrell, Tony Cross, Gloria Jones, Ivery Cobb, Glen Jumper, Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Grace Anderson, Alicia Dukes, Rivers Robertson, Hudson Grisham, 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

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

Mother's write on the hearts of their children what the world's rough hand cannot erase.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 19..... Dan Cobb
March 19..... Clay Jennings
March 21..... Bill Botts
March 23..... Lea Isabella McMillen
March 28..... Roger Clayton
March 29..... Caleb Jennings

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 24..... J. D. & Sue Stroud



CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate our Senior Bible Bowl group on an excellent job this season. They placed first overall for the second year. These young people are very busy with school work, sports, and extra curricular activities yet find it important to excel in learning the scriptures as well. Please let these young people know how proud we are of them. Those who participated are: *Bailey Adams, Ruston Adams, Robbie Brown, Dillon Clayton, Michael Crotts, Jamie Crowe, Madison Griggs, Caleb Jennings, Hunter Jennings, Anderson Parks, Erin Wall, Thomas Wall, Ashlee Weaver, Tyler Weaver and Audrey Young.* This group is assisted by *Dan Cobb, Sarah Walker* and a great group of parents. We appreciate you all!

AREA EVENTS

- Gospel Meeting March 16-19 at the Chapman Church of Christ. The guest speaker is Ken Tyler of Arab, AL.
- Senior Adult Rally at the Henderson Church of Christ March 29. Guest speaker is Robert Hatfield of Pulaski, TN.
- Southwind Singing, Sat. March 29th, from 3:00-6:00pm at the Church of Christ at Southwind in Memphis, TN.
- Gospel Meeting at the Ozark Church of Christ, April 13-16 with *Jim Estes* as the guest speaker.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Tyler Weaver
 A.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon
 Closing Prayer....Harold Russell
 P.M. Prayer.....Burrell Walton
 Closing.....Lonnie Weaver
 Wed.3/26.....Olen Clark
 Wed.3/26.....Bobby Marques
 Usher & Lock....Harold Russell
 Greeter.....R & K Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....116
 Sunday A.M.....143
 Sunday P.M.....111
 Wednesday.....112
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PANTRY ITEM

Canned Vegetables

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VISITATION

Well, I went to visitation
 Against my will, I guess.
 I was hot and tired and troubled.
 And I wasn't at my best.
 But they told me I was needed
 So I knew I couldn't rest,
 With my conscience making comments
 About how I'd failed the test.

First, I went to see a shut-in;
 She's been one quite sometime.
 Oh, how she missed the brethren,
 But she tried hard not to pine.
 Next, a brother who'd been absent
 Several Sundays in a row.
 He thought nobody missed him,
 And he said next time he'd go.

Last, I called upon a couple
 Who's just moved into town.
 I invited them to visit,
 And they said they'd come around.
 Back home again I pondered,
 Why, I was feeling fine
 Recalling those gladdened faces,
 The pleasure was all mine!