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## Announcing GOSPEL MEETING

**MARCH 25-28**



Speaker: **Jimmy Clark**  
Bethel, Alabama

## NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Jimmy Clark:** He has served as a minister for 32 years, the past 26 have been spent serving the Bethel, Alabama congregation west of Huntsville. Jimmy has served in overseas mission efforts in England, Spain, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand. He speaks on numerous lectureship programs and gospel meetings. He is the Director and a teacher for the Alabama School of Bible Emphasis which was founded by his father more than 20 years ago.

He received his education from, Freed-Hardeman University (A.A. & B.A. 1977, 1979) and post graduate work at Ambridge University (formerly Southern Christian University, M.A. 1981).

Jimmy was married to Pam (Rikard) Clark on June 23, 1979. They have three children: Benjamin (29) married to Follin (Childs) Clark and live in Opelika, AL; Daniel (26) married to Laura (Davis) Clark and live in Coxey, AL; Hannah is single (21). They have two grandchildren: Levi (3) and Lily Clark (1). Jimmy comes from a preaching family. His father was the late Winfred Clark and his mother, Polly, were dedicated servants of the Lord. He too was related to the late Franklin Camp who was a noted preacher and writer in the Birmingham area.



**PRAYER LIST**

**Belle Cross**, had a stress test Monday and is waiting on the results.

**Melvin Adams**, husband of *Shelley Adams*, suffered a heart attack last week. He is now at home doing much better.

**Larry Hester**, friend of *Perry Jones*, is in the Tupelo hospital suffering with cancer.

**Harold Russell**, will see his doctor in Tupelo Wednesday, to schedule surgery for carotid arteries.

Please remember **Kathy Clayton** as she travels over the next 10 days to the Holy Lands.

**Continual Prayer**

**Eleta Grimmett, Tony Cross, James McDonald, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Eli Williams, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, 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, Jesse Stroud**

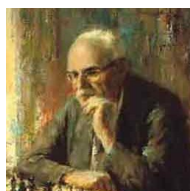
**SENTENCE SERMONS**

\*It is difficult to see good in the fellow who can't see any good in others.

\*One who neglects his duty to spite somebody, spites himself.

**"I BELIEVE"**

**...That in the sentence if life, the devil may be a comma—but never let him be the period.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



March 24 ..... Lea Isabella McMillen  
March 25..... Ruby Gaines  
March 28..... Roger Clayton  
March 29..... Caleb Jennings

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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

**GOSPEL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Our Gospel Meeting will begin this Sunday, March 25th. There will be a pot-luck meal following our morning services, and our evening services will be at 7:00p.m. A meal will be hosted each evening, Mon.-Wed. at 5:45p.m. by the adult classes. Please make plans to join us for our worship services and fellowship meals.

**AREA EVNETS**

- **Ladies Day** will be March 31st, at the Hwy 15, **Pontotoc Church of Christ**. The guest speaker will be *Lisa Williams*. Registration will begin at 9:00a.m. Lunch will be served following the program.
- **Sardis Lake Christian Camp** Annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction will be held March 31st at the camp site. Please check the bulletin board for more details.
- **Skyline Church of Christ** invites you to a series of meetings April 15th-18th, entitled, "Ingredients of a Godly Home." *Jerry Martin* will be bringing the lessons. Please check the bulletin board for a list of topics.
- You are invited to the **Annual Ladies Day** April 21st at the **Hwy 178 Church of Christ** in New Albany. The guest speaker will be *Marilyn Graham*. Lunch will be provided immediately following the program.

## CHANGE YOUR THINKING

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. The man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

### Epilogue:

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

## YOUTH NEWS

- Thanks to *Alvin* and *Kay Parks* for hosting the Youth Devo Sun. night.
- Jr. Bible Bowl will be held March 24th, at the Antioch Church of Christ. Their questions will come from the book of Matthew. The van will leave the building Sat. at 8:50a.m.
- Lads to Leaders participants will meet each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 for practice.
- L to L presentations will be Sun. April, 1st at 4:45p.m. Boys will be in the annex building and the girls in the adult III classroom.
- Lads to Leaders Convention will be held April 6th -8th. Our young people will travel to Memphis for their competition.

## What Can We Do To Strengthen Our Faith

- Pray to God every day- (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Memorize the books of the Bible- (Psalm 119:11)
- Study the plan of salvation- (John 8:24; Matthew 10:32; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38; 22:16)
- Learn sound doctrine- (Titus 2:10).
- Attend every service of the church (Hebrews 10:25)
- Participate in the activities of the church- 1 Corinthians 15:58).
- Teach someone the gospel plan of salvation- (2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 7:13-14).



## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	124
Sunday A M .....	139
Sunday P.M. ....	120
Wednesday .....	110
Contribution .....	\$3,501.46
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Burrell Walton
A.M. Prayer.....	Phil Young
Closing Prayer.....	Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....	Bill Botts
Closing.....	Ruston Adams
Wed 3/28.....	Harold Crowe
Wed. 3/28.....	Bobby White
Usher & Lock .....	Randy Wall
Greeter .....	L & N Weaver



## PANTRY ITEM

Pudding/Jell-O

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....	534-6671
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

## *The Not So Secrets to a Happy Home*

Mark Ray

- A happy home is one where Christ is the head of the home and his work has supreme authority (Psalm 117:97, 105; John 17:7-8; 12:48).
- A happy home is one where the husband is the head of the home (Ephesians 5:23). This means that he furnishes the leadership in the spiritual, physical and moral areas of the household.
- A happy home is one where the wife is in subjection to the leadership of the husband (Ephesians 5:22). It is sad that so often this CANNOT be the case because of the husband's attitudes and lack of leadership in areas of spirituality and responsibility (1 Corinthians 7:12-16; 1 Peter 3:1-2).
- A happy home is one in which the husband loves his wife even to the point where he would be willing to give his life for her (Ephesians 5:25).
- A happy home is one where the wife has learned to love her husband and children (Titus 2:4).
- A happy home is one where the husband and wife love each other more than parents, children, friends and recreation. In fact, only their loyalty to Jehovah is greater than the love found within the marital relationship (Matthew 19:5).
- A happy home is one where children are obedient to their parents (Ephesians 6:1-2).
- A happy home is one where parents love their children enough to discipline them and encourage them spiritually (Ephesians 6:4).
- A happy home is one where Christ comes first in all things (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 1:21).

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