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All Unraveled During The Week

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The futility of man is pictured in John 15:5. Jesus taught, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bear much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”* The implication from this passage is that we must get in touch, and remain in touch with God before our lives can be effective and productive.

It is so necessary that a teacher lead their students into a thought provoking study of the Holy Scriptures. A verse-by-verse study of the Bible or an energetic Bible class discussion is vitally important, but the manifestation of the Word in our lives is essential. That is what grips the student and makes eternal impressions. By no stretching of the imagination would I disparage a study of the Word of God, but until it becomes a part of those who proclaim it, our efforts are in vain. We strive so hard at a given class period or worship service to package God’s will for man and present it in a dynamic manner for it to be unwrapped by life-style between gatherings. Truly what we sometimes do deafens people to the point they cannot hear what we say.

The only true way for us to effectively obtain a grip on the lives of other people is for us to be assured of our grip on God. The sincere expression and earnest appeal that come with a teardrop in the eye cannot be ignored. *Bill Tyner* expressed it this way, *“It is the natural fruitage of a human branch grafted into the perfect, divine Vine. And this can never be imitated; it must take its life right from the heart of the Vine. Then the entire world will know of a surety that we have walked with God and learned of Him, and our service will not fall powerless.”*

What a privilege it is for us to “be in touch with God!” Additionally, what a blessing it is to have the privilege and responsibility of introducing others to God, enabling them to grasp Him as well. He is our mighty, perpetual and non-depleted source of power and strength for our lives. Each individual Christian needs to have an appetite and to feed upon God’s Holy Word for getting a grip on God and living for Him. Consequently, we teach others how it is done by the words spoken by mouth and by example.

Many of us prefer to stay at the threshold of the Christian life instead of going to construct a soul in accordance with the new life God has put within us.

The Procrastinating Servant

By: Jack Williams

14 years old — “I’ve just become a Christian, I don’t know enough and I’m too young to be involved in the work of the church.”

16 years old — “I’ve just got my driver’s license. I have to work to take care of my driving expenses. And of course this is the time in my life when I am very busy with friends, and you wouldn’t believe all the school activities I have! I’ll get involved a little later.

18 years old — “I just graduated from high school! Now I need a little time for myself before I enter the ‘real world.’ I’ll have more time for the work of the church later.”

20 years old — “I never knew college took so much time! When I get out and on my own I’ll have time for church work then.”

22 years old — “Boy, did you have any idea how hard it was to get started in the work place? It takes all my energy to get my career on line. And on top of that I just got married... I have to spend time to mould my new family life too. In a couple of years I’ll be ready to really dig into the work of the church.”

24 years old — “Children! I never believed my parents when they told me how much time and money it took to raise them. I sure don’t have time for the work of the church now... But when my kids get older I’ll be able to do my share of the work then.”

36 years old — “It seems the older the kids get the more they are involved in! Home from work, then to the school functions, then sports.... I’ll be glad when the kids get older so I can really be involved in the work of the church.”

46 years old — “I’ve never had so much fun! Grandchildren! I should have had them first (Ha!). I can’t deprive them... When they get older I’ll be able to really be involved in the church.”

56 years old — “I’m on my last push at work now. I’ve got to really bear down for a few years now so I can be ready for retirement. And of course we have our place at the lake we’re fixing up. In a few years I’ll be able to quit the ‘rat race’ and really get involved in the church.”

66 years old — “Retirement at last! I’ve worked hard so many years and now I can enjoy the fruit of my efforts. It’s time now for the young ones here at church to carry on and let us ‘veterans’ rest a little.”

78 years old — “My health is so poor. I can barely accomplish the smallest of tasks at home. Surely no one expects me to help the church; God will understand.”

81 years old — His funeral service takes place. Night has fallen and no more work can be done. Isn’t it great to see people who will use their time, resources and abilities in God’s service now rather than put it off for later?

Church Attendance -- Is it Necessary?

We Miss Association With Christians

When we do not attend the various assemblies we also miss association with other Christians. We all need the association of brothers and sisters in Christ so we can encourage others as well as be encouraged. We need to comfort others as well as be comforted. *“And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds”* (Heb. 10:24).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Gospel Meeting is scheduled for April 12th-15th, with Jimmy Clark of Athens, AL as the guest speaker.

AREA EVENTS:

- The Junior Bible Bowl will be held Sat. March 28th, at the Gloster St. congregation. The van will leave at 8:50am.
- Senior Adult Rally will be held at the Henderson Church of Christ in Henderson TN, Sat., March 28th. For more information check the bulletin board.
- West Main Church of Christ invites you to ‘Revival In the Family’ Sunday, March 29th. Check the bulletin board for more details.
- Youth Rally at the Amory Church of Christ, April 10-12th. Check the board for details.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Ronnie Griggs was released from the local hospital Mon. March 23rd, after fighting an infection.

Nancy Petrowski was admitted back to the Vanderbilt Hospital Sun. March 22nd, due to infections in her feet.

Whit Robertson, grandson of *Troy* and *Novene Robertson* will have his second round of chemo Wed. March 25th.

Charlene Coker was in the local hospital most of last week. She has been moved back to New Albany Rehab on Glenfield Rd, but is not doing well.

Laura Mae Harris has been moved back to the nursing home on Bratton Rd. They will put a cast on her arm when the swelling goes down.

Danny Wilson, nephew of *Grace Lyon* and cousin of *Emily Gann* has been missing for about a week. His truck was found on the side of a road in TX. Please pray for this family and for a good outcome.

Barbara Kimbrell has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Continue to remember:

Nancy Petrowski, Natalie Griffin, Genice Collett, John Elliott, Timmy Bolden, Judy Ward, William Wilson, Sonny Gay, David Crossings, Andy Ulmer, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Barbara Davis, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Donna Haynes, Roy Crow, Shane Hutton, Jack Dunlap, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, Charlene Coker, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

Military List:

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

I've Learned...

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep.
Talk to the Shepherd



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 27. Mary Martin Crotts (1st)
March 28. Roger Clayton
March 29. Caleb Jennings
April 03. Shelley Adams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 02. Paul & Maria Ormon



RESPONSE

Sunday night March 22nd, *Carol Grimmert* responded to the invitation asking forgiveness for wrongs in her life. We appreciate her willingness to make corrections in her life and strive to live for Christ. *Carol* is the granddaughter of *Jerry* and *Eleta Grimmert*. She is from Jackson, MS but is staying with her grandparents will attending North East Community College in Booneville, MS.

5TH SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29th we will have an all day service. There will be a potluck meal following our morning worship. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship before our afternoon service which will begin at 1:15. Our young men of the congregation will be in charge of the afternoon service. The adult II class will be in charge of the fellowship building.



LADS TO LEADERS REHEARSAL

Wed. night April 1st, our youth who have been preparing for the Lads to Leaders Convention, will be presenting their speeches and song selections. The girls will meet in the large room of the annex building and the boys will meet in the auditorium. This will be their final practice before their competition, April 3rd-6th, in Memphis, TN.

**Christ Living in Me...
To Be Seen in 2015!**



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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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DEACONS

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Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....David Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....Lonnie Weaver
Closing Prayer.....Phil Young
P.M. PrayerMark Jennings
ClosingRoger Clayton
Wed.4/1.....Perry Jones
Wed.4/1.....Jerry Grimmatt
Usher & LockBrad Pounders
Greeter.....S & L Todd

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....103
Sunday A.M.....124
Sunday P. M..... 105
Wednesday.....NA
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PANTRY ITEMS

Pantry is very low, all items needed!

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Three Little Boys

A couple had three little boys, ages 5, 6, and 9, who were excessively mischievous. The three were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their three young sons were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the preacher of the church. The husband said, "We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!"



The preacher agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. "Where is God?"

The boy made no response, so the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?" At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet.

His younger brothers followed him into the closet and said. "What happened?"

The older brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. These people have lost God and they think its our fault!" ~ copied

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Proverbs 17:22