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Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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March 25, 2014

New Albany Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

March 30th – April 2nd, 2014



Guest Speaker: Chad Ramsey

Minister for the Gloster Street Church of Christ ~ Tupelo, MS

Schedule of Services:

9:30am ~ Bible Class

10:30am ~ Morning Worship

Noon Meal

6:00pm ~ Evening Worship

7:00pm ~ Monday- Wednesday

Quit Doin' Nothin'

Someone told the story about a Bible camp in Mississippi where a woman came to the front during a worship service. She was weeping bitterly and confessed to the preacher, "I ain't been doin' nuthin' 'round here, and I'm fixen to stop it!" Have you ever been guilty of "not doin' nuthin'?" Some people make the tragic mistake of thinking that being right with God is simply a matter of not doing things like cursing, smoking, being a drunkard, committing adultery, etc. While these things are certainly important to consider, it is sobering and challenging to realize that Jesus once taught that a man was lost on the solitary basis that he simply didn't do anythng. Matthew 25:14-30 tells the parable of the five, two, and one talent servants. When the master in the parable returned and required his servants to give account for talents he had given them, the one-talent man leaned on a limp excuse, "*I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.*" (25:25). If this guy thought he was on safe ground, his master quickly burst his bubble. He called the do-nothing servant "*wicked and lazy*" (25:26), and said, "*Cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth*" (25:30). Jesus' main point was that some are sinning not by what they are doing, but precisely by what they are not doing. He was warning those who aren't doing, anything to quit it!

Once I saw a church bulletin that had the following:



You don't
see
it? Well,
it's there!

The article went on to point out that the above space contained all a sinner has to do to be lost; all a church member has to do to become a backslider and be lost; all the church work one needs to do to become useless to Christ's cause; all the rich man did to help Lazarus; all that God gets from some members of His church today in the way of giving and labor. IT CONTAINS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! What are you doing for the Lord? If you aren't doing anything, then quit doing nothing today! "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*" (Galatians 6: 9-10) ~ Dan Gulley

YOUTH NEWS

- *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.
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Sunday, April 13th at the Gloster St. congregation.

WHO AM I



I was a runaway slave who was spiritually lost, but the apostle Paul led me to Christ. In an epistle, Paul asked my master to forgive me. Who am I?

_____ Philemon 1

AREA EVENTS

- 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.
- Ashland Church of Christ Homecoming, April 13th. Theme: Inviting Christ Into Our Homes. The guest speaker will be *Donald Roberson*.

* Check the Bulletin board for more details.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016



PRAYER LIST

Mildred Shackelford, sister of *Dixie White* is in the Tupelo Hospital recovering from surgery for a broken hip.

Mildred Vicks, mother of *Melissa Reed* suffered a heart attack last week. Her doctors found a blockage and put in two stents. She is improving.

Pat Reed remains in room 174 of the Tupelo Hospital recovering from hip surgery. She will be there for another week or so continuing rehab and dialysis. Visiting hours are from 5pm-8pm only.

Tetterian Wilson remains in St Jude with complications from chemo.

Joel Holley, is in the Tupelo Hospital, room 595 undergoing his third chemo treatment.

Nancy Petrowski, will return to the Vanderbilt Hospital in about a month for a bone marrow transplant.

* Those sick at home and not able to be at worship Sunday, that we are aware of: **Betty Young, Miriam Styers, Lana Todd, Roger Clayton, Brian & Cade Carpenter**

Continual Prayer list:

Barbara Kimbrell, Tony Cross, Gloria Jones, 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 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

“I must do something” will always solve more problems than “Something must be done.”



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 28. Roger Clayton
March 29. Caleb Jennings
April 03. Shelley Adams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 02. Paul & Maria Ormon



BENEFIT DINNER FOR MAYWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP

A benefit dinner for Maywood Christian Camp is planned for April 26th at the Gloster St. Church of Christ in Tupelo. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for campers. The camp is in need of a new dining hall. If you would like tickets to this event please see *Dan Cobb*.

GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting begins this next Sunday. Please take every opportunity to invite your co-workers, friends, and neighbors to come be with us. *Chad Ramsey* of Tupelo, MS will be our guest speaker. We will have a pot-luck meal following our morning services Sunday. The adult II class will be in charge of the fellowship building. Our evening service will be at 6:00pm. There will be a meal each evening, Mon.–Wed., at 5:45 hosted by the adult classes. Mon. night the Young Adult Class will be in charge, Tues. night, Adult I, and Wed. night Adult III. All are welcome and encouraged to come and bring a dish and enjoy a period of fellowship and worship to follow at 7:00pm

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate our Junior Bible Bowl group on an excellent job this season. They answered all their questions and recited all their memory verses. We are very proud of them! Those who participated all season were: *David Clayton, Clay Jennings, Luke Jennings, Jodi Parks, Cooper Pounders* and *Olivia Pounders*. Thanks also to their parents for their help and support and to *Greg Clayton* for working with these young people.

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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.....Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer.....Gary Turner
Closing Prayer.....Steve Todd
P.M. Prayer.....David Clayton
Closing.....Richard Adams
Wed.3/26.....Olen Clark
Wed.3/26.....Bobby Marques
Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall
Greeter.....S & L Todd

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....116
Sunday A.M.....145
Sunday P.M..... 107
Wednesday.....115
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PANTRY ITEM

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Are You Manning Your Station?

The burial detail at Bataan found this poem on a 19-year-old lad from Indiana who lost his life in a bloody battle:

And if our lines should sag and break,
Because of things you failed to make
That extra tank, that ship, that plane
For which we waited all in vain;
Will you then come to take the blame?
For we, not you, must pay the cost
Of battles you, not we, have lost.

This is a burning indictment of industrial absenteeism and how right was that lad! Bataan and many lives were lost for the failure on the home front.

But we are concerned with the Army of the Lord. Around us, millions die without hope because we do not furnish the means of their salvation. We haphazardly study God's Word. We miss Bible study and worship. We half heartedly work at our jobs. We give too little. Our vision is limited. And this neglect, this absenteeism, this idleness, causes a dark blot on the church. It is the taproot to almost every weakness and failure. The "world at its worst needs the church at its best." Let's do our part!
~ Eldred Stevens ~

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" - James 4: 17