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Laying Hold on Eternal Life

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**Flee from Sin
Follow Christ
Fight the Good
Fight
Lay Hold on
Eternal Life!**

We pilgrims are bound for the Promised Land, striving to shed the earthly inclinations and “*seek those things above.*” We are encouraged by being surrounded by fellow seekers of heaven with “*like precious faith.*”

Christians have great hope of heaven provided by “*God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began*” (Titus 1:2). Because of His grace, we are “*made heirs according to the hope of eternal life*” (Titus 3:7). This promise is meant for followers of Christ (Christians), “*eternal life*” (I Jn. 2:25). It is not ours until we “*fight the good fight of faith,*” then we “*lay hold on eternal life*” (I Tim. 6:12). When will that be? It is promised in the “*time to come*” by “*laying up in store...a good foundation*” (I Tim. 6:19). During this sojourn in which we now live, there must be an avoidance of sowing to the flesh and reaping corruption. Our ambition should be sowing to the Spirit so that we can of the Spirit reap life everlasting (Gal. 6:8). We might honestly search our hearts to learn what the real objective is for our life here. We are to place the kingdom first with confidence that “*other things*” will be given to us as needed. Heaven must be our dominant objective in life (Mt. 6:33).

Holiness ought never to attract attention to itself;

It ought simply to be a magnet to draw to Jesus Christ.

Much is to be gained both in this life and in the life to come. If one is willing to leave all, he shall receive “*in the world to come eternal life*” (Mk. 10:29-30). This is borne out in Paul’s reminder to Timothy of promises both in the “*life that now is, and of that which is to come*” (I Tim. 4:8) being obtainable. The graves must first be opened and the voice of the Lord be heard before they that have done well can be resurrected to life (Jn. 5:28-29). The judgment will occur and a separation will happen at which time the wicked will be directed to ever-lasting punishment and the righteous into life eternal (Mt. 25:46). When the end of all things has been realized, then, the reality is experienced: “*But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life*” (Rom. 6:22). Could we be guilty of sowing one thing with an honest intent of reaping something totally different?

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016

Announcements: Brad Pounders
Sound Room: Andy Clemmer
Usher: Will Bowlin

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

Sunday Prayers:

Apr. 03:
 A.M. Alvin Parks
 Hunter Jennings
 P.M. Harold Crowe
 Shane Crotts

Apr. 10:
 A.M. Anderson Parks
 Mark Jennings
 P.M. Perry Jones
 Jason Jennings

Apr. 17:
 A.M. Greg Harrison
 David Clayton
 P.M. Harold Russell
 Bill Lyon

Apr. 24:
 A.M. Randy Wall
 Matt Jennings
 P.M. Paul Ormon
 Steve Todd



Lord's Supper:

North Head: Dan Cobb
 North Helper I: Jim Gann
 North Helper II: Terry Stubblefield

South Head: Roger Clayton
 South Helper I: Thomas Wall
 South Helper II: Lonnie Weaver

Scripture Reading:

Apr. 03 — Michael Crotts
 Apr. 10 — Phillip Young
 Apr. 17 — Phil Young
 Apr. 24 — Olen Clark

Wednesday Prayers:

Apr. 06 — Tyler Weaver; Jerry Grimmett
 Apr. 13 — Richard Adams; Caleb Jennings
 Apr. 20 — Richard Jennings; Ray Kennedy
 Apr. 27 — Ruston Adams; Bobby Marques

Greeters:

Apr. 03 — Brad & April Pounders
 Apr. 10 — Richard & Kathy Jennings
 Apr. 17 — Steve & Lana Todd
 Apr. 24 — Troy & Novene Robertson

Usher & Lock:

Apr. 03 — Greg Clayton
 Apr. 10 — Brad Pounders
 Apr. 17 — Harold Russell
 Apr. 24 — Roger Clayton

Prepare Communion: Roger Clayton

Host Youth Devo: G & K Clayton

Lads to Leaders Results

Masey Kate Adams, participated in Songs of Praise.
Ruston Adams; 10th grade speech (2nd place), and was (asked to lead a song during Sunday Worship).
David Clayton; Centurion of scripture, Know the Books, year round song leading, participated in speech, winner's circle song leading (2nd place).
Dillon Clayton, Centurion of scripture, know the books, year round song leading, participated in speech and song leading.
Madison Griggs; winners circle speech (2nd place), participated in winner's circle Songs of Praise.
Anderson Parks; participated in speech, Good Samaritan, Know the Books.
Jodi Parks; participated in speech and Songs of Praise, Good Samaritan, Know the Books.
Cooper Pounders; Know the Books, 4th grade speech (1st place).
Olivia Pounders, Know the Books, (2nd place) scrapbook, participated in Songs of Praise.
Thomas Wall, participated in speech
Tyler Weaver participated in speech, and was (asked to speak at Worship Sunday).
Audrey Anna Young, Centurion of scripture, (2nd place) songs of praise, winner's circle speech (3rd) place.
 * We are so proud of these young people!

AREA EVENTS

- Hwy 15 Church of Christ, Pontotoc will host their Silver Anniversary Ladies Day, Sat., April 9th. Registration begins at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided. The guest speaker will be *Rachel Swanson*.
- The Skyline Church of Christ in Tupelo invites you to their Gospel Meeting April 3-7. *Billy Bland* Assistant Director of MSOP will be the guest speaker. M-Thurs. night at 7:00pm.
- Gospel Meeting at Calvary Hill Church of Christ in Oxford, April 6-10th with guest speaker John Gibson of Athens, AL.
- The second annual Train Youth Rally will be held April 9, 2016, hosted by the Amory church of Christ. The activities will begin at 8:30 and end at 9:00pm. The guest speaker will be *Reed Swindle*. Please see the bulletin board for more details. Our former youth intern *Cody Hardin*, now works as Youth Director for the Amory congregation.
- Pine Vale Children's Home Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Sat. April 23, 2016 at the Shiloh Ridge Golf Club. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

PRAYER LIST



Ray Camp, father of *Janet Drummond* has been released from a Biloxi Hospital and is undergoing rehab. He is doing better.

Troy Robertson, is doing well following gallbladder surgery.

Miriam Styers is now back at Magnolia Place. She is slowly improving from her fall.

Barbara Smith, sister-in-law of *Carl Smith*, at last report was in room 374 of the Tupelo Hospital with pneumonia.

Carl Smith is having problems with his legs again and unable to be up and about.

Sympathy: We are sad to report that **Gary Turner** passed away late Mon. night, March 28th. We express our deepest sympathy to *Linda* and family. Arrangements will be announced when they become available.

Continue to Remember:

Amy Chapman, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Jackie Dodd, Gene Dowdy, Kevin Flowers, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, J.T. Gaines, J.C. Garner, Sonny Gay, Katie Griggs, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Phillip Haynes, J.B. Higgins, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Bobby Marques, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Barbara Rains, Harold Reeves, Peggy Reams, Wayne Reams, Anna Claire Stokes, B.A. Stubblefield, Yolanda Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Eudell Wilson, Chris Windham, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Wanda DeLoach, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mayna Senter, Miriam Styers, Terry Young

Military List:

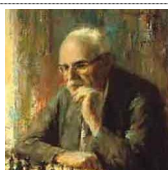
Tiffany Erwin, Derek Bradley, Kevin Bradley

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Gospel Meeting is scheduled for April 17th-20th with *David Lip* as our guest speaker. Please mark this on your calendar and make plans to be here every night! Too, invite some guests to join you!

I've Learned...

Lost time is never found again!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 03.....Shelley Adams
April 08.....Becca Dewberry

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 02..... Paul & Maria Ormon
April 07..... Randy & Christy Wall



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you all for the continuous prayers. I most certainly appreciate it. ~ Nancy Petrowski
(daughter of Harold and Deloris Crowe)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of our parents, Price and Claudia Senter, we want to thank all of you for your love and concern shown to them - especially since our mother has been home bound for a while and most recently with her broken arm as a result of a fall. The outpouring of love in your thoughts, prayers, cards, food and calls have been so appreciated by all of us.

In Christian Love,
David, Bill, Tony and Jan

FISH FRY

A Fish Fry is scheduled for Sat. April 2nd, beginning at 4:00pm, hosted by some of the fishermen of the congregation, *Price Senter, Harold Russell and Bobby White.*



Everyone is invited to come and eat at the fellowship building or get a take out. If you would like to offset the cost of the oil, fries, slaw, etc. you may give a donation to one of these men. Also, desserts would be appreciated. Hope to see everyone Sat.

CARE GROUP 3 MEETS

Care Group 3 will meet Sun. April 3rd following morning services at the home of *Greg & Kim Clayton*. Please remember to bring your care package items.

"The family, through God's eyes, as SEEN in 2016!"



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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 Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Michael Crotts
A.M. Prayer.....Alvin Parks
Closing Prayer. Hunter Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....Harold Crowe
ClosingShane Crotts
Wed.4/06.....Tyler Weaver
Wed.4/06.....Jerry Grimmett
Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....95
Sunday A.M.....131
Sunday P. M.....94
Wednesday.....NA
Contribution.....\$3,993.68
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PANTRY ITEMS

Pantry Low!

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MY GARDEN



Here are some ideas for your garden of daily living.



PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

PLANT THREE ROWS OF LETTUCE:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN WITHOUT TURNIPS:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

AND IN OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

Thyme for each other
Thyme for family
Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.