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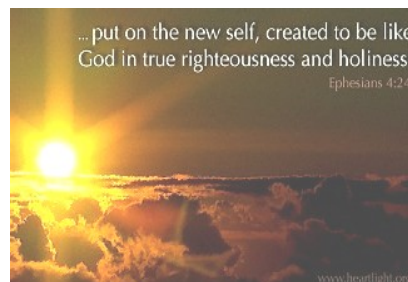
April 1, 2014

Created in Righteousness

And

True Holiness

Mike King



My appreciation peaks when reading David's pitiful plea to God for acceptance following his series of sins that began with Bathsheba. Rather than blaming those around him, he bore the brunt of the guilt and merely prayed to God that He would "*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me*" (Ps. 53:10). What a spirit for a follower of God to have! Your initial reaction might be that I am applauding David's behavior and giving what might appear to be a nonchalant or flippant treatment of his wrongdoings. Not the case! The beauty of this event is his ability to decipher right from wrong, to abhor his sins and beseech God to help make him better.

Later, he gives an appraisal of Israel and their relationship with God. We can imagine that he saw some of himself in them and found it very unattractive. He acknowledged the fact that they still remembered that "God was their rock" but "they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues." What was the problem? "*For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant*" (Ps. 78:35-37). David knew then what Jesus would later preach, "*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God*" (Mt. 5:8). David wanted what Jesus wanted for all men, that being, pure hearts to be presented before the Lord in judgment worthy of God's acceptance. Lives are sanctified and hearts are purified by obedience to the will of God and purging by the precious blood of Jesus (Jn. 17:17; Col. 1:20).

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

~ Theodore Roosevelt ~

When God has been allowed to do His "thing" with us, good always occurs, "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them*" (Eph. 2:10). When the "*new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness*" (Eph. 4:24), a renewal of the "*spirit of your mind*" (Eph. 4:23) obviously results. This is the end, which Jesus "*Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works*" (Titus 2:14), desired. This, dear brothers and sisters, is our mission. Are we up to the task and do we have sufficient interest to see it through? By our lives let us honor the Godhead-three.

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

**Announcements:** Greg Clayton  
**Sound Room:** Andy Clemmer  
**Usher:** Justin Dewberry

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

### Sunday Prayers:

April 6:  
 A.M. J. L. Eaton  
 Matt Jennings  
 P.M. Alvin Parks  
 Harold Crowe

April 13:  
 A.M. Thomas Wall  
 Perry Jones  
 P.M. Anderson Parks  
 Gary Turner

April 20:  
 A.M. Roger Clayton  
 Shane Crotts  
 P.M. Troy Robertson  
 Randy Wall

April 27:  
 A.M. Brad Pounders  
 Bill Lyon  
 P.M. Lonnie Weaver  
 Josh George

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Paul Ormon  
 North Helper I: Bobby Marques  
 North Helper II: Burrell Walton

South Head: Dan Cobb  
 South Helper I: Mark Jennings  
 South Helper II: Harold Russell

### Scripture Reading:

April 6 — Robbie Brown  
 April 13 — Dillon Clayton  
 April 20 — Daniel Drummond  
 April 27 — Hunter Jennings

### Wednesday Prayers:

April 2 — Greg Harrison; Ronnie Griggs  
 April 9 — Jason Jennings; Richard Jennings  
 April 16 — Terry Stubblefield; Tyler Weaver  
 April 23 — Steve Todd; Richard Adams  
 April 30 — Phillip Young; Ruston Adams

### Greeters:

April 6 — Richard & Kathy Jennings  
 April 13 — Troy & Novene Robertson  
 April 20 — Bill & Grace Lyon  
 April 27 — Steve & Lana Todd

### Usher & Lock:

April 6 — Lonnie Weaver  
 April 13 — Greg Clayton  
 April 20 — Roger Clayton  
 April 27 — Brad Pounders

**Host Youth Devo:** Parks/ Smithey

**Prepare Communion:** Roger Clayton

## How Families Grow Spiritually

You don't grow a Christian family by going through a daily ritual. But neither do you grow one without planning and definite cultivation. Here are some proven activities that help a family grow spiritually.

- Attending church together (Heb. 10:25).
- Worship together in daily devotionals (I Chron. 23:30).
- Giving thanks to God at meal times (I Tim. 4:4).
- Having fun together (Eccles. 9:9).
- Expressing love and affection openly and freely (Prov. 16:24).
- Undergirding and supporting each other's activities and interests (Phil. 2:4).
- Working together; accepting responsibility for doing chores and jobs around the house (Prov. 20:11).
- Reaching out to others as a Christian family (Eph. 4:28).

via: House to House ~ Heart to Heart

## 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.
- Many of our youth are busy preparing for the Lads to Leaders convention. Please encourage them! Their rehearsal will be at 4pm April 13th. Please come show you support.

## AREA EVENTS

- 23rd Annual Ladies Day to be held at the Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc Sat. April 12th. The guest speaker will be *Jennifer Webster*. Registration begins at 9:00am. Lunch will be served.
- 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

**Betty Young** has not been well for several weeks which has left her very weak.

**John Young**, brother of *Terry Young* had double bypass this past week in Memphis. He is at home recovering.

**Mildred Shackelford**, sister of *Dixie White* is in the Tupelo Hospital undergoing rehab following her recent hip surgery.

**Pat Reed** will remain for about another week at the Tupelo Hospital having rehab and dialysis. Visiting hours are from 5pm-8pm only.

**Joel Holley**, is back home following his third round of chemo. He will return to his doctor in two weeks.

### Continual Prayer list:

**Nancy Petrowski, Mildred Vicks, Tetterian Wilson, 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**

## WHO AM I

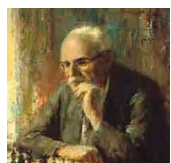
I rebuilt Jericho in the reign of Ahab. Who am I?

\_\_\_\_\_ I Kings 16:34



## Wise Thoughts

HAPPINESS is not something ready made, it comes from your own ACTIONS!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 03..... Shelley Adams  
April 08..... Rebecca Dewberry  
April 09..... Barbara Kimbrell  
April 11..... Teresa Clark

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



## SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of *Shelia Beasley* who passed away unexpectedly Thursday, March 27th, at the age of 61. She is survived by her husband *Ronald* and daughters *Jennifer Tice, Melissa Amos* and *Brandi Sandie* and four grandchildren. Please remember *Ronald* and family as they deal with their loss.

We also express our sympathy to *Troy Robertson* and family in the death of his brother-in-law, *Frank Smedley*. *Mr. Smedley* passed away Wednesday in Oklahoma.

## IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations to *Martin* and *Erica Crotts* on the birth of their daughter, *Mary Martin Crotts*, who made her arrival at 5:36am Thursday, March 27th. She weighed 7lbs 3oz and was 21in. Mother and baby are home and doing fine. Welcoming her are proud grandparents *Paul* and *Maria Ormon, Shane* and *Barbara Crotts* and great-grandmother *Mable Erwin*.

## Bible Verse To Remember

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you" John 13:34



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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 Jennings .....534-6671  
 Troy Robertson .....534-3491

### DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Robbie Brown  
 A.M. Prayer.....J. L. Eaton  
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Jennings  
 P.M. Prayer.....Alvin Parks  
 Closing.....Harold Crowe  
 Wed.4/9.....Jason Jennings  
 Wed.4/9.....Richard Jennings  
 Usher & Lock.....Lonnie Weaver  
 Greeter.....R & K Jennings

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....122  
 Sunday A.M.....150  
 Sunday P.M..... 132  
 Wednesday.....117  
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### PANTRY ITEM

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### Kill the Opposition

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I destroy my enemy when I make him my friend."

Have you taken out your opposition with kindness lately? Or, have you stooped to the level of the one making your life miserable by treating him or her just as they have been treating you?

E.H. Chapin had it right when he said, "Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it forgoes revenge and dares to forgive an injury."

The Bible tells us, "*For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses*" (Mt. 6:14-15).

Forgiveness is one of the more difficult practical elements of Christianity. It's almost natural to want to hold on to hard feelings, and not let go of the hurt that one has caused you. But in this passage, Jesus warns us against such a spirit of malice. He reminds us that if we want to experience forgiveness, we must likewise learn to forgive.

It's not an easy matter, so here's something that might help to put it into perspective:

*"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."* (Rm. 5:7-9).

As difficult as it may be to forgive one who sins against you, and as easy as it may be to hold a grudge, try killing your opposition with kindness. Who knows, your enemy may just become your friend.

~ Neil Richey ~