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Our Sense of Religious Value

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It is so difficult for man to envision the whole picture. We are so prone to suffering from tunnel vision and isolated cameos of what is transpiring in our lives and that of the Lord's church. It is very similar to walking with head down, gazing at our feet while bumping into light poles, parking meters and running into walls. Our visual reach extends not quite far enough. The extension that enables us to avoid such is our faith in God, to see into the distance and to guide us toward the good and away from the bad.

There came a time in the history of Israel when their spirits subsided to the point where God's word, that once parted the Red Sea and brought forth water at Rephidim, was but "*precept upon precept, line upon line*" (Isa. 28:10). Their involvement with the Lord had grown cold and their religion had lost sense of value. They were not stimulated by it or drawn closer to Him who had loved so freely and delivered so miraculously! Motivation has always been key to success. In climbing the highest mountain, we must cope with the devilish underbrush at its base. When Christians lose their incentive for the climb, they are but salt having "*lost its savor,*" and a candle which has surrendered its identity to the surrounding darkness (Mt. 5:13-15).

Shut out every other consideration and keep yourself before God for this one thing only, my utmost for His Highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and for Him alone.

Our stimulus to action must not be dread or fear (Heb. 10:31; 12:29). Routine that operates like a stream eroding and cutting but a rut in which we become enslaved lacks motivation. To some, the loss of the Lord in their personal life would mean little due to the fact that He never had much of a place of occupancy from the beginning. It is not uncommon when a mate dies for the survivor to soon die as well because of the lack of purpose and they simply "give up." Man amidst all conflict is a goal-striving being; hence, "*Where there is no vision, the people perish!*" (Prov. 29:18). Hope is such a vital asset to every discouraged pilgrim.

If you are a child of God, you have every reason to be filled right now with exuberance and excitement! Do not allow reverses and discouragements that attack society, the church, relationships, or your individual person to discourage you. Through the providence of God, Heaven is waiting for you, with all things being yours as a Christian for the taking (Rom. 8:28-39). We must awaken to our identity and do glorious things – lest we become as Sardis of whom Jesus said, "*Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead*" (Rev. 3:1).

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF APRIL

Announcements: Troy Robertson
Sound Room: Andy Clemmer
Usher: Cody Clemmer

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Dalton Beard
 Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison
 Wed.: Richard Jennings

Sunday Prayers:

Apr. 7
 A.M. Roger Clayton
 Phil Young
 P.M. Richard Adams
 Bobby White

Apr. 14
 A.M. Phillip Young
 Dillon Clayton
 P.M. Drew Drummond
 J.L. Eaton

Apr. 21
 A.M. Greg Clayton
 Harold Crowe
 P.M. Jerry Gibson
 Jason Jennings

Apr. 28
 A.M. Daniel Drummond
 Ronnie Griggs
 P.M. Troy Robertson
 Bill Lyon

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Bill Botts	South Head: Lonnie Weaver
North Helper I: Olen Clark	South Helper I: Will Bowlin
North Helper II: Burrell Walton	South Helper II: Tyler Weaver

Scripture Reading:

Apr. 7—Shane Crotts
 Apr. 14—Ruston Adams
 Apr. 21—Matt Jennings
 Apr. 28—Alvin Parks

Wednesday Prayers:

Apr. 3—David Clayton; Dan Cobb
 Apr. 10—Mark Jennings; Perry Jones
 Apr. 17—Ray Kennedy; Bill Lyon
 Apr. 24—Anderson Parks; J. McCullough
 May 1—Steve Todd; Harold Russell

Greeters:

Apr. 7—Harold & Deloris Crowe
 Apr. 14—Lonnie & Nicki Weaver
 Apr. 21—Greg & Kim Clayton
 Apr. 28—Brad & April Pounders

Usher & Lock:

Apr. 7—Greg Clayton
 Apr. 14—Roger Clayton
 Apr. 21—Harold Russell
 Apr. 28—Randy Wall

Prepare Communion: Bailey Adams & Madison Griggs

Host Youth Devo: Phil & Paige Young

YOUTH NEWS

This past weekend many of our youth and their parents traveled to Memphis, TN for the Lads to Leaders Convention. They worked very hard preparing for this competition and we are so proud of them! Following is a list of their many accomplishments:

Masey Kate Adams, K-2 participant in Bible Reading, speech and Songs of Praise; **Cooper Pounders**, K-2 participant in Bible reading and song leading; **Jodi Parks**, 3rd place painting and finalist in speech; **Olivia Pounders**, 3rd place painting, 3rd place bulletin board, and a finalist in speech; **David Clayton**, 3rd place bulletin Board, 2nd place winners circle speech and was asked to speak at the Sunday morning service; **Ruston Adams** 1st place song leading and finalist in speech; **Tyler Weaver**, 2nd place speech; **Dillon Clayton**, 2nd place winners circle song leading and 1st place in 8th grade speech; **Audrey Anna Young**, 2nd place Songs of Praise and 3rd place winners circle speech; **Madison Griggs**, 3rd place speech; **Bailey Adams**, 2nd place bulletin board, 1st place in 10th grade speech; **Anderson Parks**, 1st place in 9th grade speech; **Ashlee Weaver**, 1st place article, first place power point and 1st place 11th grade speech.

AREA EVENTS

- Spring Gospel Singing hosted by Mayfield Church of Christ April 5th from 7-9pm.
- Gospel Meeting at the Mayfield Church of Christ April 7-10th with guest speaker *Brent Smith*.
- Hwy 15 Church of Christ (Pontotoc), 22nd Annual Ladies Day, Sat. April 6th, beginning at 9:00am. Speaker: *Cheryl Lambert*
- VBS Workshop @ Freed-Hardeman University Sun. April 7th beginning at 2:00pm.
- North Green St. Church of Christ in Tupelo begins a Gospel Meeting April 7-11 with *Dr. Sam Jones* as guest speaker. Mon-Thurs @ 7pm.
- Marriage Seminar hosted by the Beech Hill Church of Christ April 12-13, featuring *Glenn & Cindy Colley* of Huntsville, AL.
- Hwy 178 Annual Ladies Day April 20th with guest speaker *Rhonda Jones*. Registration 8:30-9:15 with the program beginning at 9:30. Lunch will be served following the program.
- Gospel Meeting at the Oak Ridge Church of Christ, Baldwyn April 21-24 with *Darrell Beard* speaking Mon.-Wed. at 7pm.



PRAYER LIST

Audrey Anna Young, will have knee surgery Wed. at the local hospital.

Tauso Branch is in ICU of the local hospital and not doing well.

Pat Reed, began dialysis Monday and will be having treatments 3 times a week in Tupelo.

Margie Barkley, grandmother of *Amy Jennings* is in the Tupelo Hospital due to a fall. She will be moved to the rehab floor in a few days.

Melissa Reed, is recovering from her 3rd eye surgery. Her surgery went well but she is dealing with a lot of pain.

Nicki Weaver will see a cardiologist this week.

Linda Griggs had a heart catheterization Mon. in Tupelo which showed 2 blockages. The doctor put in 1 stent and she was to be released that afternoon.

Bill Lyon, having tests run this week.

Kathryn Ramey, grandmother of *Brad Sloan* is in the Pontotoc Hospital with pneumonia.

Continual Prayer :

Darrell Crow, Marie Beard, Rivers Robertson, Hannah Wilson, Noah Judd, Eleta Grimmitt, Connie Phagan, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Will Neely, Jack Dunlap, Diane Sloan, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 08. Rebecca Dewberry
April 11. Teresa Clark
April 13. Brad Ponders

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 07. Randy & Christy Wall



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to *Troy Robertson* and family in the death of his sister *Shirley Smedley*, who passed away Friday, March 29th, in Houston Texas.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

A memorial contribution has been sent to Pine Vale Children's Home from the church, in memory of *Belle Cross*. A letter has been sent to *Tony* and *Colette Cross* to let them know of this contribution.

THANK YOU NOTES

Our words are inadequate to express gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during the sickness and death of *Belle Cross*. We were especially touched by those who drove the long distance for the funeral services. Also, knowing that prayers were being said in our behalf helped to sustain us through this difficult time. Thank you for being a loving and caring church family.

Tony & Collett Cross

We receive word through *Bill* and *Nancy Frohn* from their dear friend *Al Pless* the following note: Please tell my New Albany church family how much I appreciate their prayers and them thinking of me while I have been sick. I also appreciate receiving the bulletin each week.

SENIOR LED SERVICE

Our Senior Men did an excellent job conducting the service Sun. night. We appreciate *Olen Clark, Harold Crowe, Harold Russell* and *Bill Frohn* for taking part in the service.

God is like:

ALKA-SELTZER

Try Him, you'll like Him.



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 Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Shane Crotts
 A.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton
 Closing Prayer.....Phil Young
 P.M. Prayer.....Richard Adams
 Closing.....Bobby White
 Wed 4/10.....Mark Jennings
 Wed.4/10.....Perry Jones
 Usher & Lock....Greg Clayton
 Greeter.....H & D Crowe

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 105
 Sunday A.M.148
 Sunday P.M78
 Wednesday.....107
 Contribution.....\$ 3,228.51
 Budget.....\$ 3,817.55



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GETTING RID OF THE RODENT

Years ago, in the pioneer days of aviation, a pilot was making a flight around the world. After he had been gone for some two hours from his last landing field, he heard a noise in his plane, which he recognized as the gnawing of a rat. He realized that while his plane was on the ground, a rat had gotten in. For all he knew the rat could be gnawing through a vital cable or control of the plane. It was a very serious situation. He was both concerned and anxious. At first, he did not know what to do. It was two hours back to the landing field from which he had taken off and more than two hours to the next field ahead. Then he remembered that the rat is a rodent. It is not made for the heights; it is made to live on the ground and under the ground. Therefore the pilot began to climb. He went up a thousand feet, then another thousand and another, until he was more than twenty thousand feet up. The gnawing ceased. The rat was dead. He could not survive in the atmosphere of those heights. More than two hours later, the pilot brought the plane safely to the next landing field and found the dead rat.



Brothers and sisters in Christ, worry is a rodent. It can not live in the secret places of the Most High. It can not breath in the atmosphere made vital by prayer and familiarity with the Scripture. Worry dies when we ascend to the Lord through prayer and His Word.

~ Clovis Chappell