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## Your Father Calls You

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Much inspiration and encouragement are available by reading good material. When Christians are teaching and sharing, there must be a replenishment of information or we become spiritually and intellectually bleached. I benefited from some articles that appeared in House To House – Hear to Heart some time ago. Consider the following thoughts:

A doctor questioned, “What is your name, son?” He said, “On my mother’s side, I’m called Jesus. On my Father’s side, I’m Emmanuel.” The doctor inquired further, “How old are you, son?” His response was, “On my mother’s side, I’m twelve years old. On my Father’s side, I’ve always been.” His questions continued to be asked with, “Where is your home, son?” The boy stated “On my mother’s side, it’s Bethlehem. On my Father’s side, it’s Jerusalem.” Finally the doctor asked, “What is your plan, son?” In similar fashion the son gave a puzzling answer, “On my mother’s side, I’ll be crucified. On my Father’s side, I’ll rise in three days to sit on His right hand.” Our Lord’s gathering in the Temple with great doctors of learning stimulated these thoughts. Then “... *after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished ...*” (Lk. 2:46-47). Because of the dual nature of Jesus, we can respond to His earthly example while we live in the flesh and look to His more noble side for eternal direction. God said, “...*this is my beloved Son: hear him*” (Mk. 9:7).

Beware of the satisfaction of sinking back and  
saying “it can’t be done;” you know it can be  
done if you look to Jesus.

An old man by the name of “Hartmann” had a son enlisted in the army. News came of a dreadful battle that occurred; he hurried to the scene of conflict to learn of the status of his son’s safety.

An officer informed him that his son had not answered roll call and was considered dead. The father was dissatisfied with that uninformed response. He went to the battlefield, in search of his missing son. The search was more difficult by gale winds and darkness of night. With lantern he searched crying for his son shouting, “John Hartmann, your father calls you.” Some injured soldiers desired strongly that he were their father coming to their rescue. In the distance he heard, “Here, father.” The old man ran across the field shouting, “Thank God! Thank God!” He cradled his injured son in his arms and carried him to headquarters to nurse him back to health. Jesus walks on life’s battlefield crying, “Your Father calls you.” Consider the words of Matthew 11:28-30.

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF MAY, 2016

**Announcements:** Troy Robertson  
**Sound Room:** Chris Smithey  
**Usher:** Justin Dewberry

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

### Sunday Prayers:

May 01:  
A.M. Richard Adams  
Olen Clark  
P.M. Roger Clayton  
Jerry Grimmett

May 08:  
A.M. Greg Clayton  
Andy Clemmer  
P.M. Jim Gann  
Caleb Jennings

May 15:  
A.M. Harold Crowe  
Ruston Adams  
P.M. Brad Pounders  
Phillip Young

May 22:  
A.M. Terry Stubblefield  
Tim Dye  
P.M. Steve Todd  
Hunter Jennings

May 29:  
A.M. Dan Cobb  
Paul Ormon  
P.M. Randy Wall  
Lonnie Weaver

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Richard Jennings  
North Helper I: Shane Crotts  
North Helper II: Michael Crotts

South Head: Mark Jennings  
South Helper I: Dillon Clayton  
South Helper II: Brian Carpenter

### Scripture Reading:

May 01 — David Clayton  
May 08 — Dean Dillard  
May 15 — Alvin Parks  
May 22 — Thomas Wall  
May 29 — Tyler Weaver

### Wednesday Prayers:

May 04 — Greg Harrison; Matt Jennings  
May 11 — Jason Jennings; Bill Lyon  
May 18 — Perry Jones; Anderson Parks  
May 25 — Ray Kennedy; Phil Young

### Greeters:

May 01 — Roger & Kathy Clayton  
May 08 — Richard & Kathy Jennings  
May 15 — Steve & Lana Todd  
May 22 — Troy & Novene Robertson  
May 29 — Greg & Kim Clayton

### Usher & Lock:

May 01 — Lonnie Weaver  
May 10 — Greg Clayton  
May 17 — Roger Clayton  
May 24 — Brad Pounders  
May 29 — Harold Russell

**Prepare Communion:** April Pounders

**Host Youth Devo:** Randy & Christy Wall

## Be Careful, You're Bending That Twig

We are all aware of the old proverb that says, "As a twig is bent, so will it grow." And when we seriously consider this, we know it is true. But it is so easy to forget this lesson. For parents, Solomon expressed the same principle when he said, "*Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.*" (Prov. 22:6)

Parents, remember, you are bending that twig. One way or the other, to the right or to the left, for better or for worse, you are determining the course of life which that child will take. Be careful, lest you bend it in the wrong way.

Paul commanded parents to "*Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*" (Eph. 6:4) This includes:

1. Train your children in **morality** - in clean thoughts, words, and deeds. "Wild oats" (corruption) that is practiced in childhood and adolescence cannot be productive of purity later. If you complacently watch their immodesty in childhood, you can expect to see impurity in adulthood.

2. Train them in **honesty**. It is still the best policy! Help them to regard truth and fidelity as precious qualities. Show them, by word and by example, that half-truth is only a lie and that a man's word should be as good as his bond.

3. Train them to respect **authority**, always - the policeman, the teacher, the parent, and the Lord. If they do not learn to respect the first three, they will hardly respect the Lord either.

Your children deserve the best you can give them. They did not ask to be born, and their destiny is not really in their own little hands, but in your strong or weak will. And the best you can give them is not just measured in education, culture, financial security, etc., but in character which you produce in them.

Children are like Jello. Parents are the mold. What will your children become when they have been formed after your pattern and by your direction? Yes, you are bending that twig. Be sure you bend it right.

~ via *bulletinfodder*

**PRAYER LIST**



**Bobby Marques** has not been feeling well. He will be wearing a heart monitor for a few more days and will return to his doctor in two weeks.

**Mike King** will have back surgery Fri. May 6th, in Oxford.

**Alfred Jones**, brother of *Perry Jones* is suffering with kidney problems and gout.

**Continue to Remember:**

Ray Camp, Amy Chapman, Wade Chism, 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, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Barbara Rains, Carl Smith, Anna Claire Stokes, B.A. Stubblefield, Yolanda Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, 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:**

Derek Bradley, Kevin Bradley

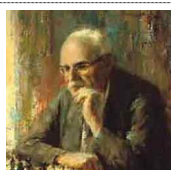


**AREA EVENTS**

- Ripley Church of Christ will host "Spring Sing" sat. April 30th, 10 -1:00pm. Lunch served at 12:00pm.
- Farley's Chapel church of Christ in Corinth, MS, will host "Purity Day" for young ladies and their mothers Sat., May 7th, beginning at 9:00am. The guest speakers will be *Cindy Colley & Hannah Giselbach*. Lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP by April 30th.**
- You are invited to: Youth Day at the Ripley Church of Christ May 14th, beginning at 9:00am. The guest speaker will be *Eric Lyons* of Wetumpka, AL.

**I've Learned...**

Everyday we make deposits in the memory of our children.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- April 29. .... Lana Todd
- April 30. .... Jamie Crowe
- May 03. .... Anderson Parks
- May 04. .... Ruston Adams
- May 06. .... Lonnie Weaver

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- April 28. .... Larry & Linda Ashmore
- April 29. .... Harold & Deloris Crowe
- May 02. .... Will & Sallye Bowlin



**THANK YOU**

I want to say thank you to my church family for all the love shown to me during the death of my beloved husband, Gary. The cards, visits, food and Christian love touched my heart deeply. God is good. I know He will see us through hard times as well as good.

In Christian love,  
Linda Turner

**WELCOME!**

We are happy to announce that *Tim* and *Kathy Dye* have moved back to New Albany from Spring Hill, TN. They made known their desire to place member with the New Albany congregation Sunday, April 24th. We are thrilled to have them back and look forward to worshipping and working with them for years to come. Their address is; 1119 Bratton Rd, Apt. 109, New Albany, MS.

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

- We will be honoring our high school seniors and college graduates Sunday night May 15th, at our 3rd Sunday night fellowship. Graduates, please get your information and a picture to *Kathy Jennings* as soon as possible!
- VBS is scheduled for June 20-22nd. There is work for all! Please see *Brad Pounders*.

**"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 Jennings .....316-1305  
Troy Robertson .....316-3163

**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.....David Clayton  
A.M. Prayer.....Richard Adams  
Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark  
P.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
Closing .....Jerry Grimmett  
Wed.5/4.....Greg Harrison  
Wed.5/4.....Matt Jennings  
Usher & Lock...Lonnie Weaver  
Greeter.....R & K Clayton

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....115  
Sunday A.M.....140  
Sunday P. M.....114  
Wednesday.....106  
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**SPIRITUAL INVENTORY**

1. Can I give a scriptural reason for what I do and teach religiously?  
(1 Peter 3:15; 4:11)
2. Do I worship in spirit and in truth? (John 4:24)
3. Do I wear any religious name that cannot be found in the Bible?  
(Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16)
4. Is the church that I am a member of mentioned in God’s Word?  
(Romans 16:16; Matthew 16:18)
5. Have I refused to obey the simple commands of Christ?  
(Luke 6:46; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16)
6. If claiming to be a Christian, do I engage in worldly practices?  
(2 Corinthians 6:17; Romans 12:1-2)
7. Do I absent myself from the assembly of the church?  
(Hebrews 10:25)
8. Am I growing spiritually?  
(2 Peter 3:18)
9. Do I truly love the brethren and even my enemies?  
(Matthew 5:43-48)

--Johnny Ramsey ~ deceased, [www.gospelpreceptor.com](http://www.gospelpreceptor.com)

**PANTRY ITEMS**

Tooth Paste

