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Have You Checked In The Garbage?

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Craig Randall drives a garbage truck in Peabody, Massachusetts. He found in a garbage container one day, a Wendy's soft drink cup bearing a contest sticker. Just the week before, he had won a free chicken sandwich and was unusually alert and eager to check it, hoping for some French fries or a soft drink.

When he peeled the sticker off, it revealed that the prize was \$200,000 toward the construction of a new home, as reported by U.S. News & World Report (11/6/95). *Bob Weniger* observed that "What we get out of life depends a lot on what we look for. Are we more likely to see each experience as trash or a potential treasure?"

James stressed that it is during the "scattering abroad" (Dispersion) that their faith is tried from which comes patience. He continued by noting that it is within the "garbage" of trials, if endured, that we find the "crown of life" (Jas. 1:2-3, 12).

The writer of the book of Hebrews acknowledged that some of the believers in their "*former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings...ye were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations...and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven*" (Heb. 10:32-34).

As Peter wrote to those who were victims of the dispersion, following the stoning of Stephen, "*In this you greatly rejoice (their hope of an incorruptible inheritance in heaven) though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials*" (I Pet. 1:6). Through this their genuineness of faith "*much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ*" (v. 7). The key to developing the proper attitude about having to deal with the adversities of life is found in I Pet. 4:19, "*Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.*"

The apostles were so impressive when warned by the Sanhedrin to not teach anymore in the name of Jesus. Just after having been beaten, they were commanded to cease teaching and released, they were, "*...daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ*" (Acts.5:42). They found opportunities for God and recognition by Him in the "garbage" of tribulation. So can we!

GOD USES BROKEN THINGS

If something is broken, we generally discard it. However, God uses broken things to accomplish His purposes.

God used broken pitchers (Judges 7). Gideon conquered the Midianites by putting their lamps within pitchers; at his direction, the soldiers broke their pitchers and revealed the light, which greatly confused the Midianites, and they were defeated. The light of the truth is often hidden by error, and it is when the error is broken that the light is revealed.

God used broken tables of stone (Exodus 32). Aaron had erected the golden calf because Moses had been gone and the people thought they had been abandoned. When Moses came down off the mount and saw what was happening, *“he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them.”* (Exodus 32:19). He then took the golden calf, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder. Next, he put it in the water supply and made the people drink it (Exodus 32:20). We must get rid of the world from our lives.

God used a broken alabaster box (Mark 14). *“And she brake the box, and poured it on his head”* (Mark 14:3). With this, the woman did what she could; we also must do what we can.

God used the broken body of Jesus (Matthew 26). When He instituted the Lord’s Supper, Jesus took bread and blessed it (Matthew 26). Paul later wrote, quoting the Lord, *“Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you”* (I Corinthians 11:24). Note from the Scripture that His bones were not broken: *“A bone of him shall not be broken”* (John 19:36; Psalm 34:20).

God used the broken heart of David (Psalm 51). We must have a broken heart over our sin. David said, *“A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise”* (Psalm 51:17).

Yes, God uses broken things. Perhaps your life has been broken by sin, but unlike Humpty Dumpty and the King’s horses and men, God can put it back together again

~ Larry Acuff; via House to House ~ Heart to Heart

YOUTH NEWS

This past weekend the our youth placed in the following areas at the Lads to Leaders Convention:

Audrey Anna Young ~ 1st place Winners Circle Speech and finalist in Songs of Praise

David Clayton ~1st place in 3rd grade song leading and 3rd place in speech

Dillon Clayton ~ finalist in 6th grade song leading and speech

Olivia Pounders ~ finalist in 3rd grade speech

Tyler Weaver ~ finalist in 6th grade song leading

Bailey Adams ~ finalist in 8th grade speech

Ruston Adams, Madison Griggs and *Anderson Parks* each did a fantastic job.

The following all placed in the Bulletin Board category:

Ashlee Weaver ~ 1st place

Olivia Pounders ~ 2nd place

Madison Griggs ~ 2nd place

Bailey Adams ~ 2nd place

Erin Wall ~ 3rd place

Take Off Your Clothes

A teen girl announced to her parents that she wanted to buy a bikini.

Her father said, “Let’s discuss this, but first take off your shirt and pants.” She was horrified and exclaimed, “Dad! I can’t do that! I would be standing here in my underwear!”

He calmly pointed out that her underwear would cover up more than a bikini and fewer people would see her, so if she can’t be seen in her underwear, then why would she want to be seen in less?

The subject was never brought up again.

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamfacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”

I Timothy 2: 9-10

PRAYER LIST

Billy Joe Bray, brother of *Deloris Crowe* will have tests run this week in Birmingham to determine the best course of treatment for his cancer.

Bill Lyon, is suffering with shingles and is contagious to anyone who has not had chicken pox.

Eleta Grimmett, is slowly improving but will not be able to be out for a couple more weeks.

Cheryl Turner, a great niece of *Miriam Styers* and *J.L. Eaton* is recuperating from liver surgery which was very successful.



Continual Prayer

Greg Ellis, Mark Caples, Linda Martin, Harvey Jones, Shelly Trout, Willie Jackson, David Harendt, Joey Black, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Bill King, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

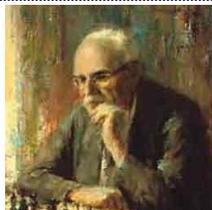
Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

SAGE ADVICE

Plan ahead....It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 29Lana Todd
April 30.....Jamie Crow
May 04.....Ruston Adams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

OUTSTANDING YOUTH!

Many of our young people competed at the Lads to Leaders Convention this past weekend in Memphis, TN. They all did a great job and we are so proud of them. We are truly blessed with great young leaders at New Albany, and they are a positive influence to us all. Be sure to let these young people know how proud we are of them. We want to thank *Lonnie Weaver* for overseeing this work and thank *Sarah Walker, Ray Kennedy* and the parents for the many hours they spent helping these young people prepare. Please check the Youth News to see the list of their accomplishments.

AREA EVENTS

- Ladies Day ~ East Main Church of Christ, April 30th. Topic: Seasons of Service
- Ladies Day ~ Estes Church of Christ in Henderson, TN, April 30th beginning at 9:00am. Speaker: Roberta Edwards
- Northwest MS Gospel Meeting to be held at the Batesville Civic Center May 2-4, 7pm nightly. *David Lipe* will be the speaker.
- Spring Sing will be held at the Booneville Church of Christ Sat., May 7, 2011, 3:00-8:00pm.
- Verona Church of Christ Youth Rally ~ June 11

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	102
Sunday A.M	142
Sunday P.M.....	92
Wednesday.....	122
Contribution	\$2,842.00
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Terry Young
A.M. Prayer.....	Phillip Young
Closing Prayer.....	Phil Young
P.M. Prayer.....	Dalton Beard
Closing.....	Daniel Drummond
Wed.5/4.....	Dan Cobb
Wed. 5/4.....	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock.....	Roger Clayton
Greeter.....	R & K Jennings



PANTRY ITEM:
Mac & Cheese

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
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Office.....	534-4649

MONTH: MAY 2011

SOUND ROOM	Chris Smithey	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Clemmer
LEAD SINGING		USHER	Dean Dillard
<i>SUN AM:</i>	Dalton Beard	PREPARE	
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Ray Kennedy	COMMUNION	Miriam Styers
<i>WED:</i>	R. Jennings		
LORD'S SUPPER			
<i>N Head:</i>	Roger Clayton	<i>S Head:</i>	R. Jennings
<i>N Help I:</i>	Paul Ormon	<i>S Help I:</i>	Randy Wall
<i>N Help II:</i>	Dillon Clayton	<i>S Help II:</i>	Lonnie Weaver
SUNDAY PRAYERS A.M.		SCRIPTURE READING	
Opening		Closing	
<i>1ST</i>	Phillip Young	Phil Young	Terry Young
<i>2ND</i>	Richard Adams	Olen Clark	Ruston Adams
<i>3RD</i>	Bill Botts	Matt Jennings	J.L. Eaton
<i>4TH</i>	Greg Clayton	Bobby Marques	Burrell Walton
<i>5TH</i>	Jerry Gibson	Troy Robertson	Andy Clemmer
SUNDAY PRAYERS PM		USHER & LOCK	
Opening		Closing	
<i>1ST</i>	Dalton Beard	Daniel Drummond	Roger Clayton
<i>2ND</i>	Andy Clemmer	Steve Todd	Andy Clemmer
<i>3RD</i>	Jason Jennings	Gary Turner	Harold Russell
<i>4TH</i>	Greg Harrison	Mark Jennings	Randy Wall
<i>5TH</i>	Brad Pounders	Shane Crotts	Bill Botts
WED PRAYERS		GREETERS	
Opening		Closing	
<i>1ST</i>	Dan Cobb	Bill DePriest	R & K Jennings
<i>2ND</i>	Harold Crowe	Ronnie Griggs	H & D Crowe
<i>3RD</i>	Ray Kennedy	Bill Lyon	A & S Clemmer
<i>4TH</i>	Harold Russell	Bobby White	L & N Weaver
<i>5TH</i>			B & G Lyon

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