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## How Much Is That Baby in the Window?

Mike King



The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with \$160,140 for a middle income family. When breaking it down it translates into: \$8,896.66 a year; \$741.38 a month; or \$171.08 a week; which is a mere \$24.24 per day! That is a little over a dollar an hour.

Your first impulse is to not have children if you want to be “rich.” Actually, quite the opposite is true! What do you get for \$160,140? Naming rights, first, middle, and last! Glimpses of God every day. Giggles under the covers every night. More love than your heart can hold. Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs. Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies. A hand to hold, usually covered with jelly or chocolate. A partner for blowing bubbles and flying kites. Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.

For \$160,140, you never have to grow up. You get to: finger paint, carve pumpkins, play hide-and-seek, catch lightning bugs, and never stop believing in Santa.

You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother’s Day, and cards with backward letters for Father’s Day.

For \$160,140, there is no greater bang for your buck! You get to be a hero just for: retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof, taking the training wheels off a bike, removing a splinter, filling a wading pool, coaxing a wad of gum out of bangs, and coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.

You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you’re lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren and great-grandchildren. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match. In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God. You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, so...one day they will like you, love you without counting the cost. That is quite a deal for the price!

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF MAY 2014

**Announcements:** Bill Botts  
**Sound Room:** Chris Smithey  
**Usher:** Brian Carpenter

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

### Sunday Prayers:

May 04:  
A.M. Greg Clayton  
Olen Clark  
P.M. Harold Russell  
Bill Lyon  
May 11:  
A.M. Andy Clemmer  
Ronnie Griggs  
P.M. Terry Stubblefield  
Bobby Marques  
May 18:  
A.M. Paul Ormon  
Clay Ormon  
P.M. Randy Wall  
Steve Todd  
May 25:  
A.M. Troy Robertson  
Gary Turner  
P.M. Roger Clayton  
Thomas Wall

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Brad Pounders  
North Helper I: Perry Jones  
North Helper II: Dean Dillard  
South Head: Richard Jennings  
South Helper I: Hunter Jennings  
South Helper II: Jason Jennings

### Scripture Reading:

May 04 — David Clayton  
May 11 — Cody Clemmer  
May 18 — Anderson Parks  
May 25 — Burrell Walton

### Wednesday Prayers:

May 07 — Dillon Clayton; Mark Jennings  
May 14 — Dan Cobb; Matt Jennings  
May 21 — Harold Crowe; Ray Kennedy  
May 28 — Greg Harrison; Alvin Parks

### Greeters:

May 04 — Steve & Lana Todd  
May 11 — Richard & Kathy Jennings  
May 18 — Lonnie & Nicki Weaver  
May 28 — Brad & April Pounders

### Usher & Lock:

May 04 — Harold Russell  
May 11 — Randy Wall  
May 18 — Lonnie Weaver  
May 28 — Greg Clayton

**Host Youth Devo:** ?

**Prepare Communion:** Jessica Garrett



## Is Your Mood Harming the Church?

Do you know what will kill the vibrancy of a local congregation quicker than anything else? It's not what you think.

Failing to have adequate church programs may be a contributor, but that's not the main thing.

A lack of passion in the pulpit may be a contributor, but that's not the main thing.

Having only a small youth program, or the lack of one entirely may be a contributor, but that's not the main thing.

I believe one of the biggest reasons why some churches go through a decline in mood and eventually numbers, is because of pessimistic and negative church members. Sometimes it exists in the leadership, and at times with the preacher, but more often than not it's within the body of the church itself.

You've heard things like, "oh, that person will never obey the Gospel." Or, "you'll never get them to do that job." Perhaps it's been said, "we'll never have that many people show up for the event." And you may even hear folks ask the foolish, "why are we doing this, we've never done it this way before?"

This is nothing short of an attitude problem. It stifles growth, and is the exact opposite of the spirit Christ desires us to have--personally and congregationally.

I once read that if one crab tried to climb out of a bucket that was full of crabs, then the other crabs would pull him back down. Sometimes people are like that. Some people (though unintentionally) try to keep us in the bucket rather than encouraging us to shine our lights as brightly as Jesus wants us to.

Here are a couple of Bible passages that I think we'd do well to lay side by side:

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"* (Mt. 5:16); and *"Do all things without murmurings and questionings"* (Phil. 2:14--ASV).

Church, let's be optimistic about our spiritual family, our Christian life, and our work for Jesus. Let's work together in harmony, building up the body with words of encouragement. ~ Neil Richey

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## PRAYER LIST

**Bailey Adams**, will have outpatient knee surgery for a meniscus tear, Tues. in Tupelo.

**Joel Holley** remains in the Tupelo Hospital room 576, very weak.

**J. L. Eaton** is at home following back surgery. He is slowly improving.

**Nancy Petrowski**, daughter of *Harold* and *Deloris Crowe* will begin chemo treatments this week at Vanderbilt.

**Darrel Crow**, had surgery last Thurs. at Vanderbilt. He is now at home recovering but does not need visitors at this time.

### Sympathy:



We express our deepest sympathy to *Alvin Parks* and family in the death of his grandfather **Joseph Graham** of Myrtle.

Funeral services will be held at 11am Wed., at Pine Bluff M.B. church in Myrtle.

### Continual Prayer list:

**Gail Clayton, Pat Reed, Betty Young, Tetterian Wilson, Tony Cross, Glen Jumper, Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Grace Anderson, Alicia Dukes, Rivers Robertson, Hudson Grisham, 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, Jennie Frohn**

### Military List:

**David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegen Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud**



## Wise Thoughts

Time passes, but memories linger."



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 03. . . . . Anderson Parks  
May 04. . . . . Ruston Adams  
May 06. . . . . Lonnie Weaver  
May 07. . . . . Randy Wall  
May 07. . . . . Ashlee Weaver

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 02. . . . . Will & Sallye Bowlin  
May 09. . . . . Josh & Shelly George



## THANK YOU NOTE

We are so thankful to be part of such loving caring group of Christian people. Thank you for all the love and concern shown in the loss of my sister.

Bill & Grace Lyon.

## YOUTH NEWS

- Our Lads to Leaders young men did an excellent job presenting their speeches and song leading at our worship service Sunday night. We are so proud of all our young people.
- Sunday night May 4th the Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held at the Nettleton Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:30.
- We will be honoring our High School Seniors Sunday night, May 18th, following services. Those graduating are *Jamie Crowe, Keely Chunn, Hunter Jennings, Rachel Peeler* and *Ashlee Weaver*.

## AREA EVENTS

- The Mayfield Church of Christ will have a Gospel Singing May 2nd from 7:00-9:00pm and a Gospel Meeting May 4th with *Leon Barnes* presenting a sermon series titled "Parents in Pain."
- The Nettleton Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting May 4-7 at 7pm. Guest speaker will be *Philip Hathcock*.
- A Gospel Meeting at Hwy 178 Church of Christ to be held May 19-22, at 7:00pm nightly. Guest speakers will be *David Jackson & Billy Moore*.

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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.....David Clayton  
 A.M. Prayer.....Greg Clayton  
 Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark  
 P.M. Prayer.....Harold Russell  
 Closing.....Bill Lyon  
 Wed.5/4.....Dillon Clayton  
 Wed.5/4.....Mark Jennings  
 Usher & Lock.....Harold Russell  
 Greeter.....S & L Todd

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....122  
 Sunday A.M.....131  
 Sunday P.M.....NA  
 Wednesday.....120  
 Contribution.....\$2,965.90  
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### PANTRY ITEM

Canned Fruit

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### I Come To Worship God

There once was an old man who lived six miles from the church. He had to travel a rough and rocky road. Even though he had a bad case of rheumatism, he came every Sunday, rain or shine, riding a gray mare.

At church he always occupied the pew nearest the pulpit, and kept his eyes fixed on the preacher. Being very deaf, he always carried a trumpet to hold to his ear. One day the preacher met the old man in town. The preacher put his mouth to the old man's trumpet and asked, "Brother, can you hear my sermons?"



"Not a word," he answered.

Then the preacher yelled again, "Then why do you come to church if you can't hear me preach?"

Well, the preacher never forgot the old man's rebuke, for he meekly replied, "I go to church to worship God." He continued, "Have you ever noticed how I look into your face while you are preaching? I thank God for your message and ask Him to work in the lives of those who can hear the sermon. If you appear discouraged, I pray for God to give you strength.."

That old man preached a sermon six miles long every Sunday! What kind of sermon are you preaching today?

~ Tim Woodward ~