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The World In Which We Live

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau Data Base, Sept. 2004, the population of the world is now numbering almost 6.5 billion. They project that by the year 2050 it will exceed 9 billion! It would take almost 40 years to just hand out copies of the gospel to the first billion. Another 130 years would be required to hand out 6.5 billion copies at the clip of one a second!

What a tremendous challenge this is for the church of our Lord! Solomon insisted that “*Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people*” (Prov. 14:34). When George W. Bush was sworn in on Jan. 20, 2001 as the 43rd President of the United States, he was commissioned to lead a nation where:

- Less than 45% attend worship services.
- Seventy percent believe in God, Heaven and Hell.
- Six million spouses cry abuse yearly.
- Every 31 seconds a baby is born out of wedlock.
- Twenty-nine percent of households have no male in the home.
- Smoking is forbidden in seven of ten American households.
- Fifty-one percent of families have husband and wife working, leaving children in the care of others.
- There are over five hundred religious organizations, not counting their various divisions.
- Abortion, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases are major problems.
- The American flag can be burned under the guise of “freedom.”
- A study links popularity of teens to their ability to lie; the best liars are often the most popular (Chattanooga Times Free Press).

Please note that these statistics are about 13 years old. They have become more extreme with the passage of time and more liberated life-styles. We must be about our Father’s business of winning souls and impacting the troubled world in which we live. Here are some suggestions: (1) Build your “capital” or self-worth, (2) Train yourself by study and being able to give proper answers regarding salvation (II Tim. 2:15; I Pet. 3:15). (3) Accept the challenge for you have the cure for a sin-sick world. (4) Follow a worthy example, “*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men*” (Mt. 4:19). (5) Engage in planned programs: campaigns, mission trips, V.B.S., Home Bible Studies, etc. (6) Instill within yourself the “mind of Christ” by knowing His teachings, feelings and actions. (7) Reproduce yourself - the conversion of one person will do just that!

MUSINGS OF A COUNTRY PREACHER

Attendance at worship last Sunday was a mite poorly. I don't reckon I ought to grumble though. I should just be grateful that I was able to go myself. There seemed to have been some sort of epidemic going around as I had a bunch of folks out sick. And when you add all of my shut-ins to that list, well, we just didn't have too many pew fillers. I went ahead and preached anyway to what few were there. Only thing was that the echo in the near empty building hurt my ears something awful.

My wife said I should get out after worship and ride around awhile and get some fresh air to clear my head. It made me feel real good inside. What I saw made me rejoice for I saw miracle after miracle!

Old Hezekiah, who had been deathly sick that morning, roused up enough to go riding down the road with his fishing poles in the back. Nothing but a miracle could have rescued Hezekiah from the jaws of death in such a short time.

Now there's Rufe's brother. Rufe told me Sunday morning his brother's back was in such foul shape that they were afraid that he was going to need an operation and that he needed to sit with him instead of coming to worship. Well, we remembered him in our prayer. Don't ever underestimate the power of prayer. Don't you know that at two o'clock there he was at the driving range hitting golf balls. If that wasn't a miracle I don't know what is.

Hezekiah's pa, who don't attend worship "cause he can't stand crowds," had gone to the football game. Sister Nell's mama, who can't come on account of her kidneys, stood in line for two hours to get into the picture show. Yes sir, it sure thrilled my heart to see what I saw!

All told, about 20 of our sick folks had roused up and was taking some form of nourishment in one way or another. But, what really made me happy was to see so many of our shut-ins out riding around and enjoying the day.

I ought to have a packed house next Sunday with all my sick folks being healed and my shut-ins set free. I just pray that they don't overdo themselves and have a relapse before next Sunday.

I gotta go now and play with my smallest young 'un. He is gonna be a farmer and I'm gonna be his goat. Tin cans will be easy to eat after what I have swallowed!

~ Tim Woodward

BIBLE PLACES/ THIS QUIZ: ZION

1. What is the other name that the Bible calls Zion? _____ (2 Sam. 5:7)
2. What did David make in Zion? _____ (1 Chron. 15:1)
3. How does David describe the situation of Mount Zion in Psalm 48? _____ Ps. 48:2
4. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad because... _____ Ps. 48:11
5. Blesses is the man whose strength is in thee - They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion _____ . Ps. 84:5-7
6. The Lord love the gates of Zion more than _____ . Ps. 87:2
7. Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and _____ shall be upon their head? (Isaiah 51:11)
8. Just immediately before the book of 2 Kings tells of Hezekiah's death, it tells of what he did for Zion. What was that? _____ (2 Kings 20:20)
9. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but _____ . (Ps 125:1)
10. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace; that brings good tidings of good, that publishes salvation; that says unto Zion _____ .(Isaiah 52: 7)



PRAYER LIST



Pete Scriara, father of *Shelly Clayton* suffered a diabetic stroke this past week and has been in a Memphis Hospital. He is improving.

William Bailey, father of *Paige Young* is having health problems.

Roger Clayton has been sick with the flu.

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of *Harold & Deloris Crowe*, will return to Vanderbilt for some extensive tests next week.

Linda Griggs will be having a heart procedure possible this week.

Jim Dickerson has gone home from the hospital after suffering from pneumonia.

Continue to Remember:

Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Jacqueline Golden, Linda Griggs, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Laura Hollowell, Shane Hutton, Taylor Kirk, Johnny Lee, Dean Long, Barbara Raines, Cliff Sanders, Kayla Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Genice Collett, Wanda DeLoach, Jean Drummond, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mary Frances Reid, Price & Claudia Senter, Ione Wall

Military List:

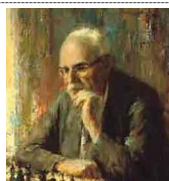
Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley & Chase Seals

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

I've Learned...

No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 08.Rebecca Dewberry

April 11.Teresa Clark

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 07. Randy & Christy Wall



WELCOME

We are happy to welcome Kurt and Shelly Clayton and their children Owen and Molly to the New Albany church family. Their address is 1031 CR 57 Myrtle, MS 38650. Please make the Clayton family welcome!



THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers and cards during the death of my sister, Faye Montgomery. It is great to be a part of this family at New Albany church.

Love, Bobby & Dixie White

AREA EVENTS

- Antioch Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting April 9th-12th. The guest speaker will be *Mark Lindley*. Times of services are Sun. 10:00am, 11:00am and 2:00pm, and Mon. – Wed. night at 7:00pm
- Christian Chapel Church of Christ invites you to their Ladies Day April 29th. The guest speaker will be *Cynthia Dianne Guy* and *Judi Davis Dean*.

YOUTH NEWS

- Lads to Leaders will have their final practice Sunday April 9th, at 5:00. This year's convention will be held April 14th-16th, in Memphis. Several our young people will be participating. Please remember them in your prayers.
- High School Seniors, please turn in your senior picture and your school accomplishments to the office by April 30th, if possible.

OUR DREAM:

To become better friends with God in 2017!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dillon Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....Jason Jennings
Closing Prayer.....Perry Jones
P.M. Prayer.....David Clayton
ClosingTim Dye
Wed.4/12.....Dan Cobb
Wed.4/12.....Matt Jennings
Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....113
Sunday A.M.....150
Sunday P. M.....106
Wednesday.....NA
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WHAT AM I?

What am I is the question
Another puzzle another game
So read your Bible from cover to cover
Then nineteen times you'll find my name
When mentioned literally I come up short
For not much good is said of me
But as a symbol to make a point
You'll find a lesson exemplary
Once I was likened to words of wisdom
And once I was weighed so we are told
Strength and security I represent
And I was used to displace the old
Suddenly I came into the temple
But not without a driving force
The consequences whether good or bad
Depend on who you were of course
Sometimes I'm made of iron or gold
Sometimes even brass or wood
The answer is always close at hand
A mystery to be understood
The Savior dealt with three of me
Many years later remembering the same
But Jesus knew me very well
So often familiar in His youth
If you have solved this puzzle by
We'll count you as a clever sleuth

By ~ Dody Gibson