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You Are Out Of My Field

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An insightful article was written in a Springfield Oregon Public Schools' Newsletter. It was later quoted by *Dr. Charles R. Swindoll* in his book, "*Seasons of Life*."

A group of animals decided to do something meaningful in life and organized a school with a curriculum to prepare themselves for their objective. All the animals took the same subjects: running, climbing, swimming and flying.

The duck was excellent in swimming, but squeezed by in flying and running. He had to stop swimming to practice running and his swimming grades suffered

The rabbit was at the top of his class in running, but developed problems in his legs from make-up work in swimming.

The squirrel was excellent in climbing, but found flying class frustrating to him because the teacher made him start from ground up rather than treetop down. He developed "Charlie horses" from over-exertion and received a C in climbing and a D in running.

The eagle was a real problem child and was considered a non-conformist. He beat everybody to the top of the tree, but insisted on his own way to descend.

God has placed each of us in His family with a mixture that makes us unique. When we operate within our realm of capabilities, we excel and the whole body benefits. When we are expected to perform in the realms of others, foreign to our own strengths, mediocrity, frustration and phoniness prevail and we become non-productive.

It is God who has given us the diversity of ability and interest (Isa. 40:25-26). We are not intended to be the equal of others, but are fearfully and wonderfully made (Isa. 46:5-9; Ps. 139:14). It is ok in our family for us to be ourselves and permit the other family members to be themselves. It is quite permissible to God for us to entertain and utilize our varied and unique abilities in our service to Him. Paul instructed the churches at Corinth and Rome to respect their talented differences (1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12).

We can relax and enjoy our spiritual species, cultivate our own capabilities and style and appreciate other brethren for their uniqueness and particular service. Keep in mind, rabbits do not fly, eagles do not swim, ducks look funny trying to climb and squirrels do not have feathers. We do need to identify our unique qualities and abilities and use them generously to the glory of God (Ecc. 9:10).

HAITI UPDATE

Looking back at the months since the earthquake, I recall how frustrating it was trying to find ways to get started with the recovery effort. One of our biggest concerns when donations started pouring in was to find ways to do good while not doing harm. Missionaries have frequently told stories of the damage and corruption caused by thoughtless pouring in of donations from American churches for needs on foreign soil. For six weeks we sent temporary relief workers every week, reconstructing, delivering food, providing medical care, comforting, and teaching. We began by restoring security and repairing structures at the Sonlight Children's Home and our guest house for temporary workers. Shipments of food began to arrive and be distributed in larger quantities. We expanded our aid on the ground to begin helping preachers and churches with their homes and meeting places.

After the most urgent phase of the work shifted to longer-term efforts, relief teams began going in every two weeks and then once a month. The burden of food distribution was shifted from *Roberta* and her children to be overseen by one of the ministers, *Jean Claubert*, assisted by other church leaders and Christians. The Nutrition Center at Sonlight and the education program were expanded to include more than 80 additional children. *Larry Waymire* from the Broad Street congregation in Lexington, TN, agreed to help manage the relief effort, and he is now making regular trips to Haiti about every six weeks. He visits with the various congregations and has them on track with getting their new facilities operational and getting new pre-fab homes constructed for homeless members (cost = \$3500 per home).

As we enter into our second year of relief, we enter another new phase of the effort., *Jason* and *Rachel Baker*, along with their son *Zeke*, and helper *Luke Tipton*, are moving to Haiti for a two-year stay in order to help expedite the relief. They will be living in the guest house (the house that *Randy*, *Greg* and *Troy* worked on) and serving as innkeepers for relief teams that are housed there. They will also be helping *Roberta* with the extra responsibilities that she has had with the aid distribution, as well as assisting with the children at the home. *Rachel* spent a summer as a mission intern with *Roberta* a few years ago. More recently, she and *Jason* have been serving as houseparents with the Tennessee Children's Home. We are excited about the help they will be able to provide to *Roberta* and for the relief effort as a whole.

Finally, while a great amount of aid remains to be delivered, we are very glad that with *Brother Waymire's* organizational leadership, strategic plans for food, housing, and improved church facilities are in place. A budget has been drafted, and the donated funds have already been allocated for these efforts for the next two years. Although we cannot plan for every eventuality, we are glad to see the effort develop into a stable, manageable set of operations that are progressing toward specific goals. Our motto has been to try to be "wise as serpents" but "harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16) while being good stewards of your donations. We hope that what has been done and the plans that have been made for the future reflects this aim. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us (Estes Church of Christ).

-Jesse Robertson

YOUTH NEWS

- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held May 15 at the Nettleton Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:30.
- Youth, it is time to be making plans to attend Maywood Christian Camp. New Albany youth will attend the week of July 17-30. Forms will need to be filled out by the end of May. See *Sarah Walker* for more details.
- This month's Youth Devo will be held May 21, at the *Wall's*.

PRAYER LIST

Billy Joe Bray, brother of *Deloris Crowe* is now at home recovering from surgery.

Raymond Vest, has been in the local hospital with pneumonia. He is back at home but very weak. Please remember *Raymond* and *Amy* in your prayers.

Glenda (Lou Lou) Crumpton Cox, kidneys have failed. Her family have requested prayers.



Continual Prayer

Cheryl Turner, Mark Caples, Linda Martin, Harvey Jones, Shelly Trout, Willie Jackson, David Harendt, Joey Black, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, 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

THANK YOU

“Thank You” is so inadequate to express my love & appreciation to you for your many calls, cards & prayers on my behalf during these past months. It appeared on my lowest days the postman would bring the most cards as if to say you are not alone nor forgotten. I am so blessed to be part of God’s loving family that worships here at New Albany.

Eleta Grimmert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 11.....Viva Dillard
May 13..... Carl Smith
May 19.....Bobby Marques

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 19.....Eric & Stacie Dunn
May 20.....Bill & Karen Botts

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

- There will be a fellowship meal following services Sunday night, May 15. Please bring finger foods and desserts.
- A “Girls Night Out Painting Class” is planned for Monday night, May 16 at 7:00pm. The cost is \$20 which covers all needed supplies. You are asked to bring finger foods.
- A congregational picnic is planned for Saturday May 21, at *Randy* and *Christy Wall’s* lake. Be sure and sign the list that is on the table in the foyer by Sun. May 15, if you plan to attend. *Randy* says “No name no chicken”.
- 5th Sunday is May 29 . There will be a potluck meal following morning services. The evening service will be led by our deacons at 1:15.

AREA EVENTS

- Hwy 178 Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting May16-20 at 7:00pm.
- Nettleton Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting May 15-18.,Mon-Wed ~ 7:00pm.
- Verona Church of Christ Youth Rally ~ June 11

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	121
Sunday A M	161
Sunday P.M	91
Wednesday	107
Contribution	\$4,326.42
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	J.L. Eaton
A.M. Prayer	Bill Botts
Closing Prayer	Matt Jennings
P.M. Prayer	Jason Jennings
Closing	Gary Turner
Wed.5/18	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 5/18	Bill Lyon
Usher & Lock	Harold Russell
Greeter.....	A & S Clemmer



PANTRY ITEM:

Cereal

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
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

Assaying Value

Imagine a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out all of it, of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is *Time*. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off as lost whatever you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of

- One year, as a student who failed a grade.
- One month, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
- One week, as the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- One hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- One minute, ask a person who missed the train.
- One second, ask a person who just avoided an accident.
- One millisecond, ask the person who won an Olympic silver medal.

Value every moment you have, and count it a gift from God. Treasure it by sharing it with someone special-especially your spouse and children. Remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

"Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalm 90:12

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