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Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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Class of 2012

Congratulations to the Class of 2012 High School Seniors!
We pray for you as you begin this new chapter in your life.
Always keep God first!

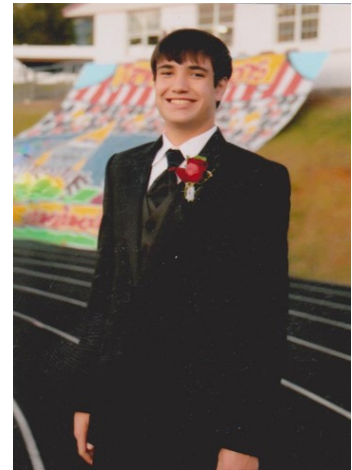


Brenda Crow
New Albany High
School

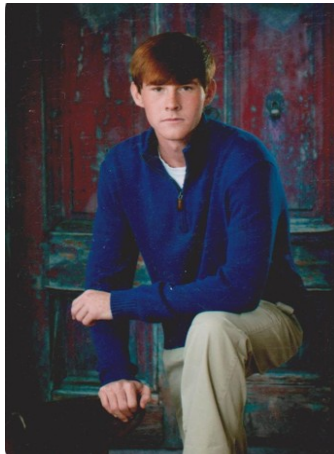


Graduation

2012



Daniel Drummond
New Albany High
School



Phillip Young
Myrtle High School



2011-2012 College Graduates

Congratulations to *Victoria Botts* who graduated from Freed-Hardeman University in December 2011 with a degree in Education; to *Martin Crofts* who graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy; and to *Drew Drummond* who graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration.



PRAYER LIST

Jack Dunlap, brother-in-law of *Terry Young* has taken a turn for the worse and is intensive care in an Atlanta hospital.

Ralph Clayton, father of *Greg Clayton* is in the Tupelo hospital following triple bypass surgery. He is doing well and should be released this week.

Brooks Russell, 4 year old great grandson of *Harold Russell* will have surgery today at Vanderbilt in Nashville to remove a tumor from his spine.

Altha Rogers, (former member) has been in the hospital but has been moved to rehab.

Alea Cannon, friend of *Jodi Parks* has been hospitalized at Le Bonheur due to complications of diabetes.

Anna Davis, mother of *Richard Jennings* is in room 202 of the local hospital with pneumonia.

Continual Prayer

Marie Beard, Roger Clayton, Tauso Branch, Jonas Harmon, Johnny Garrett, Gloria Jones, Larry Averett, Andrea Spears, John Tierney, Mable Erwin, Ruby Gaines, Larry Hester, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest


Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

“I BELIEVE”
...that what we are is God’s gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.




HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- May 19. Bobby Marques
- May 22. Will Bowlin
- May 22. Lea Ann McMillen
- May 27. Olen Clark
- May 27. Sheila King

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you all for the cards, calls and most of all for the prayers during my illness. I love and appreciate all of you very much.

Marie Beard

To our church family,

Thank you so much for being a part of the church picnic. We had another great time of food and fellowship together. The time we have to get together and enjoy our church family and encourage one another makes it all worthwhile. Thanks to *Richard* and *Matt Jennings*, *Phil Young* and *Steve Todd* and others who helped or offered to help I various ways, and to *Burl Walton* for providing the firewood. I thought it to be ironic that after cleanup and I reached to turn the last lantern off to bring to close another annual picnic that heavy rain began to fall. God has blessed us in so many ways, and he has blessed us with a wonderful church family. We love and appreciate each and every one of you. In Christian Love,

Randy, Christy, Erin and Thomas Wall

TO HONOR OUR SENIORS



There will be a fellowship meal Sunday night following services to honor our graduates. You are asked to bring finger foods and desserts. Please join us as we honor these fine young people for all their hard work and many accomplishments.

“CONVICTION OR CONVENIENCE?”

Guyton E. Montgomery

When it comes to sports many people are convicted of what team they are fans. For instance, a convicted Mississippi State Bulldog fan is one that will ring his cow bell during the winning games and the losing games. It does not matter if he lived next door to Bryant-Denny Stadium (University of Alabama) he would drive for several hours to Starkville, MS in order to watch Mississippi State. A convicted fan would turn down free tickets to watch some other team play, just to turn around and pay for tickets to his team's game.

It is easy for each one to think of somebody he knows (perhaps himself) that fits this description. If not, perhaps a deer hunter that will never miss an opportunity to go hunting. Or an individual that will never allow anything to interfere with the one hour in the day that his/her soap opera is aired. One can think of individuals that have this type of conviction.

It is sad to think that while there are so many that have this deep conviction for carnal things (Rom.8:7) there are so few that have conviction for spiritual things. Some would argue and say this is not the case, but consider the following situation.

A young teenage Christian is going on a trip with a school group. While on this trip, plans are made for the whole group (boys and girls) to go swimming in the hotel pool. This young Christian thinks about the lesson on modesty and how he should not be around such immodesty (swim suits today are no more than many people's undergarments). He voices that he doesn't want to go and they encourage him to not be such an inconvenience. Now this young Christian has a choice to make, conviction or convenience? Far too many times the answer is convenience.

Host of examples could be given. The individual that is traveling on vacation and they are faced with the decision of whether to stop and attend services somewhere or not. The individual that has gotten off of work and is tired facing the decision of whether to go to the Gospel Meeting or Wednesday night service or not. The individual that is going to a movie with a group of friends and they decide upon a movie that a Christian should not be viewing and they are faced with the decision to speak up and not go. All of these situations are dealing with conviction or convenience.

God expects each one of His children to be convicted. Conviction is to stand for something you believe in no matter what. When one considers those recorded in the Bible that were convicted for Christ he has much to try and live up to. Consider Stephen who was stoned to death because he was teaching about Christ (acts 6:9-7:60). One could also consider Peter and the other Apostles when they said, *We ought to obey God rather than men* after being told that they were not to teach in the name of Jesus anymore (Acts 4:18).

One cannot help but think of the Apostle Paul when he thinks of those that had conviction for Christ. II Cor. 11:25 says, *Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep.* Certainly to endure all of this Paul had conviction. This is why he was able to say, *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

What is the biggest problem facing the Church today? One cannot begin to answer such an ambiguous question. However, high upon the list of answers would be a lack of conviction in members. One must examine himself and decide whether he is making decisions based upon conviction or convenience.

The World is a Better Place Because

Moses didn't say, "I don't do rivers

Noah didn't say, "I don't do arks."

Jeremiah didn't say, "I don't do weeping."

Amos didn't say, "I don't do speeches."

Rahab didn't say, "I don't do carpets."

Ruth didn't say, "I don't do mother-in-laws."

David didn't say, "I don't do giants."

Peter didn't say, "I don't do Gentiles."

Mary didn't say, "I don't do virgin births."

Mary Magdalene didn't say, "I don't do feet."

John didn't say, "I don't do deserts."

Paul didn't say, "I don't do letters."

Jesus didn't say, "I don't do crosses."

You don't say, "I don't do..."

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....107
 Sunday A M.....136
 Sunday P.M93
 Wednesday101
 Contribution\$3,427.30
 Budget.....\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Clay Ormon
 A.M. Prayer..... Gary Turner
 Closing Prayer.....Paul Ormon
 P.M. Prayer J. McCullough
 Closing Burrell Walton
 Wed 5/23 Richard Adams
 Wed. 5/23 Bill Lyon
 Usher & Lock....Greg Clayton
 Greeter.....R & K Jennings



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Fruit

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 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
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
 Home..... 534-6872
 Office 534-4649

A Graduation Sneeze

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-three students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and moms freely brushed away tears. This class would not pray during the commencements- - not by choice but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principle and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines of the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.



The speeches were nice, but they were routine...until the final speech received a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then he delivered his speech- - an astounding - - SNEEZE!

The rest of the students rose immediately to their feet, and in unison they said, "GOD BLESS YOU."

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessings on their future with or without the court's approval.

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