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THE IMPORTANCE OF JUST ONE

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Jesus had a way of saying just what we need to hear. We may not always want to hear what He has to say, but the need for it remains. He gave a rather simple lesson about retrieving the one sheep gone astray from the ninety and nine (Mt. 18:12-13). The hearers knew all so well what His illustration was all about due to living in a culture known for its raising of sheep.

The purpose of His lesson was to instill in His followers the need to execute His mission on the earth. He viewed His overall purpose in coming to earth to “*seek and save the lost*” (Lk. 19:10). The inspired Word tells us that He was the “*author of eternal salvation*” (Heb. 5:9), “*the author and finisher of our faith*” (Heb. 12:2), and that He came into the world to save sinners of whom Paul claimed to be “*chief*” (1 Tim. 1:15).

It is incumbent upon us to understand the importance and worth of one single soul. Jesus attempted to get this point across by making statements like: “*For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?*” (Lk. 9:24). By virtue of the shepherd’s willingness to leave the 99 and find the one lost, speaks volumes about how precious each of us is to Him (Lk. 15:4-9). Paul “*caught the fever*” and felt the need for he knew “*the terror of the Lord...therefore, [he] persuaded men*” (2 Cor. 5:11). The price that was paid for the reclamation of each lost soul stresses the value of it as well, that being, the very life of Jesus (Jn. 3:16).

When Jesus left the earth for heaven to prepare a place for us, He left an injunction to the church to take care of His unfinished business, reaching the lost! Paul wrote to the Ephesians to “*proclaim the manifold wisdom of God*” (3:10). The commission is to “*make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name (by authority) of the Father and of the Son and Holy Spirit*” (Mt. 28:19-20). Similarly, Mark records that the followers of Jesus are to “*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned*” (Mk. 16:15-16). The bottom line is that “*He who wins souls is wise*” (Prov. 11:30).

God loves each of His little lambs whether in the fold or wandering on the hillside. The difference is, when it comes time to gather up all His flock for delivering up to God, will we be hiding out on the hillside? (Mt. 12:30).

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JUNE

Announcements: Richard Adams
Sound Room: Dean Dillard
Usher: Drew Drummond

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

Sunday Prayers:

June 2:
 A.M. Troy Robertson
 Perry Jones
 P.M. Alvin Parks
 Richard Jennings

June 9:
 A.M. Brad Pounders
 Bill Lyon
 P.M. Terry Stubblefield
 Burrell Walton

June 16:
 A.M. Harold Russell
 Steve Todd
 P.M. Randy Wall
 Bobby White

June 23:
 A.M. Lonnie Weaver
 Terry Young
 P.M. Phillip Young
 Shane Crotts

June 30:
 A.M. Gary Turner
 Phil Young
 P.M. Dillon Clayton
 Clay Ormon

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Paul Ormon
 North Helper I: Matt Jennings
 North Helper II: David Clayton

South Head: Dan Cobb
 South Helper I: Mark Jennings
 South Helper II: Hunter Jennings

Scripture Reading:

June 2 —Anderson Parks
 June 9 —Thomas Wall
 June 16— Cody Clemmer
 June 23—Ruston Adams
 June 30 —Tyler Weaver

Wednesday Prayers:

June 5—Bill Botts; Ray Kennedy
 June 12—Olen Clark; Bobby Marques
 June 19—Greg Clayton; Jason McCullough
 June 26—Roger Clayton; Daniel Drummond

Greeters:

June 2— Brad & April Pounders
 June 9—Richard & Kathy Jennings
 June 16—Bill & Nancy Frohn
 June 23—Greg & Kim Clayton
 June 30—Lonnie & Nicki Weaver

Usher & Lock:

June 2—Randy Wall
 June 9—Lonnie Weaver
 June 16—Greg Clayton
 June 23—Roger Clayton
 June 30—Brad Pounders

Prepare Communion: Amy Jennings

Host Youth Devo: Jason & Amy Jennings

Who's Raising Our Kids?

By: Neil Richey

A cultural critic by the name of Michael Medved said that by the time a child graduates from high school, he has spent "vastly more time on TV than in all the classrooms [he's] ever entered." He goes on to make the point that we should care more about our kids being good than just looking good. He said that television hinders this, and it's a huge problem with America's children because it teaches "that the biggest crime is not being immoral, but being unattractive."

The times have changed. Culture has changed. Technology has changed.

Today's kids are not just addicted to television, but now the internet, games, texting, email, social media, and more. They have easy access to such things through devices like internet ready gaming systems, iPods, tablets, and smartphones. An increasing number of our little ones are carrying smartphones. Hard to believe. My wife recently told a class of sixth graders that she was married before having her first cell phone--they couldn't believe it.

While I certainly am not anti-television, technology, and the like, I am however concerned about who and what is rearing our children.

When a young person can tell me more about the latest fashion trend, the newest gadget, who's sexually active with whom on their favorite sitcom, but can tell me very little about the Word of God, much less tell what Jesus did for them and how they intend to live for Him, then "Houston, we have a problem!"

This is where parenting comes in--not the church, not the Bible school program, not special youth programs. Parents are told to "*bring [children] up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*" (Eph. 6:4). That's OUR job, parents. How's business? Take extra time today to share Jesus' story with your kids.



- Vacation Bible School is Saturday, June 1st from 9:00am-2:30pm. Be sure to bring your friends.
- The Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Sunday night, June 9th at the Mayfield Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:40.



PRAYER LIST

Tauso Branch is in room 203 of the local hospital.

Jann Hicks, niece of *Terry Young* is to be moved to a rehab facility this week. She was in a serious car accident recently.

Caleb Jennings is recovering from surgery on his right elbow. He will undergo rehab for about a year.

Ken Joines, minister from the Southaven area will have a biopsy of his left kidney June 4th. He has requested our prayers.

Continual Prayer :

J.V. Davis, Dennis Nichols, Pat Reed, Maxine Carlisle, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Margie Barkley, Melissa Reed, Marie Beard, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Margret Reeves (Okolona)

Military List:

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

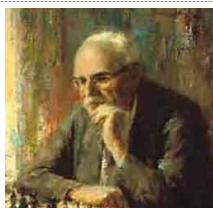


I am what the merchant sold to buy the one pearl of great price.

What am I? Matthew 13:46

Good Thoughts

God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- June 01..... Grace Lyon
- June 01..... Clay Ormon
- June 01..... David Peeler
- June 02..... Tyler Weaver
- June 04..... Jim Dickerson
- June 05..... Mike King
- June 06..... Sallye Bowlin
- June 06..... Perry Jones
- June 06..... Pat Reed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 01..... Bill & Helen DePriest
- June 02..... Bobby & Dixie White
- June 03..... Ronnie & Linda Griggs
- June 04..... Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield
- June 05..... Brad & April Pounders



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men, remember the Men's breakfast Saturday, June 1st, at 7:00am in the annex building. All men are encouraged to attend.



ROBERTSON/BOYD WEDDING

You are invited to the wedding of *Heather Robertson* bride elect of *Tyler Boyd*, 2:00p.m. Saturday, June 8th, at the New Albany Church of Christ. A reception will follow at the fellowship building.

What Spills Out?

Christian personality is hidden deep inside us. It is unseen, like the soup carried in a tureen high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside-- unless the waiter is bumped and he trips! Just so, people don't know what's inside us until we've been "bumped." But if Christ is living inside, what spills out is the fruit of the Spirit.

"...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" ~ Matthew 12:34

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 Jennings534-6671
Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell 534-4648
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Anderson Parks
A.M. Prayer.....Troy Robertson
Closing Prayer.....Perry Jones
P.M. Prayer.....Alvin Parks
Closing.....Richard Jennings
Wed 6/5.....Bill Botts
Wed.6/5.....Ray Kennedy
Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 122
Sunday A.M.....141
Sunday P.M 114
Wednesday.....113
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PANTRY ITEM

Canned Meat

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Faithfulness 

A Study of the Fruit of the Spirit