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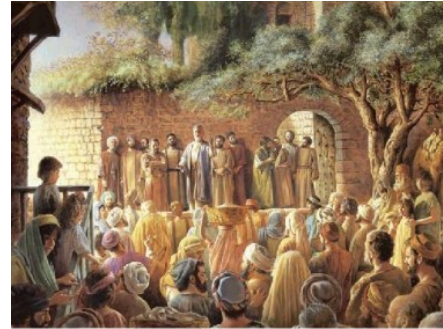
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## The Numberless Crowd

Mike King



The power of the gospel can only be realized by the great response that it has received through the ages. Scores of harbingers of truth have heralded the good news with energy, conviction and clarity from Pentecost forward. Generations past conducted “protracted meetings” and debates for long periods of time. As long as there were converts, preaching continued.

The Revelation account (7:1-4, 9-12) tells of vast numbers obeying the gospel. A number of 144,000 is mentioned as a representative number (v. 4), 12,000 from each tribe of Jews who became obedient to the gospel. In the same context (vs. 9-12), John informs his readers that there is a multitude from all nations, kindred, people and tongues before the throne singing and praising God for His goodness and their salvation.

We know from Acts 2 that there were 3,000 who were added to the church. Paul reminded the Romans (1:4-5) that Jesus was “*declared to be the Son of God...by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations...*” The gospel reach touched all of the “*whosoever*” that would believe on Him and obey His gospel (Jn. 3:16). The “great commission” was great because of its inclusive nature, encompassing all nations (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16). When the gospel was preached in Galatia and their letter was received from Paul, it insisted there were no longer Jews, Greeks, bond, free, male or female... “*For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” (Gal. 3:26-29).

Despite the large group-response to the gospel, Jesus reduced obedience to the gospel to an individual matter. He said “*come unto me, all...*” (Mt. 11:28), but Jesus taught that “*there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth*” (Lk. 15:10). It is the person that “*doeth the Father’s will*” that will enter heaven (Mt. 7:21). The Revelation letter put it very simply by saying, “*Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely*” (Rev. 22:17).

Whether the gospel is intended for a few or many, it remains the “*power of God unto salvation*” (Rom. 1:16). It is a great privilege to be a part of the great audience of God’s hearers who are sincere about submitting to His holy and divine will!



**PRAYER LIST**

**Laura Mae Harris**, is in room 305 of the Union Health Care Center on Bratton Rd., recovering from hip surgery.

**Juerhee Beard**, mother of *Dalton Beard*, has finished with her radiation treatments and will begin I.V. antibody treatments this week.

**Bill Lyon**, is still weak, but slowly improving.

**Joe Downs**, grandfather of *Alyce Jennings* has been moved to Landmark Rehab Center in Booneville for therapy.

**Patrick Sanders** (a former member) will see an eye specialist in Memphis this week to have scar tissue removed from behind his retina.

**Bobby Walker** son of *Shirley Estes* from the Beech Hill congregation, will see his doctor this week to schedule open heart surgery for a valve replacement and aneurism.

**Continual Prayer**

**Harold Vaughn, Johnny Garrett, Brooks Russell, Altha Rogers, Jack Dunlap, Tauso Branch, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Ruby Gaines, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young**

**Shut-Ins**

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

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Corrine Hall, Mattie Golden**

**Military List:**

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- June 27. . . . . J. L. Eaton
- June 29. . . . . Deborah Griffin
- June 29. . . . . Kaye Parks
- July 02. . . . . Karen Botts
- July 05. . . . . Terry Young
- July 06. . . . . Catelyn Smithey

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- June 30. . . . . Phil & Paige Young
- July 01. . . . . Steve & Andrea Hill
- July 02. . . . . Darrell & Patricia Crowe
- July 07. . . . . Brian & Shelby Carpenter



**BABY SHOWER**

There will be a baby shower for *Rebecca Dewberry* at 1:30 Sunday afternoon, July 8th, at the fellowship building. *Justin* and *Rebecca* are expecting a baby girl in August. *Rebecca* is registered at Babies “R” Us and Target.

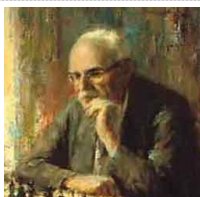
**From: Andy’s Desk**

- I will have an update for the July calendars when I return next week.
- The Camping/Canoe Trip at Tishomingo State Park is planned for July 13th-14th.

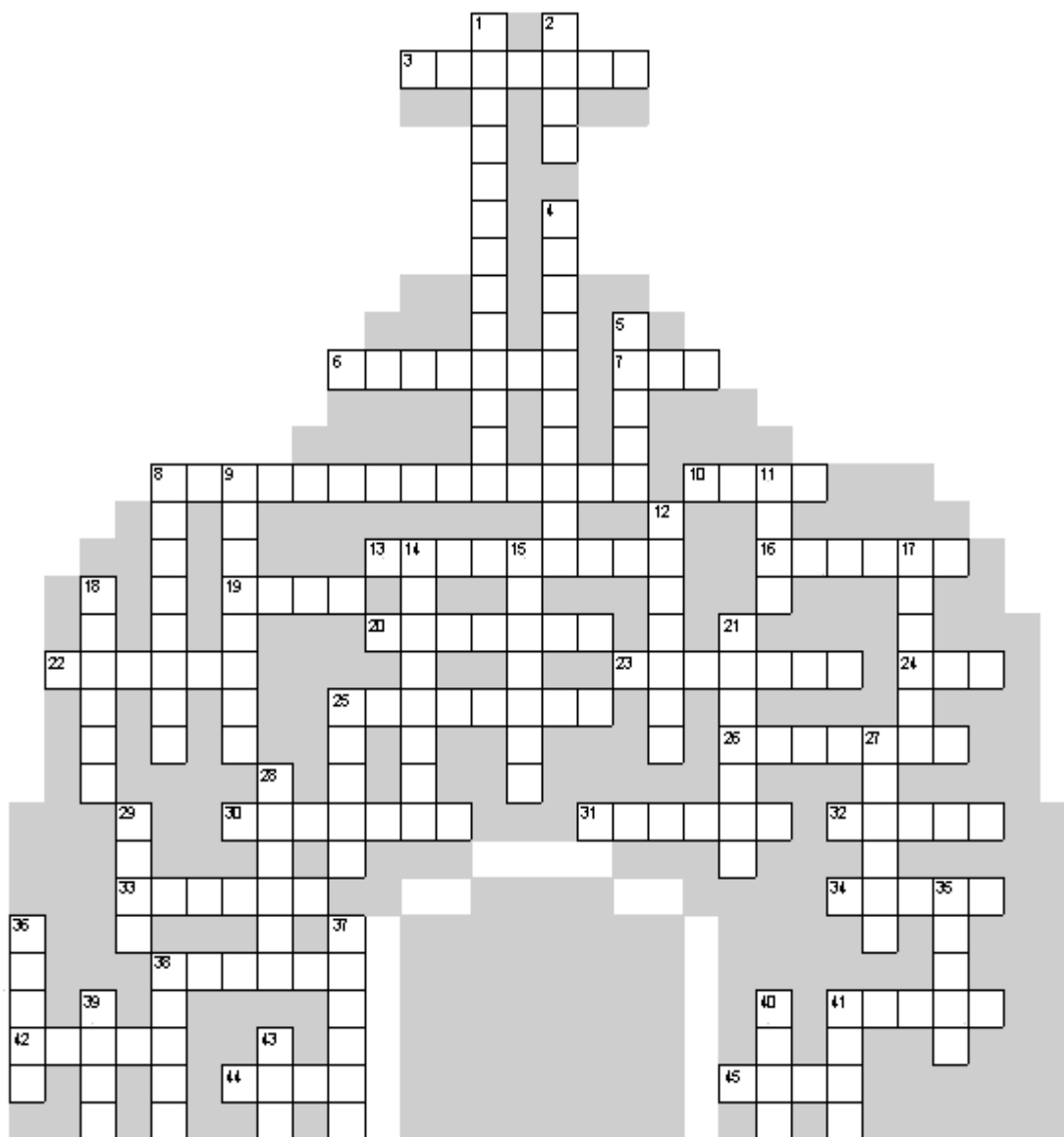
**AREA EVENTS**

- There will be a Gospel Meeting July 8th-11th at the Tiplersville Church of Christ. *Roy Sharp* of Freed Hardeman University will be the guest speaker and the theme is “God Is In Control.”
- A Gospel Meeting will be held at the Pine Bluff Church of Christ July 15th-18th with guest speaker *Robert Rawson*.
- Vacation Bible School will be held at the Fulton Church of Christ, July 15th-18th, at 7:00pm each night.

**“I BELIEVE”**  
...that what we see depends mainly  
on what we look for.



# People of the Bible



## Across

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|--|---|
| 3. Title of the kings of Egypt                 | 31. Thrown into the lion's den                |
| 6. Deceives Samson                             | 32. Swallowed up by a great fish              |
| 7. First woman                                 | 33. Jacob's eldest son                        |
| 8. Builder of Babylon; takes Jerusalem captive | 34. A shepherd boy who God chooses to be King |
| 10. First man                                  | 38. Destroys Jericho                          |
| 13. Father of John the Baptist                 | 41. Betrays the Christ                        |
| 16. Queen who helped Mordecai save the Jews    | 42. Led the Israelites out of Egypt           |
| 19. Brother of Jesus                           | 44. Built an ark                              |
| 20. A prophetess and judge of Israel           | 45. Marries Boaz                              |
| 22. Aaron's sister who leads a victory song    |   |
| 23. Called out of his tomb                     |   |
| 24. Afflicted by Satan                         |   |
| 25. Saul's son; loved by David                 |   |
| 26. Paul's young "son in the faith"            |   |
| 30. A king known for his wisdom                |   |

## Down

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|---|---|
| 1. First to see the risen Christ                                      | 27. A doubtful one  |
| 2. Killed Abel  | 28. Mary's husband  |
| 4. The handwriting was on his wall                                    | 28. Had a coat of many colors                             |
| 5. A fisherman who walked on water                                    | 29. Mother of Jesus                                       |
| 8. Cupbearer to Artaxerxes I; rebuilds Jerusalem's wall               | 35. The promised son of Abraham                           |
| 9. Jacob's youngest son   | 36. Ruth's mother-in-law                                  |
| 11. First murder victim   | 37. Lazarus' busy sister                                  |
| 12. Son of Abraham and Hagar  | 38. The Christ; the Son of God and Savior of the world    |
| 14. One of the three who survived the fiery furnace                   | 39. Hairy hunter who sold his birthright                  |
| 15. Father of the faith   | 40. First king of Israel                                  |
| 17. Was transported into heaven in a chariot of fire                  | 41. Wrote the Book of Revelations                         |
| 18. Brought Nathanael to Christ                                       | 43. Abraham's nephew; his wife turned to a pillar of salt |
| 21. A tax collector who became an apostle and an author of the gospel |   |
| 25. Wrestles with an angel  |   |

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	99
Sunday A M.....	125
Sunday P.M.....	118
Wednesday.....	114
Contribution.....	\$3,004.45
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Anderson Parks
A.M. Prayer.....	Phil Young
Closing Prayer.....	Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....	Brad Pounders
Closing.....	Olen Clark
Wed 7/4.....	Jerry Gibson
Wed. 7/4.....	Bobby White
Usher & Lock.....	Roger 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 Jennings .....	534-6671
Troy Robertson .....	534-3491

## DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	538-8195
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

## MONTH: JULY 2012

### SOUND

### ROOM

Lonnie Weaver

### LEAD

### SINGING

*SUN AM:* Greg Harrison

*SUN PM:* Richard Jennings

*WED:* Andy Brown

### LORD'S

### SUPPER

*N Head:* Andy Clemmer

*N Help I:* Dan Cobb

*N Help II:* Jason Jennings

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### A.M.

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Phil Young

*2ND* Richard Adams

*3RD* Raul Ormon

*4TH* Greg Clayton

*5TH* Richard Jennings

Terry Young

Roger Clayton

Shane Crotts

J. L. Eaton

Jason McCullough

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### PM

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Brad Pounders

*2ND* Bill Botts

*3RD* Bill Frohn

*4TH* Harold Crowe

*5TH* Harold Russell

Olen Clark

Perry Jones

Clay Ormon

Drew Drummond

Carl Smith

### WED

### PRAYERS

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Jerry Gibson

*2ND* Ray Kennedy

*3RD* Mark Jennings

*4TH* Dillon Clayton

*5TH*

Bobby White

Ronnie Griggs

Bill Lyon

Alvin Parks

### SCRIPTURE READING

Anderson Parks

Ruston Adams

Tyler Weaver

David Clayton

Steve Todd

### USHER & LOCK

Roger Clayton

Greg Clayton

Andy Clemmer

Harold Russell

Randy Wall

### GREETERS

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B & A Pounders

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