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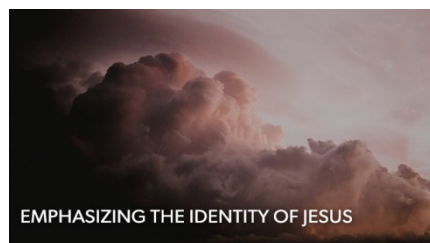
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## Your Father Is Calling You

Mike King



EMPHASIZING THE IDENTITY OF JESUS

Much inspiration and encouragement are available by reading good material. When Christians are teaching and sharing, there must be a replenishment of information or we become spiritually and intellectually bleached. I benefited from some articles that appeared in back issues of *House To House – Hear To Heart*. Consider the following thoughts:

A doctor questioned, “What is your name, son?” He said, “On my mother’s side, I’m called Jesus. On my Father’s side, I’m Emmanuel.” The doctor inquired further, “How old are you, son?” His response was, “On my mother’s side, I’m twelve years old. On my Father’s side, I’ve always been.” His questions continued to be asked with, “Where is your home, son?” The boy stated “On my mother’s side, it’s Bethlehem. On my Father’s side, it’s Jerusalem.” Finally the doctor asked, “What is your plan, son?” In similar fashion the son gave a puzzling answer, “On my mother’s side, I’ll be crucified. On my Father’s side, I’ll rise in three days to sit on His right hand.” Our Lord’s gathering in the Temple with great doctors of learning stimulated these thoughts. Then “... *after three days they found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished ...*” (Lk. 2:46-47). Because of the dual nature of Jesus, we can respond to His earthly example while we live in the flesh and look to His more noble side for eternal direction. God said, “...*this is my beloved Son: hear him*” (Mk. 9:7).

*Beware of the satisfaction of sinking back and  
saying “it can’t be done;” you know it can be  
done if you look to Jesus.*

An old man by the name of “Hartmann” had a son enlisted in the army. News came of a dreadful battle that occurred; he hurried to the scene of conflict to learn of the status of his son’s safety.

An officer informed him that his son had not answered roll call and was considered dead. The father was dissatisfied with that uninformed response. He went to the battlefield, in search of his missing son. The search was more difficult by gale winds and darkness of night. With lantern he searched crying for his son shouting, “John Hartmann, your father calls you.” Some injured soldiers desired strongly that he were their father coming to their rescue. In the distance he heard, “Here, father.” The old man ran across the field shouting, “Thank God! Thank God!” He cradled his injured son in his arms and carried him to headquarters to nurse him back to health. Jesus walks on life’s battlefield crying, “Your Father is calling you.” Consider the words of Matthew 11:28-30.

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JULY 2017

**Announcements:** Jim Gann  
**Sound Room:** Richard Adams  
**Usher:** Brian Carpenter

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings  
 Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison  
 Wed.: David/Dillon/Phillip/Hunter

**Sunday Prayers:**

July 02:  
 A.M. Terry Stubblefield  
 Harold Russell  
 P.M. Phillip Young  
 Ruston Adams

July 09:  
 A.M. Randy Wall  
 Kevin Simmons  
 P.M. Tim Dye  
 Dan Cobb

July 16:  
 A.M. Greg Clayton  
 Steve Todd  
 P.M. Jason Jennings  
 Harold Crowe

July 23:  
 A.M. Greg Harrison  
 Olen Cark  
 P.M. Perry Jones  
 Jerry Grimmett

July 30:  
 A.M. Terry Young  
 Shane Crotts  
 P.M. Paul Ormon  
 Mark Jennings

**Lord's Supper:**

North Head: Roger Clayton	South Head: Phil Young
North Helper I: Dillon Clayton	South Helper I: Thomas Wall
North Helper II: Martin Crotts	South Helper II: Will Bowlin

**Scripture Reading:**

July 02 — Mason Simmons  
 July 09 — David Clayton  
 July 16 — Michael Crotts  
 July 23 — Dean Dillard  
 July 30 — Hunter Jennings

**Wednesday Prayers:**

July 05 — Hunter Jennings; Ronnie Griggs  
 July 12 — Richard Jennings; Caleb Jennings  
 July 19 — Bill Lyon; Kurt Clayton  
 July 26 — Alvin Parks; Matt Jennings

**Usher:**

July 02— Greg Clayton  
 July 09 — Roger Clayton  
 July 16 — Shane Crotts  
 July 23 — Jason Jennings  
 July 30 — Randy Wall

**Lock:**

July 02 — Greg Clayton  
 July 09 — Jim Gann  
 July 16 — Jason Jennings  
 July 23 — Troy Robertson  
 July 30 — Harold Russell

**Host Youth Devo:**

Alvin & Kaye Parks

**Prepare Communion:**

Someone needed!

**\* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let Randy Wall know before service time.**



### A CHURCH WITH DISEASED FEET

Second Chronicles 14-16 records the reign of King Asa of Judah (910-869 B. C.). The Bible records he was loyal to God for a while (2 Chronicles 15:17), but late in his reign he acted foolishly by turning to and trusting in a military alliance with Syria instead of relying on the Lord for victory over enemies (16:1-10). Thus the sad statement about him in 2 Chronicles 16:12, "In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe: yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians." That verse reveals that Asa suffered not one but two notable failures: first in his feet, then in his faith. When his feet failed, he leaned on human wisdom and effort to deal with the problem. It was in his old age that Asa suffered a crippling and debilitating foot disease (1 Kings 15:23). How sad to imagine this once energetic and mighty monarch who walked with God now hobbling along on crutches. Sadder yet to realize that not only were his feet ailing, but his faith also faltered as "in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians." That's Old Testament parlance for saying he was walking by sight and not by faith.

Asa provides an important lesson for the modern day church of Christ. Scripture mandates that the church put feet on the gospel and carry it to all the world (Mark 16:15-16). Our feet are to be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15). So vital are healthy feet to the work of the church and the salvation of lost souls that God refers to those who bring the good news of salvation in Christ as having "beautiful feet" (Romans 10:15)! In view of this truth, Christians cannot afford to be diseased in their feet. We must do what we can to get the gospel to people around the world, beginning with those across town or across the street or maybe even across the kitchen table! Five billion souls are waiting for the church to get on its feet and bring the message of salvation. Some of them are waiting on you. Therefore, let us do as Jesus taught by life and lip – let us love the lost and pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (Matthew 9:38). Christians who follow in the footsteps of Him who came to seek and save the lost will never suffer from diseased feet or a diseased faith!

~ Dan Gulley

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## PRAYER LIST

**William Bailey**, father of *Paige Young* had surgery Friday to remove a cancerous tumor from his colon. He will remain in the hospital for several days.

**Lavon Hill**, grandfather of *Paige Young* is in the local hospital being treated for an inflamed colon.

**Mary Frances Reid** is in the local hospital having tests run. Please, no visitors at this time.

**Rex Bell**, will return to his doctor the first part of July for more tests concerning a heart blockage.

**Johnny Simmons**, father of *Kevin Simmons* is in ICU at Veterans Hospital awaiting surgery.

**Ernestine McKinney**, mother of *Perry Jones* was admitted to Baptist East Hospital in Memphis Sat., with very high blood pressure and other health issues.

**Dixie White**, is still not feeling well and has upcoming tests.

**Brad Sanders**, cousin of *Alyce Jennings* that was injured recently in a motor cycle accident, is improving at a rehab facility, in Tupelo.

### Continue to Remember:

Mary Bradley, Jane Chism, Teresa Clark, Hugh Coleman, Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Eleta Grimmett, Laura Hollowell, Willie Howell, Shane Hutton, Johnny Lee, Al McAlexander, Linda Palmer, Barbara Raines, Jarvene Shackelford, Melissa Smith, J.D. Stroud, 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, 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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 29.....Deborah Griffin

June 29.....Kaye Parks

July 05.....Terry Young

July 06.....Catelyn Smithey

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 30..... Phil & Paige Young

July 01..... Steve & Andrea Hill

July 02.....Darrell & Patricia Crow

July 07..... Brian & Shelby Carpenter



## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your cards, words of encouragement, and prayers during the loss of my mother. Your kindness and love has been greatly appreciated. Continue to remember our family in prayer.

Love, Melissa and Eli Reed &

The family of Mildred Vick

A big 'Thank You' to all who have worked so hard over the last week preparing for our VBS. A large group came out Saturday to help pull everything together. Everything looked great. We had a great group Sunday night and are looking forward to the rest of the week. Once again, thanks for your participation.

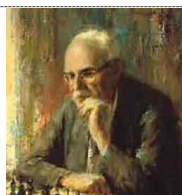
The Elders

## AREA EVENTS

- Gloster St. Church of Christ will have VBS June 26-30; 9:00-11:00.
- A Gospel Meeting will be held at the Potts Camp Church of Christ July 16-19. They will have guest speakers at each service.
- Check the bulletin board for times & details.

### I've Learned...

The fire you kindle for an enemy often burns you more than him.



### 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

### MINISTER

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

### ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163  
 Phil Young.....316-2059

### DEACONS

Greg Clayton .....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Shane Crotts.....316-6364  
 Jason Jennings.....801-3260  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Mason Simmons  
 A.M. Prayer...Terry Stubblefield  
 Closing Prayer...Harold Russell  
 P.M. Prayer.....Phillip Young  
 Closing .....Ruston Adams  
 Wed.7/05.....Hunter Jennings  
 Wed.7/05.....Ronnie Griggs  
 Lock.....Greg Clayton  
 Usher.....Greg Clayton

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....96  
 Sunday A.M.....126  
 Sunday P. M.....89  
 Wednesday.....78  
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### PANTRY ITEMS

PEAS / BEANS

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### Faithful Optimism

Optimists and pessimists exist in all realms of life, as do realists. Even when it comes to faith, there are those who see the possibilities and those who only see the obstacles.

The story of the twelve spies in Numbers 13 illustrates this reality perfectly. Of the twelve, only Joshua and Caleb saw the possibilities and had the faith to believe that, with God's help, they could take the land. The other ten only saw the obstacles, therefore letting their pessimism overcome their faith. Joshua and Caleb saw their reward, whereas the mockers and scoffers did not.

As Christians, we are called upon to always be faithfully optimistic. It is not optimism that transcends reality, but optimism that is rooted in faith (Romans 10:17).

For instance, the Spirit teaches, *"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"* (2 Corinthians 9:6). The faithful optimist will be able to see the reward of a bountiful harvest beyond the labors of an abundant sowing. On the other hand, the pessimist will only see the extensive labor involved in sowing abundantly, never realizing the bountiful harvest.

To illustrate further, faithful optimists will not only believe that God *"is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"* (Ephesians 3:20), but they will see the fruit of their prayers as if it already exists.

The real power of optimism and pessimism is seen in the impact such can have on others. A church full of faithful optimists will get much more accomplished to the glory of God than a church full of "faithful" pessimists.

Are you among the faithful optimists, encouraging others onto victory? Or are you among the pessimists, miring the church in mediocrity? Think about it.

~ Jonathan L. Perz ~