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The Gospel in Four Words

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Too few are truly living the full, rich, strong, confident, and abundant life. This should be a primary quest for the twenty-first century. The Gospel comes to us with its mighty message of hope, promise, and challenge! Paul insisted that *“If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit”* (Gal. 5:25). *Isaac Watts* wrote, *“And shall we then forever live at this poor dying rate?”* Are we living the abundant life or on a spiritual decline?

Lowell M. Atkinson provides us with four words that represent the Gospel in terms of fullness of life that is in and through Christ:

1. *Admit.* When Jesus is admitted into a place of authority and control in our hearts, new life begins. It is initiated with a decision and consummated with personal dedication, in essence, the bequeathing of ourselves to the Savior. Life begins with Him when we become lost to ourselves. Jesus taught that, *“He that finds his life shall lose it; and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it”* (Mt. 10:39). Richness in life begins when accepting God’s salvation.
2. *Submit.* Submission calls for humbling self under the mighty hand of God. It is a matter of yielding to His inspection, supervision, and guidance. Truth humbles our spirit and draws us to repentance. *Mr. Atkinson* observes, *“But to submit to God, to be humble, to bow down in prayer, to give sincere expression to a real need of the soul, and to admit helplessness in the presence of the invading evil - this is hard to do and many do not do it.”* To be poor in spirit enables one to respond humbly and submit to Christ.
3. *Commit.* When we have submitted our life in consecration to Christ with change made to the inner man, it will be manifested in our outer life as well. Jesus is not only our Savior from sin, but our Guide in daily living also. *David Livingston* wrote that *“Without him not one step, but with him anywhere.”* The Lord defined a committed life, *“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me”* (Mt. 16:24).
4. *Transmit.* To accomplish the above, yet not express the same to others in word, purpose, and deed, spells futility! We enter the church to worship and leave to serve. It is impossible for Christians to truly enjoy the good things of the Gospel without seeking to share them. Because God has so loved us, we tell the wonderful story of His love. The faithful are commissioned to transmit the good news of salvation.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JULY, 2016

Announcements: Phillip Young
Sound Room: Richard Adams
Usher: Chris Smithey

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

Sunday Prayers:

July 03:
A.M. Phil Young
Terry Young
P.M. Harold Crowe
Roger Clayton

July 10:
A.M. Jason Jennings
Shane Crotts
P.M. David Clayton
Daniel Drummond

July 17:
A.M. Terry Stubblefield
Matt Jennings
P.M. Perry Jones
Caleb Jennings

July 24:
A.M. Richard Jennings
Hunter Jennings
P.M. Paul Ormon
Mark Jennings

July 31:
A.M. Tyler Weaver
Richard Adams
P.M. Troy Robertson
Jerry Grimmett

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Jim Gann
North Helper I: Greg Clayton
North Helper II: Brad Pounders

South Head: Andy Clemmer
South Helper I: Steve Todd
South Helper II: Will Bowlin

Scripture Reading:

July 03 — Dillon Clayton
July 10 — Dan Cobb
July 17 — Dean Dillard
July 24 — Ruston Adams
July 31 — Michael Crotts

Wednesday Prayers:

July 06 — Greg Harrison; Olen Clark
July 13 — Ray Kennedy; Bill Lyon
July 20 — Randy Wall ; Bobby Marques
July 27 — Anderson Parks; Alvin Parks

Prepare Communion:

Paige Young

Usher & Lock:

July 03 — Brad Pounders
July 10 — Randy Wall
July 17 — Lonnie Weaver
July 24 — Greg Clayton
July 31 — Roger Clayton

Host Youth Devo:

Jason & Amy Jennings

Early Morning Attitude Choices

Warren E. Berkley

It may be that the single most significant decision I can make on a day to day basis is, my choice of attitude. In those first few moments after you wake up in the morning, take an inventory of your frame of mind; your attitude. What is it?

“Well, I don’t feel good but I have to get up, get dressed and go to work. No telling what kind of problems I’ll face in traffic, then with all those stupid people at the office. Because of the incompetence of others, I’m up against three impossible deadlines. What in the world is there to be happy about?” *If you make the choice to think in terms like this during the first few moments in the morning, it will hinder your ability to act as a Christian the rest of the day.*

Consider this: “God has given me another day, how can I thank Him? How can I please Him more today? Let’s see, what can I do to help people who need Christ, or cheer up somebody? How can I use the problems and challenges of this day to grow, to learn, to glorify God?”

Immediately you see the difference. *“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life”* (Prov. 4:23)

John Homer Miller said, “Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life.”

~ Via Bulletin Fodder



PRAYER LIST



Harold Russell will have bypass surgery Tues., June 28th, in Tupelo.

Troy Robertson will have carpal tunnel surgery Wed. June 29th, at the local hospital.

Ricky Adams father of Richard Adams, will have open heart surgery this week at the Tupelo Hospital.

Ed Walker, father of Sarah Walker has had severe back and hip pain for over a week. He has been bedridden. He was to see a new doctor Mon., June 27th.

B.A. Stubblefield, father of Terry Stubblefield is scheduled for bladder cancer surgery July 15th.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Mike King and family in the death of his brother, Hilliard King of Huntsville, AL. Funeral services were held Sat. June 25th, in Huntsville.

Continue to Remember:

Ray Camp, Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, Glenda Cox, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Bill DePriest, Jackie Dodd, Gene Dowdy, Kevin Flowers, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Lana Gann, Cornelius Gardner, J.C. Garner, Sonny Gay, Katie Griggs, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Phillip Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Mayola Holley, Shane Hutton, Alfred Jones, Judy Kirk, Perry Lepard, Mayna Senter, Anna Claire Stokes, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Wanda DeLoach, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Claudia Senter, Miriam Styers, Ione Wall

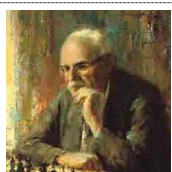
Military List:

Derek Bradley, Kevin Bradley



I've Learned...

Enjoy living in the present moment. These are the "good old days" you will miss in the future.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- July 05.....Terry Young
July 06.....Catelyn Smithey
July 09.....Cody Clemmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



THANK YOU NOTES

A special Thank You to our youth group (Fabulous Friday), and their helpers for the fun time and great meal last Friday. You made our day!

"The Oldies"

My sister Barbara Rains is cancer free. She has one more chemo maintenance treatment. I want to thank the congregation for all your prayers on her behalf. In Christian Love, Linda Palmer

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- 5th Wednesday night singing will be June 29th. This will be the final night of our singing class. Everyone please sit close to the front.
'Fabulous Friday' will meet at 10am, Fri. July 2nd, at the building, to go shopping for pantry items.
Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held July 17th, at the Zion Rest congregation.

AREA EVENTS

- A Gospel Meeting is scheduled for July 17-20 at the Potts Camp church of Christ. They will have a different speaker each night. Monday night July 18th, will be New Albany night. Please check the bulletin board for more details.

"The family, through God's eyes, as SEEN in 2016!"



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 Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dillon Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....Harold Crowe
ClosingRoger Clayton
Wed.7/06.....Greg Harrison
Wed.7/06.....Olen Clark
Usher & Lock.....Brad Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....97
Sunday A.M.....126
Sunday P. M.....103
Wednesday.....NA
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HOME OF THE BRAVE

Through the feel of war they brave this day
How proud they stand, their unselfish way

Our soldiers bear what we cannot see
They assure our right to love life free

Each trained will face an unknown fate
Without their courage - catastrophe

All the liberties we have grown to know
Would not exist, this life would go

Find a thankfulness within your mind
Speak gratitude for our bravest kind

Have the willingness to show you care
For fallen heroes, hold back no tear

Reach out to God with his guiding light
For our troops do pray, both day and night

America raise your flags to wave
For we truly are "Home of the Brave"

By Roger Robicheau