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Relief for the Thirsty Soul

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Nothing can exceed the blissful taste of a cold drink of water drawn from the depths of mother earth. Do you remember having drunk from “an old oaken bucket” or a galvanized dipper on a hot summer day?

Those ancient inhabitants of the arid regions of Palestine who walked the dusty trails of the region, learned to appreciate the importance of wells. Wells were often the object of disputes and could only be settled by a unique covenant service as with Abraham and Abimelech (Gen. 21:25ff). Rivalry would occur because of refusal to share and the expense of digging a second one. Some of the wells were actually named (Gen. 26:20-22) and often the city would be known by their wells such as “Beer-Sheba,” meaning the “the well of Sheba.” The term “beer” meant “the well.”

It was not uncommon for the well owners to fill their wells with stones and cover them over with dirt to prevent the enemies encroaching upon their land from making use of them. Many of those wells were forgotten and many were filled over time by people tossing rocks into the well to see how deep they were. Isaac went around opening up the wells dug in the days of Abraham and renamed them by the name given by Abraham. Some of those wells were named after the warring over them, Esek [contention] and Sitnah [enmity] (Gen. 26:17-21).

A few years ago I had opportunity to drink from Jacob’s well in Sychar and another believed to be the source of refreshment and cleansing of wounds of the traveler beaten and robbed on the road to Jericho. As I drank, I pondered the numerous generations that found fulfillment from those historical digs.

“And David said with longing, ‘Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem’” (II Sam. 23:15). Imagination can only assess the number of people who listened when Jesus said, *“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink”* (Jn. 7:37). Then again, *“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst”* (Jn. 4:14). This “living water” is freely offered in the word of God which we preach and believe. Why not drink and live?

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JULY 2014

Announcements: Harold Russell
Sound Room: Richard Adams
Usher: Brian Carpenter

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

Sunday Prayers:

July 06:
 A.M. Lonnie Weaver
 Phil Young
 P.M. Dan Cobb
 Ronnie Griggs

July 13:
 A.M. Ruston Adams
 Terry Young
 P.M. Harold Crowe
 Hunter Jennings

July 20:
 A.M. Josh George
 David Clayton
 P.M. Greg Clayton
 Perry Jones

June 27:
 A.M. Mark Jennings
 Shane Crotts
 P.M. Jason Jennings
 Paul Ormon

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Burrell Walton	South Head: Olen Clark
North Helper I: Roger Clayton	South Helper I: Andy Clemmer
North Helper II: Steve Todd	South Helper II: J. L. Eaton

Scripture Reading:

July 06 — Philip Young
 June 13 — Cody Clemmer
 June 20 — Matt Jennings
 June 27 — Anderson Parks

Wednesday Prayers:

July 02 — Tyler Weaver, Bobby Marques
 June 09 — Richard Jennings; Alvin Parks
 July 16 — Brad Pounders; Terry Stubblefield
 July 23 — Troy Robertson; Dillon Clayton
 July 30 — Randy Wall; Gary Turner

Greeters:

July 06 — Steve & Lana Todd
 July 13 — Richard & Kathy Jennings
 July 20 — Troy & Novene Robertson
 June 27 — Roger & Kathy Clayton

Usher & Lock:

July 06 — Greg Clayton
 July 13 — Roger Clayton
 July 20 — Harold Russell
 July 27 — Brad Pounders

Host Youth Devo: Shane & Barbara Crotts **Prepare Communion:** Kaye & Jodi Parks



From Cody's Desk:

We've done it again! We've had another great week. We took a trip to the zoo Saturday and had a great time. We got rained on a little bit, but we all brought zonchos (zoo+ponchos=zonchos) and had a great time. The order for the wristbands has been placed and they should be arriving any day now. We are waiting now to get all the money for the shirts in so we can get those. We have a big trip coming up this weekend too. We are going to the Memphis Redbirds game. After the game there is going to be a big fireworks show to celebrate the forth. I can't wait to get to spend the day with everyone going!

There is so much talk today about being a "rebel". I don't mean the Ole Miss kind. I mean when people are talking about teenagers and they call them "rebellious". Sometimes I wonder if they know what that word really means. They call teens rebels because they ride around causing trouble, going to parties, and doing all sorts of things they shouldn't be doing. Yet, to be rebel is to go against the culture; be different from others. Sadly, the world has gotten to the point where sin is the culture. To be like everyone else is to go against God. Romans 12:2 tells us not to be like the world, but be different, to be a rebel. Jesus was a rebel, He went against the culture in His day. We see many times when on the Sabbath He would heal the sick or blind, and those around Him would criticize Him. Sinning is no longer being rebellious, it is the culture. Be a rebel!



SUPER SATURDAY VBS JULY 26TH

Invite all your friends!



For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Brenda Shackelford has been diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma.

Wade Hodges is suffering from cancer.

Justin Forsyth, neighbor of Sue Stroud has had his cancer to return. He is only in his mid twenties.

Continual Prayer list:

Pat Reed, Wadie Lepard, Carlie Wright, Billy Smith, Nancy Petrowski, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Tetterian Wilson, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Alicia Dukes, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

Tim Baxley, David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

SYMPATHY

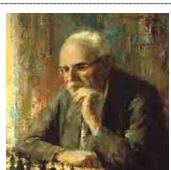


We express our deepest sympathy to *Kim Clayton* and family in the death of her father **Joel Holley** of Fulton. *Mr. Holley* passed away early Sat. morning June 28th at the age of 68. He had battled cancer for several months. Funeral services will be held Tues. morning at 11am at the Senter Funeral Home in Fulton.

We express our sympathy to *John Michael Mann* in the death of his grandfather, **John Ormon Mann** of Ashland, MS. *Mr. Mann* passed away Sat. June 28th. Visitation will be Tues. night July 1st, from 5-8 at the Ripley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2pm Wed. July 2nd, at the funeral home.

Wise Thoughts

“A single arrow is easily broken; a bundle of ten is not.”



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 05. Terry Young
July 06. Catelyn Smithey
July 09. Cody Clemmer
July 10. Brenda Crow

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 07. Brian & Shelby Carpenter
July 14. Perry & Gloria Jones
July 25. Bobby & Sue Marques



THANK YOU NOTE

Thanks to all of you for all the cards, calls and words of sympathy in the death of my brother. It is good to be part of such a caring church family.

In Christian Love, Bill & Grace Lyon

BABY SHOWER



A baby shower is planned for *Rebecca Dewberry* Sunday, July 20th at 2pm at the fellowship building. *Justin* and *Rebecca* are expecting a boy in early September.

AREA EVENTS

- The Fulton Church of Christ invites you to their Vacation Bible School July 13-16. Their theme is “Camping For Christ: Stories Around the Campfire”. For more details please see the bulletin board.
- The Tiplersville church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting July 13-17th with *Lance Foster* as the guest speaker. Sunday the 13th will also be their annual “Friends and Family Day”.
- The Ashland Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting July 13th-16th with *David Lipe* as the guest speaker.
- A Gospel Meeting is scheduled for July 27-30 at the Potts Camp Church of Christ. There will be different speakers for each service. Please check the bulletin board for details.

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

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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 Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Philip Young
 A.M. Prayer.....Lonnie Weaver
 Closing Prayer.....Phil Young
 P.M. PrayerDan Cobb
 ClosingRonnie Griggs
 Wed.7/9.....Richard Jennings
 Wed.7/9Alvin Parks
 Usher & LockGreg Clayton
 GreeterS & L Todd

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....101
 Sunday A.M..... 129
 Sunday P.M.....87
 Wednesday..... 102
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PANTRY ITEM

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THAT LITTLE EXTRA EFFORT

The difference between success and failure is often determined by the willingness to put forth that "little extra effort." In many areas putting forth that "little extra effort" makes the difference between a good church and a really great church.

- That "little extra effort" gets us to Bible class as well as worship on the morning of the Lord's Day.
- That "little extra effort" brings us back to the evening worship on the Lord's Day.
- That "little extra effort" causes us to spend more time in private study of God's Word.
- That "little extra effort" reminds us to frequently claim the privilege of prayer.
- That "little extra effort" helps us to be more sacrificial in our giving as measured by our prosperity instead of the attitude that says give as little as possible.
- That "little extra effort" keeps us at our home congregation except in cases of necessity.
- That "little extra effort" leads us into a compassionate concern for the lost and wayward, and reminds us to speak to them about their spiritual condition.
- That "little extra effort" helps us engage wholeheartedly and attentively in all phases of worship.
- That "little extra effort" involves us in every activity of the work of the local church.

Of course, there is that "little extra" that we must avoid...even very small things which add to, take from, or in any way violate God's Word (Revelation 21:18, 19). His Word alone will do its effective work when it is followed as God's only revelation to man. It is the sole guide to our soul's salvation (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Beloved, let us diligently apply ourselves to give that "little extra" and make the Lord's church the really great church the Lord deserves.

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain" —Matt.5:41

~ author unknown ~