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Once Upon A Time

Mike King



Our attention is always focused on doing nice things for our children. I can remember, believe it or not, when I was a child and the excitement on Christmas morning created by opening presents. More than one year I received a Radio Flyer wagon that was fire engine red! One year I was delighted to receive a shooting game with crows sitting on a fence as targets for the rubber darts shot from a little rifle. Can you remember the oranges, hard candy with a flower in the middle, Santas and Christmas trees colored inside? Life was not normal for days before or after because of the anticipation of opening gifts and the lingering joy from having received them. Wasn't it fun? The concluding statement of an article by *Barry Elliott*, editor of *Vigil*, simply said, "Despise not the day of small things." The many memories of special times and small gifts along life's way have contributed to our being who we are and what we are.

Don't be sad about the things you want and don't get.
Think how many things you don't want that you don't get!

My childhood has now become history and a mere story to be told. Now, as a Christian adult, my concept of gifts has changed. Sure, I still enjoy the pleasure of giving and receiving, but my values have changed since I was a child. "*When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things*". (1 Cor. 13:11). It seems as if Paul changed his value system as well. He later extolled the virtues of God by saying, "*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift*" (2 Cor. 9:15). God sure knows what makes His children's eyes brighten. He understands so well what makes our hearts to be strengthened when we are lonely, doubting, or spiritually weak. The love of God is epitomized in the comforting words of Jesus found in John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" What a storehouse of wonderfulness God has reserved for the taking! How sensitive is God toward His people, you ask? Jesus put it this way: "*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*" (Mt. 7:7-11). Make your appeals and then be grateful.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014

Announcements: Brad Pounders
Sound Room: Lonnie Weaver
Usher: Chris Smithey

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

Sunday Prayers:

Aug. 03:
 A.M. Phil Young
 Burrell Walton
 P.M. Roger Clayton
 Ronnie Griggs
 Aug. 10:
 A.M. Richard Adams
 Olen Clark
 P.M. Hunter Jennings
 Matt Jennings
 Aug. 17:
 A.M. Greg Clayton
 Perry Jones
 P.M. Richard Jennings
 Bill Lyon
 Aug. 24:
 A.M. Andy Clemmer
 Troy Robertson
 P.M. Alvin Parks
 Anderson Parks
 Aug. 31:
 A.M. J. L. Eaton
 Terry Young
 P.M. Greg Harrison
 Harold Russell

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Jason Jennings	South Head: Phillip Young
North Helper I: Shane Crotts	South Helper I: Mark Jennings
North Helper II: Bobby Marques	South Helper II: Paul Ormon

Scripture Reading:

Aug. 03 — Thomas Wall
 Aug. 10 — Ruston Adams
 Aug. 17 — Dillon Clayton
 Aug. 24 — Dean Dillard
 Aug. 31 — Clay Ormon

Wednesday Prayers:

Aug. 06 — David Clayton; Tyler Weaver
 Aug. 13 — Dan Cobb; Cody Clemmer
 Aug. 20 — Harold Crowe; Josh George
 Aug. 27 — Dalton Beard; Ray Kennedy

Greeters:

Aug. 03 — Richard & Kathy Jennings
 Aug. 10 — Alvin & Kaye Parks
 Aug. 17 — Brad & April Pounders
 Aug. 24 — Roger & Kathy Clayton
 Aug. 31 — Steve & Lana Todd

Usher & Lock:

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

Host Youth Devo: Open, Host needed **Prepare Communion:** April & Olivia Pounders

From Cody's Desk:

For VBS this year we taught about the Israelites and how they complained when they should have trusted in God. We teach things to kids in Vacation Bible School and sometimes forget that those lessons apply to us too. Of course things don't happen like we teach them to little kids. However, the major theme still applies. I'm worse than most. I love to complain and whine about things, in fact I think it might be genetic. Even though I taught this to kids I still seem to have not listened to my own words. We shouldn't complain either. We are all blessed with so much more than we deserve, and most of the time the problems we have and our struggles aren't really that bad. We should know that all we need to do is bring our problems to God and let Him take care of us. We need to remember to practice what we preach to our own kids.

Well, we had a lot of fun at Vacation Bible School this weekend. While I'm not a huge fan of the stress VBS causes, I do love what it does for the high school kids. It seems like any skit or show that they put on for the younger kids brings them closer together and closer to God and I really enjoyed watching that. I guess you could say as a reward this week we are going to sky zone in Memphis to have a little fun. Then this weekend we put them right back to work with preparing a lunch for the Yahoo group. I can't wait to see how these kids do, they are really excited to have this opportunity and I know they'll do great.

BIBLE QUIZ: What was used to decide who would live in Jerusalem after the return from Babylon ?
 _____ Nehemiah 11



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PRAYER LIST



Eleta Grimmett is at home recovering after undergoing a lung procedure Friday at the local hospital.

Kent Brantley, friend of *Kim Clayton's* sister, while participating in a medical missions trip in Liberia, has tested positive for the Ebola virus.

Nancy Petrowski, is making improvements, but is having difficulty with her eyesight. If all goes well she hopes to be released in a few weeks.



Sympathy: We express our deepest sympathy to *Ronnie Griggs & Brad Sloan* and their families in the death of their loved one,

Kathryn Ramey. *Ms. Ramey* was the step-mother of *Ronnie Griggs* and the grandmother of *Brad Sloan.* *Ms. Ramey* passed away Sunday night July 27th, at a Pontotoc nursing home. Visitation will be Wed. July 30th from 4:00-8:00pm at United Funeral Home in New Albany. Burial will be in the New Albany Cemetery.

Continual Prayer list:

Phyllis Lovelady, Pat Reed, Justin Forsyth, 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

I've Learned...

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 03. Ray Kennedy
August 05. Martin Crotts
August 05. John Michael Mann
August 08. Kathy Jennings

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 08. David & Cindy Ashmore
August 09. Jason & Lea Ann McMillen



THANK YOU

We wish to thank everybody for their thoughtfulness, the food, cards, phone calls and most of all the prayers. Thanks for getting Pat to and from dialysis. It is so good to be part of a loving and caring church family.

Love, Joe & Pat Reed

TEAMWORK

Being a Christian is much like playing a team sport. When we work together we are strong. But if we try to go it alone, we quickly get into trouble. We train together as we study God's Word (Acts 17:11, 2 Tim 2:15). We live together as a team, loving each other (1 John 2:9-11), praying for each other (James 5:16), and encouraging each other (Heb.10:24-25). But if we try to live life alone, our chances of defeating Satan are greatly diminished. That is the purpose of the Church—so that we can live our lives as a team, supporting each other, and not having to go it alone (Rom. 12:1-8)!

~ Bill Whiteman ~



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HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 5TH, 2014**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Evening Worship.....6:00
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

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Home..... 534-6872
Office 534-4649

ELDERS

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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.....Thomas Wall
A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
Closing Prayer....Burrell Walton
P.M. PrayerRoger Clayton
ClosingRonnie Griggs
Wed.8/6.....David Clayton
Wed.8/6Tyler Weaver
Usher & LockRandy Wall
Greeter.....R & K Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....106
Sunday A.M..... 119
Sunday P.M.....112
Wednesday.....112
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Holler Tail Disease

A couple or three generations back there was something very few today have ever heard of before. During the winter months it wasn't uncommon for the family milk cow to come down with a case of what the old timers called "holler tail." The poor cow would get down and couldn't get back up. The "home remedy" for this malady was to split the cow's tail and pour salt in it. It usually worked. The cow was suddenly motivated to do what she hadn't been able to do before.

Of course, when she got up, she was rewarded with a little feed to help her regain her strength. We now know that the cow was suffering from malnutrition. Pouring salt in the open wound might have motivated her to get up, but it was the feed that helped her recover. Actually, the feed would have solved her problem without the salt. Her getting up was simply a reaction to a negative impulse — pain.

Now, I realize that properly appropriated pain is sometime a good motivator to proper performance, but it is usually short-lived and accomplishes little in the long run unless reinforced by something positive. Consider the following thought:

If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide-awake and working church in all the world.

If I wanted to, I could visit members who are sick or home bound and find other ways to help them.

If I wanted to I could attend Bible classes regularly and encourage others to do the same.

If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship and receive much more good from the services myself.

If I want to. I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses.

If I wanted to, I could tell others about Christ and His church and lead them to Him.

Of Course, this all depends on whether I want to or not!

~ Tim Woodard ~