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RUBY PARHAM GAINES

1925-2012



Ever so suddenly and shockingly Ms. Ruby slipped from this life on Wednesday morning of June 27, 2012. She had made her mark on many at the Sunday worship service just a couple of days earlier by her laughter, joyful spirit and openly visiting with members of the congregation. It seems unreal now that her seat is empty and her voice silenced from the singing of songs that she has sung and believed for decades.

Her passing has impacted the lives of so many, particularly her two daughters: Yolanda Gaines Stubblefield and husband Terry of Ecru, MS, also a member of the New Albany congregation; Yolaine Gaines Cousar of Birmingham, AL. Her three grandchildren have lost a wonderful friend and mentor: Tonya Stubblefield Huhl and husband Brent of Middleton, TN; Kenny Stubblefield and wife Ashley of Amory, MS; and Lynsey Stubblefield Robertson and husband Nathan of Falkner, MS. She has left behind three beloved great-grandchildren: Hunter and Hayden Huhl and Noah Robertson. She was survived by one brother-in-law, John H. Gaines and wife Carolyn of Louin, MS; and two sisters-in-law, Louis G. Haynes and Joanne Gaines, both of New Albany. To each of the family members we want to extend our heartfelt sympathy upon the death of their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother or in-law. The loss of such a lovely person as Ruby leaves an emptiness in the heart.

Mrs. Gaines was born in Montgomery, AL to the late Sidney and Annie Stough Parham. She was retired from the Futorian Manufacturing Company. She was the widow of Kenneth Lane Gaines after fifty-three years of marriage. She was the last surviving sibling. She lived a quiet, common, but very colorful and productive life.

This, our sister in Christ, has been a significant part of the New Albany Church of Christ for many years. She has endeared herself to so many with the passage of time. It was not a difficult thing to fall in love with Ruby for she was so warm and receptive to friendship and attention shown. She has been exemplary in terms of her desire to be present for the worship services whether for Sunday or Wednesday Services.

You always felt very special when visiting in her home. She would apologize for the modest accommodations in which she lived, but proceed to tell how adequate, convenient to the church building, grocery store, etc., they were. For a time she lived in the Ripley area, but was homesick for her roots in the New Albany area. This gentle mannered and sweet dispositioned Christian lady was loved and will be missed by her church family and all who knew and respected her.



PRAYER LIST

Laura Mae Harris, remains in room 305 of the Union Health Care Center on Bratton Rd., recovering from hip surgery. She is low at this time and needs encouragement.

Nicklaus Jones, grandson of *Perry & Gloria* is have tests run this week in Memphis.

Bill Lyon, was released from the Tupelo Hospital Sunday. He is having a difficult time recovering.

Roger Clayton, is still having a difficult time recovering from his back surgery. He will return to his doctor next week. Please pray for him.

Continual Prayer

Bobby Walker, Joe Downs, Patrick Sanders, Juerhee Beard, Harold Vaughn, Johnny Garrett, Brooks Russell, Altha Rogers, Jack Dunlap, Tauso Branch, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, 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



- July 05. Terry Young
- July 06. Catelyn Smithey
- July 09. Cody Clemmer
- July 10. Brenda Crow
- July 14. Steve Hill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- July 07. Brian & Shelby Carpenter
- July 14. Perry & Gloria Jones



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how thankful we are for all the many acts of kindness shown us since the death of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, (*Anna Jennings Davis*). You blessed us with words of comfort and support, cards, food, flowers and visits. It is never easy to lose a loved one, but with your love and support it has been easier to bear. Thanks again for all you have done for our family.

In Christian Love, Richard Jennings & Family

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.
- The Potts Camp Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting July 22-25 at 7:00pm each evening. There will be a different speaker each night. Monday night will be New Albany night.

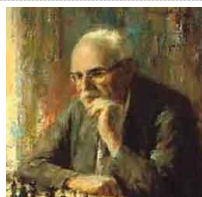
SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of *Ruby Gaines* who passed away Wednesday, June 27th at the age of 87. Funeral services were held here at the building Saturday, June 30th. Burial was at the Ingomar Cemetery. *Ms. Ruby* had been a faithful member of this congregation for many years and will be greatly missed.



"I BELIEVE"

...that tears are the safety value of the heart.



THE HIGH COST OF FREEDOM

The Fourth of July, America's annual Independence Day celebration, should cause us to reflect with great gratitude upon the many blessings that are ours to enjoy in this wonderful country. Numerous times I have read signs with the following words: "If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read this in English, thank a veteran." We are blessed with freedoms and liberties that the overwhelming majority of the world has never known nor will ever know. But, we must always be cognizant of the fact that our freedoms have come with a very hefty price tag. Freedom isn't free, and the memorials across our land to those who laid down their lives for the cause of liberty are testaments to the price that was paid for the betterment of our lives. May we never forget the sacrifice of these men and women who laid down their lives for us! As marvelous as the liberties afforded us in America are, the greatest freedom we enjoy as Christians is the freedom from sin through the blood of Jesus. Consider the high cost of this privilege.

Our freedom from sin cost God His most beloved possession. The justice of God demanded that a price be paid for our sins. His mercy and longsuffering demanded that man not have to pay the price for our sins. How could God be both "*just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus*" (Rom. 3:26)? The answer is found on the previous verse: "*Whom [Jesus] God hath sent forth to be a propitiation*" (Rom. 3:25). A propitiation is a substitutionary sacrifice. The only way for man to be free from his sins was through the giving of Jesus in our stead. "*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*" (John 3:16).

Our freedom from sin cost Jesus His life upon the cross. The plan of God to redeem man necessitated a perfect sacrifice. "*For he hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him*" (2 Cor. 5:21). Because of His great love for man, and His desire to please God, Jesus went to the cross willingly so that we might have freedom from the guilt and shame of sin. "*Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father*" (John 10:17-18).

Our freedom from sin will also cost us. It requires that we yield our lives to the will of the Master. "*Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin: but yield yourself unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God*" (Rom. 6:13). We must give up our will for His. In humble obedience to "*the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:32). When we give up our lives of sin, and submit to God by obeying His commands, then are we liberated from the shackles of sin and the dominion of the law of sin. "*And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God*" (1Cor.6:11).

"*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Rom.6:23ESV). May we never forget the price that was paid for our freedom from sin!

Patrick Morrison sixthavenuechurch.org via ~ Montrose bulletin



From: Andy's Desk

Hey everyone! It was great being home for a week and spending some much needed time with the family, but I can honestly say that New Albany is like my second home and I am glad to be back here and am ready for a jam-packed month of July with this wonderful church family and youth!

Here are some important dates to remember:

- * Area Wide Youth Meeting Sunday night, July 8th at Zion Rest Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:20p.m.
- * June 13/14 - Canoe Trip @ Tishomingo. *There will be a sign up sheet with information and details available in the foyer of the auditorium.*
- * June 20 - Parents Night Out

I want to leave you this week with these words from Hebrews 10:23, "*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*"

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	115
Sunday A M.....	134
Sunday P.M.....	95
Wednesday.....	99
Contribution.....	\$3,004.45
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer.....	Richard Adams
Closing Prayer.....	Roger Clayton
P.M. Prayer.....	Bill Botts
Closing.....	Perry Jones
Wed 7/11.....	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 7/11.....	Ronnie Griggs
Usher & Lock.....	Greg Clayton
Greeter.....	T & N Robertson



PANTRY ITEM

gravy mixes

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

YOUR NEIGHBOR

Do you know the neighbor who lives in your block;
Do you even take time for a bit of a talk?
Do you know his troubles, his heartaches, his cares,
The battles he's fighting, the burdens he bears?
Do you greet him with joy or pass him right by
With a questioning look or a quizzical eye?
Do you bid him "Good morning" and "how do you do."
Or shrug up as if he was nothing to you?
He may be a chap with a mighty big heart,
And a welcome that grips, if you just do your part.
And I know you'll coax out his sunniest smile,
If you'll stop with this neighbor and visit awhile.

We rush on so fast in these strenuous days,
We're apt to find fault when it's better to praise.
We judge a man's worth by the make of his car;
We're anxious to find what his politics are.
But somehow it seldom gets under the hide,
The fact that the fellow we're living beside
Is a fellow like us, with a hankering, too,
For a grip of the hand and a "How do you do!"

With a heart that responds in a welcome sincere
If you'll just stop to fling him a message of cheer,
And I know you'll coax out his sunniest smile,
If you'll stop with this neighbor and visit awhile.



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