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NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST

2014 FALL LECTURESHIP

Wednesday - September 3rd

Speaker:

DOUG GREENWAY

West Main Church of Christ

Tupelo, MS



Doug was born in Paragould, AR on Labor Day, 1954 (evidently his mother misunderstood the holiday) and preached his first sermon in 1965. Currently Doug is in his 38th year of full-time preaching. He grew up attending Crowley's Ridge Academy and College, which are Christian schools in Paragould, Arkansas. He holds Masters Degrees in Education, Bible, and Counseling, from the University of Southern Mississippi, Abilene Christian and Freed-Hardeman. He holds an Extra class ham radio license and enjoys cooking and playing on the floor with the grands.

During his first two years out of college, he taught elementary school. He preached in Ocean Springs, MS from 1977-82 and for 21½ years served as the minister of the Booneville, MS church and then moved to West Main in Tupelo, MS in May, 2004. He and his wife Vickie enjoy 6 children and 5 grandchildren.

Doug comes from a family of the Lord's servants who have been very instrumental in preaching the gospel, emphasizing Christian education and supporting children home work. Doug comes from a diversified background of serving the Lord and should benefit us greatly.

GROWING TIRED OF THE CONGREGATION WHERE YOU WORSHIP?

Be careful before you answer the above question! Occasionally, one may be heard saying something like, "I'm so tired of the congregation where I worship. I want to find someplace else to go!" It's not that there is anything wrong with the local church from a doctrinal standpoint, or that there is any great disunity, one just becomes bored or weary. Why? How can we resolve this situation?

First, remember that life is usually as good or ill, happy or unhappy, as we make it. The same holds true with one's marriage. One says, "I'm tired of this life," or, "I'm tired of my husband or wife; I want out of my marriage!" Such expressions may indicate that we fail to understand that life, our job, our marriage takes a lot of work, a lot of maintenance. Some think you get a job and just go to work and one day own the company; or, that you get married and the marriage just kind of grows and takes care of itself on its own. Of course, that's why people are bored in life, with work, and at home. Anything worth doing or having is worth maintaining with all diligence. This is no less true in the local congregation.

A person or family places membership with a local church. At first, every-one and everything is new, exciting, and challenging. The various programs of work are different than they have experienced before, they get to meet new people and start developing new friendships, the preacher and his preaching style is different from what we have had in the past. Then, reality sets in after awhile. One begins to learn that people in the congregation are not perfect; and, we may not get along with one or two, or some problem may arise in the church. The programs begin to look old and we get tired of looking at and hearing the same preacher every Sunday. In other words, the honeymoon is over. What do we do?

Some start looking for another congregation to attend. Some just quit. If that's happened in one's marriage, and one simply decided to seek another marriage partner or just quit the marriage, as some do, what a tragic thing that would be! Others recognize the need for loyalty and steadfastness where they are. They roll up their sleeves and work more diligently. They begin working harder to apply the sermons and Bible class lessons to their lives. They become more actively involved in the works of the church. They start spending more time learning more of the Bible and developing their talents to be used in the programs of work in the congregation they now attend. They "stretch" themselves and grow spiritually.

Brethren, we owe the local church our loyalty, our faithful attendance at all services (Sunday and Wednesday), our active involvement and participation in the various works of the congregation, and our full expression of love in our giving. We owe it our gratitude, our words of encouragement, and our efforts to strengthen and "talk up" the church everywhere we may go, a positive attitude toward evangelism, and our wholehearted worship in spirit and in truth. We owe the local church our cooperation, participation, enthusiasm, and support in every way that is Scriptural! And, if we aren't giving it our full and first priority (Mt. 6:24, 33), then we have little right to complain, or start looking for "greener pastures."

The answer does not lie in some unscriptural "gimmick" to keep us happy, contented, and attending! It lies within ourselves! It's a matter of getting our thinking and priorities in line with what God requires of us.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God... Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord... So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Rm. 12:1; 1 Cor. 15:58; Luke 17:10).

~ Steve Waller

“HOMECOMING” OCTOBER 5TH, 2014

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Chlea Morton, great-granddaughter of *Sue Stroud* will have her tonsils removed Tues., Aug. 26th.

Roger Clayton, will have knee surgery at the local hospital Wed., August 27th.

Walker Conlee, 6 year old student at West Union is in Le Bonheur Hospital having tests run. He is a sick little boy who is in need of our prayers.

Dewayne Stroud, cousin of *Richard Jennings* had hip replacement surgery Mon. at a Memphis Hospital.

Charlene Coker was admitted to Graceland Care Center for rehab.

Continue to Remember:

Nancy Petrowski, Paul Carruth, John Popson, Mildred Shackelford, Pat Reed, Eleta Grimmett, Rebecca Anthony, Marvin Atchison, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, 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

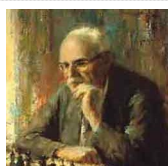
Military List:

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



I've Learned...

Freedom is not the right to do as you please, but the liberty to do as you ought.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 30..... Richard Adams
August 30..... Alyce Jennings
August 30..... Troy Robertson
August 31..... Cade Carpenter
August 31..... Rachel Peeler
September 01..... Michael Crotts
September 01..... Eli Reed
September 01..... Novene Robertson
September 03..... Bill DePriest

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 29..... Larry & Janice Drummond
September 01..... Tony & Collett Cross



5th SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, August 31st we will have an All Day service with a potluck meal following our morning services. The adult III class will be in charge of the fellowship building. Our evening service will be at 1:15, and led by our senior men. Please make every effort to stay for the meal and the afternoon service. We appreciate our senior men for their willingness to be in charge of the afternoon service. They deserve our support and appreciation!



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

A ladies Bible Study will be held every other Thursday beginning Aug. 28th. This Thursday it will be held at the home of *Jessica Garrett* beginning at 6:30. All ladies are invited to attend.



FALL QUARTER BEGINS SEPT. 7TH

A new quarter will begin Sept. 7th. All children who will be moving up can go to their new class Sunday morning Aug. 31st following the first bell to meet their new teacher and class mates. All new teachers, please be present in the classrooms to greet the new students if at all possible. Adult class material is on the back pew in the auditorium. If you have not been attending Sunday School now is the perfect time to begin!



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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 Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Clay Ormon
 A.M. Prayer.....J. L. Eaton
 Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
 P.M. PrayerGreg Harrison
 ClosingHarold Russell
 Wed.8/27.....Dalton Beard
 Wed.8/27.....Ray Kennedy
 Usher & LockBrad Pounders
 Greeter.....S & L Todd

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....110
 Sunday A.M.....142
 Sunday P.M.....96
 Wednesday.....118
 Contribution.....\$4,222.00
 Budget.....\$3,989.47



PANTRY ITEM

Peanut Butter

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FROM CODY'S DESK



There is a lot of talk today about being more accepting. Everyone expects others to be ok with homosexuality, other religions, and basically anything that anyone else does. It has gotten to the point to where you are a bad person if you don't accept everything everyone does or believes. The world is very broad in what it accepts. The Bible tells us in Matt 7:13-14 that the way that leads to heaven is narrow, and the way that leads to hell is broad. Most want to accept anything because that is what the world tells them they should do. Don't get caught up in all that! The Bible is written in black and white, there's some red in there too, but it says what God wants us to do. Anything that doesn't agree with the Bible is not what we should accept. No matter how many people tell you to be open to what the world tells you, the Bible is what we should follow.

- Area Wide Youth Devo Sunday September 14th, at Verona.
- Junior Bible Bowl Saturday, September 27th at Mayfield.
- Senior Bible Bowl Sunday, September 21st at Antioch.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

I Timothy 4: 12