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MISSING THE MARK

Mike King



Steve Higginbotham of the South Green Street Church of Christ made some astute observations in an e-mail article. He referenced the recent Olympic competition. Let me reword some of his thoughts.

Recently we enjoyed watching with enthusiasm and pride our American representatives participate in the Olympics. We were awe stricken by their abilities and obvious hard work invested. The Olympics are usually characterized by some drama or some human-interest story that teaches us a valuable lesson about life. This year was no exception.

Matt Emmons was competing as an American marksman in the rifle shoot on Sunday. He was shooting in the final round of the 50-meter, three position rifle competition. He had a commanding lead, needing only an average shot in his final shoot to win the Gold Medal. He squeezed off the final round, not only did he get close, but he scored a bull's eye! He waited patiently to see his name posted on the scoreboard as the new Olympic Gold Medalist. He was shocked to see that he was given a score of zero, reducing him to eighth position rather than winning the Gold Medal.

The reason being, he had shot at and hit the wrong target! Even though he hit the bull's eye, he had hit the target in the wrong lane. He was devastated by disappointment.

His mistake is not all that uncommon. Seldom does a day pass when people are not taking careful aim at the wrong target. Each of us is seeking fulfillment and happiness in life. Most of us wish to avoid Hell and live with God in Heaven. On the surface, that sounds great, but the problem is that we are aiming at the wrong targets in an attempt to achieve our goals. We are taking aim at things that do not deliver our heart's desires.

I feel sorry for *Matt Emmons* because of his having worked so hard, being so skilled and exhibited such a strong desire. But aiming at the wrong target failed to bring his desired Gold Medal result, but a sense of defeat. However, as badly as we feel for this young man, we should feel worse for those who want to serve the Lord today and go to Heaven. They spend the bulk of their life in their service to Him, only to learn that they aimed at the wrong target and have missed out on the Crown of Life. It would be prudent for each of us to take another serious look at that which we are aiming our lives!

How does the Bible handle this subject? Consider the following scripture that help put it into proper perspective: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize" (1 Cor. 9:24). "No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize (1 Cor. (:27). "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

Announcements: Bill Botts
Sound Room: Randy Wall
Usher: Alvin Parks

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

Sunday Prayers:

Sept. 1:
A.M. Phillip Young
Terry Young
P.M. Greg Clayton
Dan Cobb
Sept 8:
A.M. Richard Adams
Ruston Adams
P.M. Roger Clayton
Jason Jennings
Sept. 15:
A.M. Andy Clemmer
Olen Clark
P.M. Bill Frohn
Mark Jennings
Sept. 22:
A.M. Paul Ormon
Josh George
P.M. Troy Robertson
Bill Lyon
Sept. 29:
A.M. Lonnie Weaver
Gary Turner
P.M. Harold Russell
Terry Stubblefield

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Richard Jennings
North Helper I: Dillon Clayton
North Helper II: Shane Crotts
South Head: J. L. Eaton
South Helper I: Hunter Jennings
South Helper II: Anderson Parks

Scripture Reading:

Sept. 1 — Daniel Drummond
Sept. 8 — Matt Jennings
Sept. 15 — Steve Todd
Sept. 22 — Drew Drummond
Sept. 29 — Thomas Wall

Wednesday Prayers:

Sept. 4—Dalton Beard; Harold Crowe
Sept. 11—David Clayton; Ronnie Griggs
Sept. 18— Jerry Gibson; Perry Jones
Sept. 25— Brad Pounders; Bobby Marques

Greeters:

Sept. 1 — Harold & Deloris Crowe
Sept. 8 —Troy & Novene Robertson
Sept. 15— Brad & April Pounders
Sept. 22—Kim & Greg Clayton
Sept. 29 — Bill & Nancy Frohn

Usher & Lock:

Sept. 1— Randy Wall
Sept. 8—Lonnie Weaver
Sept. 15 — Greg Clayton
Sept. 22—Roger Clayton
Sept. 29 — Brad Pounders

Prepare Communion: Grace Lyon

Host Youth Devo: R & K Jennings

The Importance of Communication

by Alan Smith

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week, the man realized that he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight to Chicago. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (AND LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM."

The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and that he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't awakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 AM. Wake up."

Communication -- such a vital part of keeping marriages healthy! Show me a married couple having problems and I'll show you a couple that's having difficulty communicating. The greatest of problems can be solved with good communication. Even the smallest of problems can be insurmountable without it!

Remember when you were dating? You spent a lot of time talking to each other. You could spend hours on the phone at a time, sharing your opinions and your preferences, or just talking about what's going on. But then you get married, you get to know each other, and you tend to quit talking, and even worse, you tend to quit listening.

Strong families communicate often. They talk about anything and everything. They also listen to each other. If a member of the family isn't communicating, they find out why. "What's the problem? Let's talk it out, let's solve the difficulty."

Be willing to talk. Be willing to listen. And, perhaps most importantly, make time for both. In our hectic world where everybody is running in different directions all at the same time, we need to make time to be with each other and communicate.

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.
(Proverbs 16:24)*



PRAYER LIST

Bill DePriest, is at home recovering from having an ulcer cauterized and tests run. He will return to the hospital in about 2 weeks to have a polyp removed. So far no cancer cells visible from the biopsy. Please continue to pray.

Dixie White is at home slowly recovering from her stay in the hospital. The doctors are treating her for AFib (heart rhythm disorder).

Tauso Branch is in the local hospital with an infection. It is best that she not have visitors at this time.

Darrell Crow, had surgery this past week in Tupelo due to complications from an earlier surgery.

Martha Collins, sister-in-law of Patricia Crow has a lump in her lung. Her doctors are requesting further tests.

Britt Lindley, son of *Mark* and *Kim Lindley* of the Chapman congregation has been diagnosed with Histoplasmosis (which is treatable), not Hodgkins Lymphoma as previously thought.

Myka Wise, one-year old daughter of *Markus & Christy wise*, (friends of *Steve & Lana Todd*) is in St. Jude diagnosed with cancer and scheduled for surgery Aug. 28.

Steve Stokes, co-worker of *Steve Todd* has been diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Continual Prayer :

Ronnie Baker, Chip Hatfield, Luther Williams, Ken Joines, Polly Sago, Jayce House, Mayola Holley, Justin Forsyth, Kelly Fryar, Nancy Petrowski, Ruth Ann Stroud, Eleta Grimmett, Troy Robertson, Melissa Reed, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crofts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan



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 Crofts
 September 01. Eli Reed
 September 01. Novene Robertson
 September 03. Bill DePriest
 September 07. Sarah Walker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



RESPONSE

Janice Griffin responded to the invitation Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the church as she deals with daily struggles in her life. Please continue to remember *Janice* in your prayers and encourage her along the way.

LADIES CLASS

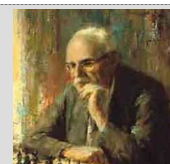
The Mary and Martha ladies class will meet Thursday, August 29th, at 9:00am in the annex building. All ladies are invited.



- Thanks to *Bill* and *Nancy Frohn* for hosting the Youth Devo Sun. night Aug. 25th.
- The Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sunday, Sept, 15th, at the Skyline congregation.
- The Junior Bible Bowl will meet Sat. Sept. 28th, at the Mayfield congregation.
- A party for the 6th grade and under will be held at the home of *Sarah Walker* Saturday, Sept. 21st. We will have more details later.

Wise Thoughts

Happiness is only found by those who are striving to make others happy.



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 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.....Daniel Drummond
A.M. Prayer.....Phillip Young
Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....Greg Clayton
Closing.....Dan Cobb
Wed 9/4.....Dalton Beard
Wed.9/4.....Harold Crowe
Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall
Greeter.....H & D Crowe

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....133
Sunday A.M.....146
Sunday P.M108
Wednesday.....121
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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What is the first line of the Lord's Prayer? _____ Matt. 6:9
2. Who lied to God when he asked where his brother was? _____
Gen. 4:9
3. What was inscribed above Jesus' cross? _____ Mark. 15:26
4. Who was David's father? _____ Ruth 4:22
5. Who wrote the majority of the New Testament letters? _____
6. Who did Jesus say was the father of all lies? _____ John 8:44
7. On which mountain were the Israelites given the Ten Commandments? _____ Exodus 34:32
8. Who said "thy God shall be my God" _____ Ruth 1:16
9. What happened to the man who built his house upon sand?
_____ Matt:7:27.
10. What animal did Samson kill on his way to Timnah?
_____ Judges 14:6
11. What kind of water does Jesus discuss with the Samaritan woman at the well? _____ John 4:10
12. Who refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image?
_____ Daniel 3:12