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ASKING “IN THE NAME OF CHRIST”

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It is not uncommon to hear someone conclude a prayer by saying, “We ask this prayer in Your name.” This concerns me for it indicates a failure to understand the role that Christ must play in intercession.

To pray “in the name of Christ” or “by His authority,” is to respond to God’s command or authority. Jesus said “*Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive*” (Jn. 16:24). Jesus as Mediator sends His own to the Father to ask for supply of their wants, telling them to tell that He sent them. Due to the fact that all have sinned (Rom. 3:9-10, 23) we are incapable of coming before God on our own. Our sins have separated us from God (Isa. 59:2), having no access to God but through Christ. The door is closed and bolted leaving us without power and access, no creature having the ability to open it for us. Jesus said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through me*” (Jn. 14:6).

None other has been appointed nor fit for the work of mediation but Christ (I Tim. 2:5). He alone satisfies justice for sins. He is the only Mediator of redemption, so He is the only Mediator of intercession. “*If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous*” (I Jn. 2:1). The sweet savor of His merit alone is capable of procuring acceptance to our prayers (Rev. 8:3-4). Jesus was the anti-type of the High Priest found under the Old Testament economy. “*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*” (Heb. 4:14). “He always lives to make intercession for them....Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, *that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name*” Heb.7:25; 13:15).

Since Jesus is our only access to God (Eph. 3:12; Jn. 14:6) and that we must depend upon Him for acceptance of our prayers (Eph. 1:6), He is the only one that can sanctify our gift at the altar. We are presumptuous to come before God without our “lawyer” or “spokesperson” that is both divine and human. We are sinful and God cannot look upon sin. Jesus is our connection and we thus should end our prayers “through Jesus our Lord” or “in the name of Jesus” (I Cor. 15:57) rather than “in Your name.”

What Was That All About?

A man walked home from work one day when he saw a snail on his porch and said, "Oooh, a snail." So he kicked it as hard as he could, sending the snail to his neighbor's yard.

Two years later, the man was sitting in his room watching television, when he heard a knock at the door. He answered the door finding no one there. As he was about to close the door, he looked down and saw a snail. The snail looked up and said, "So...what was that all about???"

My first reaction to this story was to think, "Two years is a mighty long time to hold a grudge (well, maybe not long for a snail!)." But, wait a minute! The snail doesn't hold a grudge. There's no anger, no resentment in his voice. It merely takes him two years to be able to say what most of us have the opportunity to say within hours, if we choose: "You hurt me. Maybe it was unintentional, but you hurt me."

That's tough to do. A lot tougher than the option we often choose - - telling everyone else we know about what that "terrible person" did to us. Yes, it's tougher, but it's crucial if we want to preserve a good relationship.

Jesus said, "*Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone...*" (Matthew 18:15).

Has someone done something to hurt you lately? Why not summon up the courage to say (without anger or resentment), "You hurt me. What was that all about?" Oh yes, and be prepared to forgive!

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ACCORDING TO JOSHUA

1. According to Joshua 8:21, what did Joshua and all Israel see in Ai?
A. The army of the Lord **B.** The sword of the Lord **C.** The city was in darkness **D.** The ambush had taken the city.
2. According to Joshua 24:30, where was Joshua buried?
A. On the north side of Mount Gaash **B.** On the south side of Mount Ebal **C.** On the north side of Mount Gerizin **D.** On the east side of Mount Gaash
3. According to Joshua 20:4, what was the slayer to do at the entrance of the gate of the city?
A. He was to wait for the High Priest **B.** He was to hide **C.** He was to declare his case. **D.** He was to Seek a sign from the Lord.
4. According to Joshua 7:1, the anger of the Lord burned against whom?
A. Achan **B.** Carmi **C.** The tribe of Judah **D.** The children of Israel
5. According to Joshua 24:1, where did Joshua call all Israel to present themselves before God?
A. Achor **B.** Ai **C.** On the other side of Jordan **D.** Shechem
6. According to Joshua 1:8, what did God say should not depart from Joshua's mouth?
A. The song of Moses **B.** The book of the law. **C.** Manna from Heaven **D.** Praises to God



- Thanks to *Shane & Barbara Crotts* and *Alvin & Kaye Parks* for hosting the youth devo Sunday night.
- The first Senior Bible Bowl for this season will be held September 18th, at the Nettleton Church of Christ. Questions will be taken from Acts 1-7.
- The first Junior Bible Bowl will be held Saturday, September 24th, at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ. Questions will be taken from the book of Luke.

PRAYER LIST

Cindy Sprouse, friend of *Shelley Adams* has cancer and has requested prayers.

Burrell Walton, is recovering from foot surgery.

Johnny Garrett, grandfather of *Austin Garrett* is recovering from heart valve surgery.

Lisa Dasis, daughter of *Bill Lyon* is recovering from back surgery.

Billy Joe Bray, brother of *Deloris Crowe* is battling cancer and not doing well at this time.

Janice Griffin, has broken her foot.

Continual Prayer

Pat Reed, Tommy Howell, Bobby White, Drew Ferguson, Claudia Senter, Daphne Fitzpatrick, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Pauline Smith

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole, Micah Russell

BIBLE VERSE OF THE DAY

“ The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.” Psalms 37:31

“I’VE LEARNED”

...That we should be glad God doesn’t give us everything we ask for...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 01.....Michael Crotts
- September 01.....Eli Reed
- September 01.....Novene Robertson
- September 03.....Bill DePriest
- September 07.....Sarah Walker
- September 09.....Jerry Gibson
- September 09.....John Sanford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- September 01.....Tony & Collett Cross

SYMPATHY



We express our sympathy to *Lonnie Weaver* and family in the death of his great-grandmother, *Maggie Renick*.

Ms. Renick passed away Sunday, at the age of 104. Funeral service were held Tuesday, at Pine Grove Baptist Church near Ashland.

COOKBOOK

All recipes for the new cookbook need to be turned into the office by September 30. Thanks to all that have already turned in recipes. We want to encourage former members to send us a recipe. Men, we would like to have your recipes too! You may send your recipes by email to: office@nacoc.org

AREA EVENTS

Ashland Church of Christ invites you to their **Fall Gospel Singing** Saturday, September 17th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Refreshments will be served after the singing.

Your invited to a **Ladies Day** September 24, from 9:00am-12:00pm at the **Amory Church of Christ**. Guest speaker: *Jane Washington*

MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2011

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	117
Sunday A M	134
Sunday P.M.....	106
Wednesday	108
Contribution	\$4,244.63
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Olen Clark
A.M. Prayer.	Lonnie Weaver
Closing Prayer..	Drew Drummond
P.M. Prayer.....	Greg Clayton
Closing	Dan Cobb
Wed 9/7..	Dillon Clayton
Wed. 9/7	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock.....	Bill Botts
Greeter.....	R & K Jennings



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Chicken

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.....	534-5240
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

SOUND ROOM	Steve Todd	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Andy Clemmer
LEAD SINGING		USHER	Dan Drummond
<i>SUN AM:</i>	R. Jennings	PREPARE	
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Dalton Beard	COMMUNION	Jessica Garrett
<i>WED:</i>	Greg Harrison		

LORD'S

SUPPER

<i>N Head:</i>	Roger Clayton	<i>S Head:</i>	Bill Botts
<i>N Help I:</i>	Jerry Gibson	<i>S Help I:</i>	Richard Adams
<i>N Help II:</i>	Matt Jennings	<i>S Help II:</i>	Ruston Adams

SUNDAY

PRAYERS A.M.	Opening	Closing	SCRIPTURE READING
<i>1ST</i>	Lonnie Weaver	Drew Drummond	Olen Clark
<i>2ND</i>	Dalton Beard	J.L. Eaton	Dean Dillard
<i>3RD</i>	Greg Harrison	Bobby Marques	Gary Turner
<i>4TH</i>	Paul Ormon	Clay Ormon	Mark Jennings
<i>5TH</i>			

SUNDAY

PRAYERS PM	Opening	Closing	USHER & LOCK
<i>1ST</i>	Greg Clayton	Dan Cobb	Bill Botts
<i>2ND</i>	Harold Crowe	Martin Crotts	Greg Clayton
<i>3RD</i>	R. Jennings	Bill Lyon	Roger Clayton
<i>4TH</i>	Brad Pounders	Randy Wall	Andy Clemmer
<i>5TH</i>			

WED PRAYERS	Opening	Closing	GREETERS
<i>1ST</i>	Dillon Clayton	Bill DePriest	R & K Jennings
<i>2ND</i>	Jason Jennings	Shane Crotts	T & N Robertson
<i>3RD</i>	Harold Russell	Ronnie Griggs	B & N Frohn
<i>4TH</i>	Troy Robertson	Carl Smith	G & K Clayton
<i>5TH</i>			

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