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AMY AUDREY HILL VEST

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This past Wednesday, the oldest member of the New Albany Church of Christ bid farewell to family, brethren, friends and this life as she quietly and peacefully folded her hands in rest. Some would say that we have lost quite a “piece of art,” others would say that she was “one of a kind,” as I see it, we have had to part with “quite a package”! Her life has not only been lengthy but full.

She served as a practical nurse, mother, grandmother, quilt-maker, gardener, excellent cook, and a devout Christian. During her life-time she has been instrumental in influencing a significant number of people to attend services and others to obey the gospel. She and Raymond were instrumental in the establishment and growth of Southern Christian Home of Morrilton, AR to which it is requested that memorials be sent in lieu of flowers.

Ms Amy was full of stories. When visiting with her, she might be having a down or despondent day until broaching a subject of special interest that would carry her back to healthier and happier days. She loved to talk about the farm, gathering crops and garden vegetables. She loved to reminisce about simpler times of living off the land and getting by with bare necessities. Many huge meals have been prepared by her for farmhands, church fellowships, and simple courtesy toward neighbors. From the first time that I met her and Raymond, I could not visit with them without feeling as if I was visiting with Ma and Pa Kettle of yesteryear. Their personalities, expressions, and relationship with each other were so similar.

This dear lady impressed me by her physical stamina and strength of character. To be almost 100 speaks volumes of the tenacity and determination required just to live that long. She has seen good times and difficult times. She has endured a number of wars and a major depression. She has outlived most of her contemporaries by sheer virtue of age, had to experience the loss of a son at a far too young an age, and parted from the love of her life with the death of her husband Raymond less than a year ago after having been married to each other for 75 years. She viewed her own life and death from a very practical perspective. She had become tired and her purposes for living had diminished with age. She longed to be with her deceased loved ones who had gone on before her. We do hope for her a wonderful homecoming and family reunion far beyond the realms of this earth and life.

To her survivors whom she loved, we express our condolences and heart-felt sympathy at her passing. She is survived by a daughter; Betty Jean Young (Terry); a son, John Robert Vest (Nola); two sisters, Ola Kelly and Emogene Dollar; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. An impression has been made, a legacy left, a trail has been blazed, and a genuine purpose for life defined. Her footprints can only lead homeward!

The Bird That Finally Talked

There is an old story about a fellow who lived alone and went to a pet store to buy a parrot. He thought the bird might fill some of his lonely hours. The very next day, however, he came back to complain, "That bird doesn't talk."

The store owner asked if he had a mirror in its cage, and the man said he didn't. "Oh, parrots love mirrors," he explained. "When he sees his reflection in the mirror he'll start talking away." So he sold him a birdcage mirror.

The bird owner was back the next day to gripe that his parrot still hadn't said a word. "That's very peculiar," allowed the pet expert. "How about a swing? Birds love little swings and a happy parrot is a talkative parrot." So the man bought a swing, took it home and installed it in the cage.

But he was back the next day with the same story. "Does he have a ladder to climb?" the salesman asked. "That just has to be the problem. Once he has a ladder he'll probably talk your ear off!" So the fellow bought a ladder.

The man was back in the pet store when it opened the next day. From the look on his face, the owner knew something was wrong. "Didn't your parrot like the ladder?" he asked. His repeat customer looked up and said, "The parrot died."

"I'm so sorry," the stunned businessman said. "Did he ever say anything?" "Well, yes, he finally talked just before he died. In a weak little voice he asked, "Don't they sell bird seed at that pet store?"

Some have mistakenly thought that happiness consists of lining our cages with toys, gadgets, and other stuff. Excessive consumption has become the hallmark of American life. "Whoever has the most toys wins" seems to be the likely candidate to be the bumper sticker for an entire culture. But is it so?

There is a spiritual hunger in the human heart that can't be satisfied by seeing one's own image reflected back in vanity mirrors, playing with our grown-up toys, or climbing the corporate ladder. Our hearts need real nourishment.

The love of family and friends, relationships over the pursuit of more things, personal integrity, a secure connection to God - these are the things that feed the soul. Have you chosen a life course that leads to a destination that matters?

Jesus told us this in His Sermon on the Mount: "*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled*" (Matt. 5:6). He knew that our souls could never be satisfied with anything less than eternity.

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The World is a Better Place Because

- Moses, didn't say, "I don't do rivers."
- Noah didn't say, "I don't do arks."
- Jeremiah didn't say, "I don't do weeping."
- Amos didn't say, "I don't do speeches."
- Rahab didn't say, "I don't do carpets."
- Ruth didn't say, "I don't do mothers-in-law."
- David didn't say, "I don't do giants."
- Peter didn't say, "I don't do Gentiles."
- Mary didn't say, "I don't do virgin births."
- Mary Magdalene didn't say, "I don't do feet."
- John didn't say, "I don't do deserts."
- Paul didn't say, "I don't do letters."
- Jesus didn't say, "I don't do crosses."
- **You** don't say, "I don't do....."

Five FIRSTS To Success

1. Give God the **FIRST HOUR** of the day.
2. Give God the **FIRST DAY** of the week.
3. Give God the **FIRST PORTION** of your pay.
4. Give God the **FIRST CONSIDERATION** in every decision.
5. Give God the **FIRST PLACE** in your heart.

AND IT REALLY WORKS, TOO!



PRAYER LIST

Mayola Holley, mother of *Kim Clayton* underwent heart surgery (triple by-pass) this past Friday, in Tupelo. She is in room 299 of the Tupelo Hospital.

Melissa Reed, is scheduled to have surgery on her lower eye lid Thursday, in Memphis.

Justin Forsyth, neighbor of *Sue Stroud* has been diagnosed with a spot on his lung.

Justin Dewberry, was sent this past weekend to Oregon to fight fires for a couple of weeks. Please pray for his safety.



*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Amy Vest**, who passed from this life Wed. July 31st, at the age of 98. Funeral services were held Fri., Aug. 2nd, here at the church building. Burial was in the Glenfield Cemetery.

Continual Prayer :

Troy Robertson, Kelly Fryar, Allison Harrison, Nancy Petrowski, Ruth Ann Stroud, Eleta Grimmett, Troy Robertson, Melissa Reed, Ken Joines, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crotts, 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 10. Sue Stroud
 August 11. J. D. Stroud
 August 12. Bailey Adams
 August 13. Ronnie Griggs
 August 15. Jessica Garrett



HOUSE TO HOUSE/HEART TO HEART

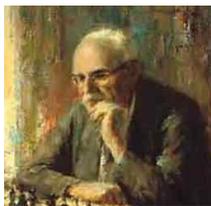
If you did not receive the latest copy of House to House in the mail please pick up a copy located on the table in the foyer. We have several extra copies so please share them with your neighbors and friends.

AREA EVENTS

- **Area Wide Youth Meeting** will be held Sun. night Aug. 11th, at the **Hillcrest Church of Christ** in Baldwyn. The van will leave at 5:45pm.
- **Faith Basics Youth Rally 2013** at the **Gloster St. Church of Christ** will be held Aug. 17th from 9:00-2:00pm. *Michael Bates* will be the speaker.
- **Senior Adult Rally** to be held at the **Booneville Church of Christ**, Sat. Aug. 17th from 9:30am-1:30pm. The speaker will be *Lance Foster*.
- A **Gospel Meeting** at the **Hillcrest Church of Christ** will be held Aug. 18-21 with *Chad Ramsey* at the guest speaker. Mon.-Wed. at 7:30pm.
- You are invited to **Homecoming 2013** at the **Enterprise Church of Christ** Sun., Aug. 18th. Lunch will be provided following the morning service.
- The **Fulton Bible Institute** will begin a study of Revelation on Aug. 27th. Classes will meet each Tues. night for 12 weeks.
- A **Ladies Day** will be held at the **East Main Church of Christ** Sat. Aug. 24, from 9:00am-noon. The guest speaker will be *Tish Clarke*. Lunch will be provided.

Good Thoughts

Try to make at least three people smile each day!



BIBLE TRIVIA

* How many times did fire come down from heaven at Elijah's command to destroy Ahaziah's men? _____
 2 Kings _____

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Jason McCullough
A.M. Prayer.....Bill Frohn
Closing Prayer.....Jerry Gibson
P.M. Prayer.....J. L. Eaton
Closing.....Ronnie Griggs
Wed 8/14.....Richard Jennings
Wed.8/14.....Perry Jones
Usher & Lock.....Roger Clayton
Greeter.....B & N Frohn

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....111
Sunday A.M.....136
Sunday P.M116
Wednesday113
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PANTRY ITEM

Pantry is **LOW**

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A Little Less Horn Blowing

A woman was having difficulty getting her car started after it stalled. The guy behind her became really impatient and began to blow his horn every few seconds while she frantically tried to start her car. About that time, a man in another car (a real gentleman) saw the lady's trouble and left his car to give her some assistance. With his aid, she was soon on her way.

This illustrates the way most people are. There are those who see something wrong and they just complain. Others see things which are wrong and they quietly go about doing what they can to improve things. It is that way in our nation, our homes, our schools, and in the church. There are usually more critics than helpers, and more talkers than workers. Have you noticed that the ones who do the most "horn blowing" usually do the least to improve things? What wonderful changes we would see in the world in our homes, in our schools and in the church if we would simply live like God tells us, and do less "horn blowing".



~ David Sain

" For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and disputing. That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke , in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Phil. 2:13-15