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Stability in a World Of Change

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The Psalmist declared, “*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear*” (Ps. 46:1-2). It is conjectured that David wrote it after the victory in Jerusalem over the aggressive forces of Sennacherib and the Assyrian army. This passage has given hope and encouragement through the centuries to those who face trial and hardship.

The world is changing, the unbelieving world is crumbling, and the unbeliever is like “*chaff which the wind drives away*” (Ps. 1:4, RSV), or like one who builds his house upon the sand (Mt. 7:24-27). Violence, death, kingdoms and empires tottering, war clouds hang low; with these predicaments, God’s faithfulness is only magnified! Good news! We are answering to a changeless God who is described as a “*refuge and strength.*” God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Consistently He gives His grace to the penitent and His just judgment upon the impenitent. We take great condolence in the fact that He is ever *present*, not a far-off help.

There is “*a river*” spoken of “*whose streams make glad the city of God*” (Ps. 46:4). Water availability is what made cities great. The spring of Gihon made Jerusalem great for it provided a life-giving flow for the inhabitants. Despite the fact that Jerusalem was an inland city, she became great because “*God was in the midst of her.*” A spiritual application is made in the New Testament referencing “*the water of life*” within the heart to sustain and make glad. Jesus spoke these words to the woman at the well entrapped in a sinful life (Jn. 4:7-15).

The changing world, touched by an unchanging God, brings about changed believers. Christ invites those who were a part of this changing, fickle, and transitory world to become stable, secure and permanent, by allowing the “*rivers of water*” to pass through us. We are to be like the tree that is planted nearby instead of that chaff that is driven away by the wind. When we confidently trust in Christ, this changing world in which we live will not unsettle us.

It is always encouraging to read about Jesus with His disciples in the boat being tossed by the turbulence of the Sea of Galilee. The words that He spoke to assuage the fears of His insecure friends are the same words needed to be heard by each of us, “*Peace be still...and there was a great calm*” (Mk. 4:39).

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2015

Announcements: Richard Jennings
Sound Room: Randy Wall
Usher: Justin Dewberry

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

Sunday Prayers:

Sept. 06:
 A.M. Phil Young
 Gary Turner
 P.M. Dillon Clayton
 Richard Adams

Sept. 13:
 A.M. Andy Clemmer
 Terry Young
 P.M. Jason Jennings
 Harold Crowe

Sept. 20:
 A.M. Harold Russell
 Olen Clark
 P.M. Perry Jones
 Jerry Grimmett

Sept. 27:
 A.M. Jim Gann
 Roger Clayton
 P.M. Paul Ormon
 Hunter Jennings

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Brad Pounders
 North Helper I: Thomas Wall
 North Helper II: David Clayton

South Head: Troy Robertson
 South Helper I: Terry Stubblefield
 South Helper II: Will Bowlin

Scripture Reading:

Sept. 06 — Tyler Weaver
 Sept. 13 — Phillip Young
 Sept. 20 — Dean Dillard
 Sept. 27 — Mark Jennings

Wednesday Prayers:

Sept. 02 — Lonnie Weaver; Anderson Parks
 Sept. 13 — Greg Clayton; Ruston Adams
 Sept. 16 — Dan Cobb; Shane Crotts
 Sept. 23 — Matt Jennings; Caleb Jennings
 Sept. 30 — Steve Todd; Ray Kennedy

Greeters:

Sept. 06 — Richard & Kathy Jennings
 Sept. 13 — Steve & Lana Todd
 Sept. 20 — Brad & April Pounders
 Sept. 27 — Roger & Kathy Clayton

Usher & Lock:

Sept. 06 — Roger Clayton
 Sept. 13 — Brad Pounders
 Sept. 20 — Harold Russell
 Sept. 27 — Randy Wall

Prepare Communion: April & Olivia Pounders

Host Youth Devo. Richard & Kathy Jennings



In God We Trust???

This motto was adopted by the fathers of our country in the days when we were a weak and struggling nation. The fathers felt the absolute necessity of trusting in a higher power for the making and preservation of the nation. But with the increase of wealth, prestige, and power there has been a corresponding decrease in the consciousness of the need of God. We trust in our national wealth, our great army and navy, our fame, our intellectuals, and God is too often left out of the picture.



Once the “most religious and God-fearing nation on earth,” now the true God and the Bible are legislated out of public life. A preacher in Virginia applied for a personalized license plate for his car. He wanted to put a Bible reference on it and was rejected. Biblical principles are no longer considered worth teaching our children in public schools. Even posting the “Ten Commandments” in court houses and public school classrooms has become a debatable proposition.

Our nation is following the pattern God knew his people would when they entered the “Promised Land.” He warned them,

“And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied, then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day” (Deut 8:13, 17-18:).

We should do more than take notice of the godless direction our nation is taking. We should talk about this matter to every person with any influence at all in governmental affairs. Unless and until “In God We Trust,” is more than an ancient motto, like the children of Israel of old, our nation will continue a downward spiral. Godlessness has shown us what happens when we don’t trust God. None can honestly say that the defection from “In God We Trust,” has made our nation any better — it is just the opposite!

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PRAYER LIST



Vernon Davis, brother of *Marie Beard* underwent heart surgery this past week in Knoxville, TN. He had two arteries that had been damaged by cancer treatments in 2004. He also has damage to his lungs and kidneys. His surgery went well and he is expected to recover.

Lavone Hill grandfather of *Paige Young* was taken to the local hospital Sunday morning with fainting spells.

Danielle Jones, niece of *Perry Jones* will have her last radiation treatment Wednesday, September 2nd for a tumor on her brain.

Continue to Remember:

Timmy Bolden, Chrystal Bickerstaff, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Jackie Dodd, John Elliott, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Troy & Novene Robertson, Whit Robertson, Brooks Russell, Lisa Russell, Sheila Thomas, Mildred Shackelford, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Andy Ulmer, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Perrin Drummond, Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley

Bible Verses To Remember

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.” Proverbs 18:10

I’ve Learned...

No man has a right to do as he pleases, except when he pleases to do right.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 04.....Davis Dewberry
September 07.....Sarah Walker
September 09.....Allyssa Dunn
September 09.....Jerry Gibson
September 10.....Nicki Weaver



SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to *Steve and Lana Todd* in the death of *Steve’s* father **John Todd**. *Mr. Todd* passed away Saturday evening August 29th, at the age of 92. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning September 1st at United Funeral Home in New Albany.

AREA EVENTS

- East Main Church of Christ in Tupelo will have An Evangelism Class every Mon. night beginning Sept.– 14th - Nov. 2nd. They will be using the book Muscle & a Shovel by Michael Shank. The class will meet from 7-8:30p.m.
- Hwy 178 Church of Christ invites you to their annual Ladies Day September 19th, beginning at 8:30am. This year’s theme is “Woman in the Mirror: A Spiritual Reality” with guest speaker *Sister Ira Booker* of Shelbyville, TN.

ALWAYS FINISH

If a task is once begun,
Never leave it till it's done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well or not at all.

~ Anonymous ~

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend



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To Be Seen in 2015!**



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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 Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Tyler Weaver
 A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
 Closing Prayer.....Gary Turner
 P.M. PrayerDillon Clayton
 ClosingRichard Adams
 Wed.9/9.....Greg Clayton
 Wed.9/9.....Ruston Adams
 Usher & Lock ...Roger Clayton
 Greeter.....R & K Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....117
 Sunday A.M.....140
 Sunday P. M.....97
 Wednesday.....106
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PANTRY ITEMS

Canned Carrots

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The Church in Their Hands

During Bible classes, an elder walked down the hall between the classrooms. As he passed by one of the elementary classes he heard two youngsters talking in very serious tones.

“Watch it, Bobby!” “What?” “You’ve got the church in your hands!”



Before he looked further into the situation, the elder noticed that Bobby had a model of a church building that has been put together with great delicacy and care. It was a very delicate model and Bobby wasn’t treating it so carefully. His classmate sternly reminded him of something he considered important.

What about that? Who has the church, not a model of it, but the church here at New Albany, in hand? We all know the answer to that.

The church of today is growing older in age. As we all reach the end of our earthly journey we should be more concerned than ever what will happen in the coming generations, should the Lord extend time.

There is a sentiment found in the Psalms that reflect the right procedure. “*Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.* (Psa. 48:13-14). Never let be our fate that which befell Israel. “*And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.*” (Judges 2:10).

When you think about it, these thoughts should impress parents with the task of being sure your children are faithfully in Bible study, worship, and family devotions. Pray and study at home regularly. Be faithful in attendance of Bible class and worship. I can think of nothing that offers more assurance than the hands into which we pass the church in the next generation will be well qualified to take good care of it. But we of this generation sure have a serious obligation. -- DRS (copied and edited)