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I AM JUST HUMAN

Mike King



It is not uncommon for someone to say to me, “You are expecting us to be perfect, but we are just human!” Have you heard or made that statement before? Once in a while something similar will be said by a child, “I am just a kid and not an adult after all!” There is some sense of meaning to these statements but usually they are expressed in the form of justification or licensing of an unacceptable behavior.

Never would I shun appealing to every individual alive to strive for the ideal. Not perfection, for we know that all of us sin and fall short of God’s expectations (Rom. 3:23). Each congregation is made up of human materials, even though the blueprint and design were conceived in heaven. Every congregation reflects those human weaknesses and imperfections. The ideal is set forth in the divine plan and every Christian in every age should strive to measure up to it. This can only be possible by each Christian dedicating themselves to following the Bible in all matters of faith and practice. We then will become the same kind of Christians, as were the apostles. If we settle for sin, impurity, indifference, with vague and general understanding and adherence to the ideal, we then are no different than reprobates. God deserves and demands the best that we can find and develop within our lives. We must perform better than Cain who gave a token offering rather than stepping up to the standard God expected. Nadab and Abihu opted to waive exercising the ideal by drawing from a strange source of fire for their offering (Lev. 10:1). The ideal was held before the readers of Paul’s epistle to the Galatians (Gal. 1:6-9) in the form of gospel teaching.

What a man is outwardly, that to him will the world

be outwardly: his mood affects the very “quality of the day.”

~ Bradford Torrey ~

When refusing the ideal that God has set before us, obviously mediocrity becomes our standard. We are to be “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” (Rom. 12:2). As Christians, we are to “seek those things above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God” (Col. 3:1). Our Lord taught us to “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Mt. 6:33). We hear advertisements on T.V. quite often that question, “Why settle for less than what you deserve in a product.” When we settle for a watered down teaching, a flawed life-style, or an organization of men through which we strive to honor God, we have shunned the ideal for the flawed thinking and conniving of man that prove to be fruitless both here and in eternity.



PRAYER LIST

Jamie Clemmer, mother of *Andy Clemmer*, is at home recovering from surgery on the nerves in her face. Her surgery was successful.

Perrin & Jean Drummond, continue to struggle with health problems. Please remember them.

Continual Prayer

Chrystal Bickerstaff, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Connie Phagan, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Brooks Russell, Altha Rogers, Jack Dunlap, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross

Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- September 13..... Grayden Dunn
- September 13..... Gloria Jones
- September 14..... Barbara Jackson
- September 17..... Ryleigh Beth Garrett
- September 17..... Dalton Beard
- September 17..... Bill Frohn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- September 15..... Jerry & Eleta Grimmert
- September 16..... Chris & Callie Smithey
- September 17..... Steve & Lana Todd



BRIDAL SHOWER



There will be a Bridal Shower for *Angela Ashmore*, bride elect of *Adam Little*, Sunday, Sept. 23rd from 2:00-3:30 at the fellowship building. *Angela* and *Adam* are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Calico Mushroom, and Southern Traditions.

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of *Raymond Vest*. *Mr. Raymond* passed from this life Friday, Sept. 7th at the age of 98. He was a faithful member of this congregation for many, many years and was also the oldest member. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon here at the church building, with burial at Glenfield Memorial Park in New Albany.



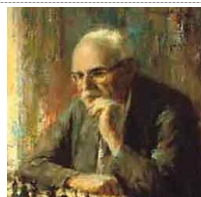
We express our deepest sympathy to *Austin Garrett* and family in the death of his grandfather *Johnny Garrett*. *Mr. Garrett* passed away Saturday night Sept. 8th. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 11th, at United Funeral Home in New Albany.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

- The *Grimmett's* 50th Wedding Celebration, Sept. 15th, at 1:00pm at the fellowship building.
- Sr. Bible Bowl @ East Main church of Christ Sept. 16th. Youth to eat at the Tupelo Mall.
- PM Fellowship Sun night, Sept. 16th.
- Jr. Bible Bowl -New Albany hosting, Sept. 22nd.
- Bridal Shower for *Angela Ashmore*, Sept. 23rd.
- Youth Devo hosted by the *Pounders*, Sept. 23rd.
- 5th Sunday Service/meal/ 1:15pm service led by our Senior Men.

"I BELIEVE"

...that the best way to cheer yourself is to cheer someone else up.



PANTRY DRIVE FOR PINE VALE

The fall food drive for Pine Vale Children's Home will continue until the week of Oct. 14th. Please remember to bring cake mixes and Lysol products.

A Good Tune-Up

~ Joe W. Nichols ~



An old car went by sputtering, missing and backfiring. What an awful commotion it made. One always wonders how far they will get before they quit. You see, they first sputter, then they miss, and finally, they quit. Generally, this is due to faulty ignition or bad fuel. Quitting is expected in due time according to the law of probability.

Church members sometimes get into this predicament. They first begin to sputter— an indication of what is likely to follow. The ignition of the Christian is a fervent zeal for Christ. Peter speaks of being, “*zealous of that which is good*” (1 Peter 3:13). Paul states that we were “*redeemed*” to be “*zealous of good works*” (Titus 2:14). Jesus exhorted the Laodicean church saying, “*as many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent*” (Rev. 3:19). When zeal for the Lord, His church, and His cause is lacking, you’ll begin to hear sputtering, especially when you ask them about their slack attendance!



The necessary fuel for the Christian is the word of God. Jesus said, “*man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*” (Matt. 4:4). Paul exhorts to, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom*” (Col. 3:16). This is in keeping with Jesus’ statement: “*the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*” (John 6:63). A failure to refuel or the taking in of contaminated fuel will cause one to sputter lifelessly. This is in accordance with the Lord saying we can’t serve two masters (Matt. 6:24) and friendship of the world is enmity with God (James 4:4). The thorns of Luke 8 representing the cares and riches and pleasures of this life (v.14) make it impossible for the seed [the word of God] to survive.

Where there is a tendency of a Christian to gripe, complain, miss services, assume everybody else is out of step, and find little right with the church, a good “tune-up” is vital. Brethren can encourage it, but only Jesus can give it (2 Cor. 7:10). Someone has said that busy people will find very little to complain about – how true this is! When we tune our heart to the Lord continuously, we are not likely to demise spiritually, and if we find ourselves failing spiritually, we can resurrect ourselves by being spiritually - re-vitalized and refueled (Heb. 12:12-13).

A final observation might be to consider where the old quitters end up. The junk yards and scrap yards are full of them. However, a choice few are restored, prized, and on there road again. What a beautiful sight they are and a joy to gaze upon.

~ via Seek The Old Paths

YOUTH NEWS

- Thanks to *Dan Cobb* and *Sarah Walker* for carrying our young people to the Area Wide Youth Meeting at Verona. We appreciate them working with our youth.
- The Senior Bible Bowl will be held Sat. Sept., 16th, at the East Main church of Christ. The youth will leave following services Sun. morning, and eat at the mall in Tupelo, before their competition
- The Jr. Bible Bowl will be held here on Sat. Sept., 22nd at 9:30a.m. We need people to bring canned drinks and breakfast items. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer if you are willing to help.
- This month’s Youth Devo will be held Sun. night Sept. 23, following services. The *Pounders* will be hosting.

AREA EVENTS

- **Looxahoma church of Christ Ladies’ Day** (near Senatobia, MS) will be held Sept. 15th from 9:00a.m.-noon (which includes lunch). The speaker will be *Jennifer Webster*. Topic: Do You Want To Live “Happily Ever After”?
- **Pine Grove church of Christ** (Fulton, MS) invites you to their 1st Annual **Ladies’ Day** Sept. 15th form 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Lunch will be provided. Guest speaker: *Mrs. Evelyn Apple*, Topic: “When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade”.
- **Freed-Hardeman University Rush:** Sept. 14-16; Topic: Beautiful Things.
- **North Mississippi Ladies Retreat** to be held at Tishomingo State Park October 26-27. Pre Registration requested by Oct. 12th. Topic: Get Stirred Up!! A form is on the bulletin board.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	112
Sunday A.M.....	151
Sunday P.M.....	95
Wednesday.....	107
Contribution.....	\$3,708.40
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Drew Drummond
A.M. Prayer.....	Jason Jennings
Closing Prayer..	Jason McCullough
P.M. Prayer.....	Perry Jones
Closing.....	Bill Lyon
Wed 9/19.....	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 9/19.....	Matt Jennings
Usher & Lock.....	Randy Wall
Greeter.....	G & K Clayton



PANTRY ITEM

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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.....	538-8195
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

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Enjoy Yourself

President Eliot of Harvard was 88. Asked how he accounted for his good health and vigorous mind, he said, “a calm temperament expectant of good.”

Winston Churchill said, “rational, industrious, useful human beings are divided into two classes: First, those whose work is work and whose pleasure is pleasure; and secondly, those whose work is work and whose pleasure are one. Fortune’s favored children belong to the second class. Their life is natural harmony.”

Some things make life pleasant; others make it miserable. The following rules are not always easy to follow. But they help me. Maybe they will be of worth to you:

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. Everyone has some sorrow. Seek to make the smiles outnumber the tears.
3. You can’t please everyone. Don’t let your critics run and ruin your life. The more you accomplish, the more resistance you will meet.
4. Don’t borrow trouble. Imaginary problems are heavier than the actual ones.
5. Hate poisons the soul. Do not cherish grudges. Avoid people who make you unhappy.
6. Don’t hold postmortems; brooding over sorrows and mistakes.
7. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself; especially those who have blessed your life.
8. Keep busy. A busy person doesn’t have time to be unhappy.



“I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and do good in his life”. Ecc.3:12 ~ Joe R. Barnett

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