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## Outward Expressions Of Inward Devotion

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*Ephesians 5:19*

*SPEAKING to yourselves  
in psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs,  
SINGING and MAKING  
MELODY in your heart  
TO THE LORD;*

From the beginning of time, singing has been a part of the behavior of God's people. God knew having a merry heart, in part, could satisfy the needs of man. There were singing men and women in Old Testament times as the Children of Israel were returning from captivity. Singing was used as a means of expressing great joy for deliverance and their return home to Palestine and their Jewish comrades from whom they had been separated. Once again there is a record of men and women singing, but this time it was lamenting the death of Josiah. Those lamentations in song were sung on a regular basis and turned into an "*ordinance in Israel*" (II Chron. 35:25).

Though couched in a negative setting, Jesus set forth a very positive principle. He said, "*...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks*" (Mt. 12:34). The above Old Testament examples indicate "abundant" emotions and strong feelings finding their way to expression in song. It is no surprise that God chose for the church the use of singing. Brethren speak "*one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in [their] heart to the Lord*" (Eph. 5:19). The terms "speaking" and "singing" are used interchangeably in this passage. Paul told the Ephesians to "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord*" (Col. 3:16). Because of the presence of the abundant joy implanted in the heart, the mouth must speak, which it does through spiritual songs. For the Christian, it is a natural behavior to sing when merry (Jas. 5:13). Our abundance of heart focuses itself in worship on praise to God for allowing that abundant joy to be present (Heb. 2:12).

This can be a means of offering sacrifice through praise to God (I Pet. 2:4-5; Heb. 13:15). With it being such, we want to make it the best we have to offer. It has been said, "The greatest argument in favor of instrumental music is poor singing," therefore, it behooves us to exercise singing, good singing from the heart in praise and adoration to our holy God.

## Scriptures or Chimney Corner Scripture?

There are many phrases in our language that we just "know" are in the Bible, but when we look they aren't there. Which of the following are from the Bible and which are just a chimney corner scripture?

1. By the skin of my teeth
2. All men are created equal
3. An idle mind is the devil's workshop
4. Cleanliness is next to godliness
5. As the apple of your eye
6. Spare the rod and spoil the child
7. Give the devil his due
8. Cast your bread upon the waters
9. The ax is laid to the root
10. A fool uttereth all his mind
11. Blood is thicker than water
12. Bread is the staff of life
13. Lord, what fools we mortals be
14. Familiarity breeds contempt
15. God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform
16. God helps those who help themselves
17. Out of the mouth of babes
18. Flies in the ointment
19. To err is human, to forgive is divine
20. Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise
21. All that glitters is not gold
22. Sow in tears reap in joy
23. A friend in need is a friend in deed
24. Practice what you preach
25. A soft answer turneth away wrath
26. The way of the transgressors is hard
27. All's well that ends well
28. The early bird catches the worm
29. Don't count your chickens before they hatch
30. Weighed in the balances and found wanting
31. Honesty is the best policy
32. Don't judge others by yourself
33. A rolling stone gathers no moss
34. Stolen waters are sweet
35. Every tub shall stand on it's own bottom
36. Look before you leap
37. Speech is silver but silence is golden
38. If at first you don't succeed try again
39. Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind
40. An honest confession is good for the soul
41. Money is the root of all evil
42. Let your conscience be your guide
43. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
44. Charity begins at home
45. There is no rest for the wicked
46. Sour grapes and his teeth shall be set on edge
47. Jesus loves me this I know
48. The way of a man with a maid
49. Just accept Jesus as your personal savior
50. Be ye not fanatical



### Scripture Check

1. Job 19:20
5. Proverbs 7:2
8. Ecclesiastes 11:1
9. Matthew 3:10
10. Proverbs 29:1
17. Psalm 8:2
18. Ecclesiastes 10:1
22. Psalm 126:5
25. Proverbs 15:1
26. Proverbs 13:15
30. Daniel 5:27
34. Proverbs 9:17
39. Hosea 8:7
45. Isaiah 57:20
46. Jeremiah 31:30
48. Proverbs 30:19

PRAYER LIST



Claudia Senter, fell this past week and broke her collar bone in several places. She is very sore but doing as well as can be expected.

Neil Robertson, son of Troy & Novene Robertson, is recovering from knee surgery.

Bobby White had heart tests run this past week and is awaiting the results.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Johnny Burkhart and family in the passing of his father, Raymond Burkhart. Funeral services were held Fri. Sept. 9th in TN.

Continue to Remember:

Quincy Byles, Becky Cargile, Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Bill DePriest, Jackie Dodd, Gene Dowdy, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Lana Gann, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Phillip Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Perry Lepard, Jean Simmons, B.A. Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Wanda DeLoach, Perrin & Jean Drummond, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Claudia Senter, Mayner Senter, Miriam Styers, Ione Wall

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley & Chase Seals



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- September 15. . . . . Jim Gann
September 16. . . . . Ryleigh Garrett
September 17. . . . . Dalton Beard
September 23. . . . . Helen DePriest
September 28. . . . . Perrin Drummond

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- September 15. . . . . Jerry & Eleta Grimmitt
September 17. . . . . Steve & Lana Todd
September 24. . . . . Lonnie & Nicki Weaver



MEN'S WORKDAY



A workday is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 17th, at 8:00am. Donuts and coffee will be served at 7:00am. Please mark this day on your calendar and plan on helping with the work. There are many things that are in need of attention around the fellowship building and church building.

MEMORIAL DONATION

A Memorial Donation has been sent to Pine Vale Children's Home in memory of Lyndon Beard, father of Dalton (Marie) Beard. A letter has been sent to the family to let them know of this donation.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

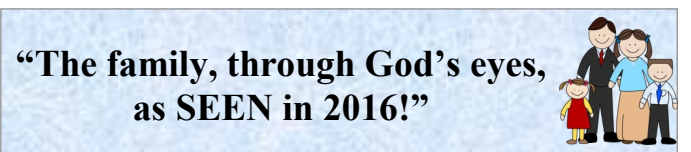
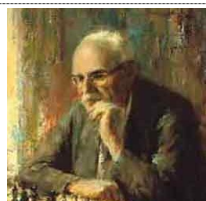
- Junior Bible Bowl will be held Sept. 18th, at the Mayfield church of Christ, at 2:00pm.
3rd Sun. night fellowship will be Sept. 18th. The young adult class will be hosting. Please bring snack foods.
The quilt show that was scheduled Sept. 24th & 25th, is being rescheduled for late Oct. Anyone who would like to display a quilt is welcome. If you have any questions please see Eleta Grimmitt. A more definite time will be announced later.
Deacons' will meet Sept. 25th, at 5:00pm

AREA EVENTS

- Freed-Hardeman University RUSH 2016 will be held Sept.16-18. Please check the bulletin board for more details.
Area Wide Gospel Meeting to be held at the South Panola Junior High School Auditorium Sept. 19-21, 2016. The guest speaker will be Wade Webster. It is being hosted by area churches of Christ. Time: 7pm
A Gospel Meeting will be held Sept. 18-21 at the East Main Church of Christ with Robbie Eversole of Summerville, GA, as the guest speaker.

I've Learned...

The best ornament is Humility, The richest wealth is Wisdom, The strongest weapon is Patience, The best security is Faith, The best tonic is Laughter.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## MINISTER

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 Troy Robertson .....316-3163

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

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dean Dillard  
 A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young  
 Closing Prayer.....Terry Young  
 P.M. Prayer.....Olen Clark  
 Closing .....Andy Clemmer  
 Wed.9/21.....Mark Jennings  
 Wed.9/21.....Jerry Grimmett  
 Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....90  
 Sunday A.M.....130  
 Sunday P. M.....78  
 Wednesday.....103  
 Contribution.....4,087.76  
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## PANTRY ITEMS

Canned Chicken

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## The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,  
 God had stuck U in the name of His Son.  
 And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,  
 You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.  
 You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
 For U, he was born; that's why He came.  
 And His great love for U is the reason that he died,  
 It even takes U to spell crUcified.  
 Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand,  
 He rose from the dead with U in His plan.  
 The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,  
 and this word ressurection is spelled with a U.  
 When Jesus left the earth at His upward ascension,  
 He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.  
 "Go into the world and tell them it's true,  
 That I love them all-Just like I love U.  
 So many great people are spelled with a U,  
 Don't they have the right to know JesUs too?  
 It all depends now on what U will do,  
 He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.  
 Will U pass it on?