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Powerful Words For Strong Leadership

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The following outline was presented by my friend and brother, the late *Mike Nix*, former minister of the Beltline congregation in Decatur, AL. It contains insightful words on how to have a successful congregation of the Lord's church.

1. **Pray** – As Paul and Barnabas were being separated from the church at Antioch to the mission field, they asked for God's blessings to be upon them (Acts 13:1-3).

2. **Research** – See what the lay of the land is and areas of receptivity. It was found that the Bereans were more ready than those of Thessalonica (Acts 17:11). We are to not be unwise but know what the will of the Lord is (Eph. 5:17).

3. **Plan** – It is important to know who will do what, when, where; set goals and write it down for tracking. *"Plans are established by counsel; by wise counsel wage war"* (Prov. 20:18).

4. **Inform** – Resources will follow ministering when men become involved with their hearts. It was determined by the apostles and elders for Antioch to be informed regarding the dispute over circumcision for Gentile converts (Acts 15:22-32). Paul also informed the Ephesian elders of his impending capture upon his arrival in Jerusalem (Acts 20:17-21).

5. **Include** – Nehemiah led the people of Judah in rebuilding Jerusalem's walls in 52 days (Neh. 4:6). All were included and *"had a mind to work"* (Neh. 4:13, 17).

6. **Exhort** – In his visit to Berea, Paul strengthened the souls of the disciples and exhorted them to continue in the faith (Acts 14:21-22).

7. **Execute** - Plans are great but there must come a time when we move on it and finish the doing of it as Paul instructed the Corinthians regarding their giving (2 Cor. 8:10-11).

8. **Review** – When the work gets moving, we must evaluate to see how we are doing in order to make adjustments. This Paul did in every city where he had preached (Acts 15:36).

9. **Report** – Keeping the congregation apprised of results or status of activity; results from such enthusiasm breeds involvement. Paul was always anxious to report what great things God was doing through him (Acts 21:17-19).

10. **Renew** – We are either moving forward or backward, so we need to dream, plan, and, renew all over again to keep the work fresh and growing (I Cor. 15:58; Phil. 3:15-18; Heb. 10:38-39).

Visit! Visit! Visit!

There can be little dispute as to the value of visiting. There is great good that can be done by this very small action. Consider the following:

Friendship Are Made

There is little that compares with time spent in someone's company to form and nurture a friendship. No one bonds in any full sense with someone whose company he or she never shares. The Bible says, "He who would have friends must show himself friendly." People forget this and accuse others of unfriendliness when in truth the complainant hasn't made any effort to start the ball rolling. Are you lonely? Visit! Is someone else lonely? He may need your visit.



Ties Are Strengthened

The bonds of brotherhood are strong because of our common experiences as well as our common beliefs. Even earthly brothers separated by miles and time grow apart. But those whose time is spent with each other in pleasant interchange or in commonly held challenges grow to love each other more and more whether the tie be in the flesh or in the Lord. Are your friendships shallow? Visit! Do you want to be a more meaningful part of others' lives? Visit!

Encouragement Is Given

The lonely among us are most in danger of disappointment and despair. How many are there who live alone and seldom hear a voice or see a face but on the television? We are social creatures and we are at our best when we act socially. Too much isolation tends to give a person an unbalanced perspective of his world. Communication helps to mend many problems. Those whose lives are being lived out as bleak existence can be helped most and quickest by our caring enough to visit them. Of course, this requires that we develop caring hearts. Is someone's faith wavering? Visit! Is your faith merely academic? Visit!

Jesus Is Magnified

Our Lord was the best example of the visiting that improves an unfriendly world. He "went about doing good." Jesus found the needs of people and helped when he could without overshadowing his mission of soul-saving. He visited the rich and the poor, the gregarious and the monastic. The only visits the Bible records as unwelcome were to those whose hearts were perverse and hated the truth. Still, Jesus did his part, and no one could take away the merit of His actions. What was the result? The common people received him gladly. Men still follow him. The Father said, "Well done!"

What is the point of visiting? You may never fully understand its value until you participate yourself. The best part from a human point of view, though, is that your example may lead someone to visit you someday when you need it.

~ Phil Davis ~

OCTOBER LECTURSHIP

(Guest speakers each Wednesday night in October)

October 7: Sammy Jones of Henderson, TN

October 14: Tommy Larkin of Decatur, AL

October 21; Gary Hampton of Jackson, MS

October 28: Randy Collum of Corinth, MS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to be here and also bring a guest. We will have a meal before services each Wednesday evening beginning at 5:45, hosted by the adult Bible classes.



AREA EVENTS

- East Main Church of Christ in Tupelo will have An Evangelism Class every Mon. night Sept.– 14th - Nov. 2nd. They will be using the book Muscle & 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.
- The Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc will have a Gospel Meeting Sept. 20-23 with *Justin Beard* speaking. Topic: Rise Up and Build. Mon. –Wed. at 7:00p.m.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Whit Robertson, was admitted to the Vanderbilt Hospital over the weekend for pain management. Please pray for Whit and his family.

Maurine Drummond, mother of *Larry (Janet) Drummond* will have surgery September 25th, at North MS Medical Center for collapsed arteries in her leg. She is experiencing a lot of pain.

Perrin Drummond was admitted to the local hospital (second floor) Sunday night. Plans are for him to be transferred to Memphis for further tests.

Continue to Remember:

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

Shut-Ins:

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

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

Military List:

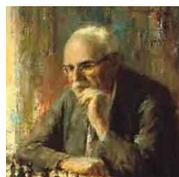
Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley

Bible Verses To Remember

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

I've Learned...

A Christian must carry something heavier on his shoulders than chips.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 17..... Dalton Beard
September 20..... Patty Jacks
September 22..... Jonathan Clayton
September 23..... Helen DePriest

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 17..... Steve & Lana Todd
September 24..... Lonnie & Nicki Weaver



SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy to *Jean Drummond* and family in the death of her sister **Joann Acred Howick**, who passed away this past week in Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00a.m. Wednesday, September 16, at the Forrest Hill Funeral Home on Whitten Rd, Memphis, TN.

PINEVALE FALL PANTRY DRIVE

Items requested:

Toilet Paper, Thousand Island/Ranch Dressing and Ziploc Bags (quart and gallon/regular and freezer). There is a container in the foyer for you to place these items.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Jr. Bible Bowl will meet at the Mayfield congregation Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20th, at 2:00p.m. for their first competition of the season. Good Luck to our junior group!
- 3rd Sunday night fellowship will be held Sept. 20th following evening worship. Bring finger foods and desserts.
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Sept. 27th, following evening worship. *Richard* and *Kathy Jennings* will be hosting.
- 5th Wednesday night singing Sept. 30th, at

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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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DEACONS

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

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dean Dillard
A.M. Prayer.....Harold Russell
Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark
P.M. PrayerPerry Jones
ClosingJerry Grimmett
Wed.9/23.....Matt Jennings
Wed.9/23.....Caleb Jennings
Usher & Lock ...Harold Russell
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....100
Sunday A.M.....128
Sunday P. M.....NA
Wednesday.....123
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PANTRY ITEMS

Gravy Mixes

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IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN

One day a six year old girl was sitting in a class room. The teacher was going to explain evolution to the children. The teacher asked a little boy:

Teacher: Tommy, do you see the trees outside?

Tommy: Yes.

Teacher: Tommy, do you see the grass outside?

Tommy: Yes.

Teacher: Go outside and look up and see if you can see the sky.

Tommy: Okay. (He returned a few minutes later) Yes, I saw the sky.

Teacher: Did you see God?

Tommy: No.

Teacher: That's my point. We can't see God because he isn't there. He doesn't exist.

A little girl spoke up and wanted to ask the boy some questions. The teacher agreed to allow the little girl to ask him some questions.

Little girl: Tommy, do you see the tree outside?

Tommy: Yes.

Little girl: Tommy, do you see the grass outside?

Tommy: Yessssss (getting tired of the questions by this time).

Little girl: Did you see the sky?

Tommy: Yessssss.

Little girl: Tommy, do you see the teacher?

Tommy: Yes.

Little girl: Tommy, do you see her brain?

Tommy: No.

Little girl: Then according to what we were taught today in school, she must not have one!

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7)