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MIKE'S MISCELLANEOUS



THINKING YOUTHFULLY:

This past week one of our members greeted a visitor from Alabama who had attended on previous occasions while passing through to another city. The member quizzed him as to what brought him back again to the New Albany congregation. His comment was rather unexpected, but very intriguing. He said, "Your young people are what make me return, they actually speak to me!"

This is a great compliment to our young people for someone to choose where they will worship while on the road by the reception given by the youth. All the while it would be easy for our youth to reason, "We are insignificant and nobody knows that we are alive!" Wrong! We know of at least one man that is very much aware of each smiling face and each extended hand to welcome. Let this be a keen reminder to all of our youth, that you can influence and reach others at times in a much more effective way than the adults. Let me therefore urge each young person to seek out visitors and simply express how delighted you are that they have come to worship with us. It is particularly vital that every visiting young person has multiple warm invitations to join the youth group where they are sitting to help them feel welcome. Those whom you influence could be prospective Christians and/or future members of the New Albany congregation.

Too, I was impressed by seventeen young people sitting down front on Sunday evening! That is a demonstration of closeness and interest. It is easier to pay attention and not be distracted by the activity that goes on in front of you. It shows to visitors a solidarity and cohesiveness of our youth. Youth attract other youth and that we certainly want to do. The congregation is a very youth friendly congregation, so, you initiate and all the rest of us will applaud and support your efforts. We love each young person and wish for you only the best. We have some quality youth and we want to assist you in becoming even stronger and more influential in our efforts to grow the church. Thanks for being such effective examples for the congregation.

THINKING HISTORICALLY:

On September 12, 2010, Sheila and I moved to New Albany to begin work with the congregation here. What a fast year it has been, but also what a pleasant and rewarding year it has been for us!

It has truly been a joy to be amidst your fellowship and accepted into your friendship. We long to love and be loved by you and to do an acceptable job of ministering to please God and to edify each and every member or attendee. We continue to be impressed by the congregation and have learned to love and respect the work of *Richard* and *Troy* as they execute their leadership responsibilities. We are encouraged by your faithfulness and sense of responsibility to being regular in your attendance at all services and supporting the work with your contributions. We have appreciated your prayers and words of support and encouragement during the time that we have been with you.

TEACHING IS

...A God - appointed work.

The Christian who would teach receives his commission from the Lord (Matt. 28:18-20). God placed the position of teacher in the first century church and the need for qualified Bible teachers remains with us today (Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11-12; 1Cor. 12: 28-31).

...The way God has chosen to bring people unto salvation.

John 6:45 declares, *"It is written in the Prophets: 'they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me."* We do not learn God's will or the message of the gospel miraculously. The life-giving Word must be planted in the heart (Luke 8:11). In good soil it will produce faith to the saving of the soul (Rom. 10:11-17).

...A Serious responsibility.

This work must not be undertaken casually nor discharged carelessly. James 3:1 (ASV) warns, *"Be not many of you teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment."* Halfhearted, half-trying teachers bring immeasurable harm to their students, to the church and also to themselves.

...Not for every Christian.

Though every child of God should teach others God's truth to the best of his ability, the role of publicly teaching is not for everyone. Some are not suited to this task by reason of their nature or background. Others have not yet matured enough spiritually to capably handle the task (Heb. 5:12-14).

...A task which requires complete commitment.

The effective Bible school teacher sacrifices of his time, his energy, his concern and even of his money. To be a good teacher one must pay the price. Colossians 3:23 is a relevant exhortation to all would-be teachers, *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."*

...A rewarding experience.

The rewards of Bible school teaching are realized by faith. Among them are the joy of seeing one you have taught become a child of God or the satisfaction of helping a student cope with a difficult problem in his life. Knowing that one's efforts are contributing to the up-building of the family, the nation and the church brings a sense of achievement. There are also the rewards one reaps from personal spiritual growth and the wisdom taught by experiences. The greatest reward of all will be in hearing, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."* (Matt. 25:21)

~Bulletin Digest



- The first Junior Bible Bowl will be held Saturday, September 24th, at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ. Questions will be taken from the book of Luke. All Junior Bible Bowl participants will practice Wed. night.
- This month's youth devo will be held Sunday night, September 25th at the fellowship building. *Brad and April Pounders* will be hosting.
- Next Area Wide Youth meeting will be October 9th, at the East Main Church of Christ.

AREA EVENTS

- The **Antioch Church of Christ** will have a **Gospel Meeting** September 25-28, with *Matthew Benfield* as the guest speaker. Service times are: Mon.-Wed. night at 7:00
- **North Mississippi Ladies Retreat** will be held October 21 & 22 at Tishomingo State Park. The speaker will be *Marlene Howell* of Jasper Ala. Pre-Registration is requested by Oct. 10th. Check the bulletin board for more details.
- **New Albany Church of Christ Fall Lectures** will be held each Wed. night in October. More details next week.

PRAYER LIST



Dick Young, brother of *Terry Young* has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Janice Cobb, will have a heart cath Friday, in Oxford.

Eleta Grimmett, continues to struggle with lung problems. She does not need visitors at this time.

Ruby Shouse, sister of *Price Senter* has been moved to a nursing home in Baldwyn, where she will recover from hip surgery.

Ron Garner, friend of *Mike* and *Sheila King* is in a Florida hospital with pneumonia.

Altha Rogers, has been in the hospital with pneumonia. She is still very weak.

Lisa Mitchell, principal of the New Albany Middle School is recovering from surgery for colon cancer.

Continual Prayer

Billy Joe Bray, Roger Clayton, John Sanford, Charlie Sims, Steve Livingston, Cindy Sprouse, Pat Reed, Randy Wall, Drew Ferguson, Daphne Fitzpatrick, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Pauline Smith

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole, Micah Russell

“I’VE LEARNED”

...That love, not time , heals all wounds.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 22.....Tauso Branch
- September 22.....Jonathan Clayton
- September 23.....Helen DePriest
- September 28.....Perrin Drummond
- September 30.....Victoria Botts

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- September 24.....Lonnie & Nicki Weaver

REJOICE!

We are happy to announce that *Tyler Weaver* was baptized into Christ Sunday morning, September 18th, by his dad, *Lonnie*. We are so proud of *Tyler* and rejoice with him and his family. Please encourage him as he begins his new life as a Christian.

IT’S A GIRL!



Austin and *Jessica Garrett* are the proud parents of a baby girl. *Ryleigh Elizabeth* was born Friday, September 16, and weighed 6lb. 10oz and was 19 inches long. Mother and baby are doing well. Proud grandparents are *Andy & Sharon Clemmer* and *Jimmy & Cathy Garrett*.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kindness shown during my recent stay in the hospital. Your calls, cards, visits and prayers are greatly appreciated. We love all of you.

Roger Clayton & Family

**MEN’S ANNUAL
“CHICKEN FEST”**



The men’s “Chicken Fest” is scheduled for Sunday night, October 9th, following services, at *Phil Young’s* barn. Be sure to sign the list in the foyer. “No Name, No Chicken!”

OUR RECORD

Sunday School113
 Sunday A M126
 Sunday P.M.....96
 Wednesday.....115
 Contribution\$3,117.26
 Budget\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Mark Jennings
 A.M. Prayer.Paul Ormon
 Closing Prayer.....Clay Ormon
 P.M. Prayer.....Brad Pounders
 Closing.....Randy Wall
 Wed 9/28.....Troy Robertson
 Wed. 9/28.....Carl Smith
 Usher & Lock..... Roger Clayton
 Greeter.....G & K Clayton



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Milk

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson 534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts 316-2422
 Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton 534-5240
 Andy Clemmer 816-5887
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
 Home..... 534-6872
 Office 534-4649

When I Say “I am a Christian....”

- When I say... “I am a Christian,” I’m not shouting “I am saved.” I’m whispering “I was lost,” That’s why I chose this way.
- When I say... “I am a Christian,” I don’t speak of this with pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need Him as my guide.
- When I say... “I am a Christian,” I’m not trying to be strong. I’m professing that I’m weak and need strength to carry on.
- When I say... “I am a Christian,” I’m not bragging of success. I’m admitting I have failed and can never pay the debt.
- When I say... “I am a Christian,” I still feel heartache and pain. I have my share of troubles--That’s why I seek His name.
- When I say... “I am a Christian,” I don’t claim to be perfect. My flaws are far too many--But God sees worth in me.
- When I say... “I am a Christian,” It’s not to stand and judge--It’s to pray that you will know Him and be loved as I am loved.

“...and the disciples were call Christians first in Antioch.”

Acts 11:26

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