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Death by Repeated

Probing

Mike King



An account is given by *Roger Thompson* about *Sen. Mark Hatfield's* recount of the following history:

“James Garfield was a lay preacher and principle of his [religious based] college. They say he was ambidextrous and could simultaneously write Greek with one hand and Latin with the other.

In 1880, he was elected president of the United States, but after only six months in office, he was shot in the back with a revolver. He never lost consciousness. At the hospital, the doctor probed the wound with his little finger to seek the bullet. He couldn't find it, so he tried a silver tipped probe. Still he couldn't locate the bullet.

They took Garfield back to Washington, D.C. Despite the summer heat, they tried to keep him comfortable. He was growing very weak. Teams of doctors tried to locate the bullet, probing the wound over and over. In desperation, they asked Alexander Graham Bell, who was working on a little device called the telephone, to see if he could locate the metal inside the president's body. He came, he sought, and he too failed. The president hung on through July, through August, but in September he finally died – not from the wound, but from infection. The repeated probing, which the physicians thought would help the man, eventually, killed him.”

So it is with people who dwell too long on their sin and refuse to release it to God! We have received the promise through the inspired writing of John, “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*” (I Jn. 1:9). A similar promise can be read that was written by Paul, “*In whom we have redemption, through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace*” (Eph. 1:7). The blood of Jesus not only washes away the sin, but it also “*purge[s] your conscience of dead works to serve the living God*” (Heb. 9:14). We are not to dwell on past sins that have been forgiven, for we have a new conscience or mind-set (I Pet. 3:21). Jesus “*washed [loosed] us from our sins in his own blood*” (Rev. 2:5). Paul knew that if he dwelt on his sins he would be overwhelmed, so one thing that he did was “*forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before*” (Phil. 3:13). “*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit*” (Rom. 8:1).

God's Wings

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's wings.



After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to access the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, the ranger reached out to knock the bird over with a stick. As he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under the dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but she refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze reached her, the heat had scorched her small body, but the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings had lived.

"He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge" (Psalm 91:4).

Remember the One who loves you, and then be different from the masses of the world because of that love.

~ Author unknown ~

Be Grateful

Be grateful if your job is a little harder than you like. A razor cannot be sharpened on a piece of velvet.

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*Be grateful for the doors of opportunity — and for friends who oil the hinges.*

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If you cannot be content with what you have received, be grateful for what you have escaped.

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*Be grateful for children even when they are a headache. . .they are still a heritage from the Lord.*

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Be grateful for the truth even when it stings for truth makes you free.

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### AREA EVENTS

- 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.
  - Campaign for Christ will be Sept. 27th-29th at 7:00pm at the Booneville Church of Christ and sponsored by Churches of Christ located in Northeast MS and Southwestern TN. Guest speaker, *Kirk Brothers*; topic, "Hearts on Fire".
  - The Tipersville Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting October 4th-6th, with *Tom Childers* as the guest speaker. The topic will be "The Seed Is the Word of God." Mon.—Tues night at 7:00p.m.
  - The East Main Church of Christ will host a Men's Fellowship Saturday October 3rd, from 9:00a.m.–12:00p.m. Topic: "Iron Sharpens Iron" . The guest speaker will be *Gary Hampton* of Jackson, MS. Please R.S.V.P. by October 2nd if you plan to attend.
  - You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Gloster Street Church of Christ October 11th-14th. The guest speaker will be *Tom Holland*. Mon.-Wed. night at 7:00p.m.
- \* Check the bulletin board for more details on all these events.

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## PRAYER LIST



**Karen Botts** will have tests run Thurs. Sept. 24th, in Tupelo.

**Gina Cole** friend of *Sarah Walker* is in an AL Hospital with breathing problems. She had a chest tube put in Monday to drain fluid from her lungs. She will remain in ICU for at least another 24 hours.

**Harold Russell** fell this past Thurs. and sustained several facial fractures. He is bruised and swollen but is improving.

**Whit Robertson**, is now at home. They are managing his pain fairly well.

**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** has been admitted to New Albany Rehab on Glenfield Road. **Jean Drummond** continues to have health problems.

**Cornelia Kennedy**, was admitted to New Albany Rehab on Glenfield Road, room 11, with heart complications. Her niece *Betty Rater* of the West Main congregation requested prayers and visits for her.

### Continue to Remember:

Timmy Bolden, 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:

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

## I've Learned...

Don't put people down unless it is on your prayer list.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 28. . . . . Perrin Drummond  
October 01. . . . . Harold Russell

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 24. . . . . Lonnie & Nicki Weaver



## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your care and concern for me during my recovery from wrist surgery. The food you prepared was delicious! Your cards brightened my days. Terry and I also appreciate your visits as they help pass the time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.  
Love, Betty Young

To Our Dear and Precious friends at New Albany,

Dalton and I thank you for all the prayers and cards during my brother Vernon's heart surgery, and also for my niece Casey Huling. Her cancer has not spread, the doctor will be removing it on Sept 23. She will be fine. We also thank you for all the cards and prayers while Dalton and I care for his father. We miss you all dearly,

Dalton & Marie Beard

## BRIDAL SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring *Allison Walton* Sunday October 4th, between 2:30 and 4:00p.m. at MODA designs, located at 119 A West Bankhead St. in downtown New Albany. Allison is registered at Southern Traditions, Calico Mushroom, Belk and Bed Bath & Beyond.

## MEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN FEST

October 11th is the date that has been set for the Men's Annual Chicken Fest. Be sure and sign the list on the table in the foyer if you plan to attend and mark if you are bringing a guest. The last date to sign the list is October 4th. No name, no chicken! This special event that is enjoyed by so many will be held following services on the 11th at *Phil Young's* barn.



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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

**MINISTER**

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

**ELDERS**

Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
Troy Robertson .....316-3163

**DEACONS**

Greg Clayton .....252-9762  
Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Mark Jennings  
A.M. Prayer.....Harold Russell  
Closing Prayer....Roger Clayton  
P.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
Closing .....Hunter Jennings  
Wed.9/30.....Steve Todd  
Wed.9/30.....Ray Kennedy  
Usher & Lock .....Randy Wall  
Greeter.....R & K Jennings

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....113  
Sunday A.M.....135  
Sunday P. M.....95  
Wednesday.....112  
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**PANTRY ITEMS**

Peas

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You Are Invited to

**New Albany Church of Christ  
Wednesday Night Fall Lectures**

**Guest Speakers:**

**October 7th: 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**

**Service time: 7:00p.m.**

**Meal: 5:45p.m.**

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