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Tainted Treasure Taken To The Heart



Mike King

The southern United States has been blighted by the accidental transportation of the Fire Ant into the region. They have virtually taken over the South. Fire ants are amazingly adaptable, fiercely aggressive and multiply seemingly overnight. Insecticide sprays seldom can destroy the mound's inhabitants. They are like an army marching in, impervious to brute force.

Scientists have discovered a crafty way to wipe out entire colonies. Pellets of ants' food is laced with a tasteless, odorless poison and sprinkled around the mound. The workers gather up the tainted treasure and take it to the depth of their colony dwelling. They share it generously with all the uncles and "ants." The queen as well feeds on the poisoned food, resulting in her gradual death. When the queen dies there are no more workers produced and the colony starves to death. The alarming truth is that the food that looked so good is what caused their starvation.

The same principle is found among those who spread false doctrine. Those who lack discernment import falsehood into the heart of the church, thinking it is harmless and in fact quite good. If any wise "ant" smells the poison and protests, he is ridiculed! The end result is that the next generation starves to death spiritually.

This could be further illustrated by the story of a little boy's response. He was attending a Christian school. In an examination, he was asked, "What is false doctrine?" His response, though simplified, could not have been more accurate, "It's when the doctor gives the wrong stuff to people who are sick." Now he may have confused "doctrine" with doctorin'," but he arrived at the correct conclusion!

The seriousness of errant doctrine can be compared to a missile aimed a mere one degree off target. The difference seems slight at first, but the results of the error increase dramatically throughout the flight of the missile and eventually misses the intended target and harms innocent people not targeted.

Error generally begins as a tolerable mistake, a little questionable, but not serious. Something characteristic of all error is that its effects compound with time until they become so pronounced that they become irreversible.

The Bible teaches that if anyone teaches a "perverted gospel" he is to be accursed (Gal. 1:8)! If any of us offend the fragile heart of another by word or deed, it would be sufficient that he have a millstone tied around his neck and thrown into the sea (Matt. 18:6).



PRAYER LIST

Pat Shackelford, Dixie White's nephews wife is in ICU at the Tupelo Hospital. Please pray for her.

Kelly Taylor, the father of a friend of *Phil* and *Paige Young*, will undergo heart catheterization Wed., Sept. 5th. The family has requested our prayers.

Jamie Clemmer, mother of *Andy Clemmer*, will have surgery on the nerves in her face on Wed., Sept. 5th at Baptist East Hospital, in Memphis. Please pray for her.

Bill Lyon, will undergo an MRI on his shoulder Wed. Sept., 5th.

Yolanda Stubblefield, has not been feeling well for several weeks. Please remember her.

Continual Prayer

Chrystal Bickerstaff, Johnny Garrett, Rosie Wilson, Betty Young, Tauso Branch, Jim Dickerson, Perrin Drummond, Harold Vaughn, Reva Parrish, Connie Phagan, Mary Alice Holloway, Roy Crow, Prebble Foster, Brooks Russell, Altha Rogers, Jack Dunlap, Tauso Branch, 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, Raymond & Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris

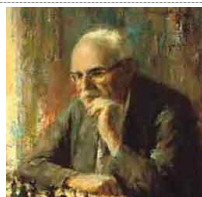
Military List:

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

***Gospel Meeting Sept. 9-12 at the East Main church of Christ. Mark Lindley-Speaker; 7:00pm**

"I BELIEVE"

...that a laugh is a smile that bursts.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 07.....	Sarah Walker
September 09.....	Allyssa Dunn
September 09.....	Jerry Gibson
September 09.....	John Sanford
September 10.....	Nicki Weaver
September 11.....	Ab McCullough
September 13.....	Grayden Dunn
September 13.....	Gloria Jones



IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to *Brian* and *Shelby Carpenter* on the birth of their son *Cade Maxwell Carpenter*. *Cade* was born Friday, August 31st, weighing 7lbs., 10oz. and was 19in. long. Welcoming *Cade* are Big Sister *Jenna* and proud grandparents *Bobby* and *Sue Marques*. Mom and baby are doing fine.



PINE VALE'S FALL PANTRY DRIVE

We will be participating in the Fall Pantry Drive for Pine Vale Children's Home. They have asked for our congregation to provide Lysol spray and cleaner and Cake mixes. These items will be picked up the week of Oct. 14th.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS



- Area Wide Youth Meeting at Verona church of Christ Sept 9th. The van will leave at 5:50.
- 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.

Keep On Singing

(unknown)



Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They find out that the new baby is going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sings to his sister in Mommy's tummy.

The pregnancy progresses normally for Karen, an active member at her church in Tennessee. Then labor pains come. Every five minutes...every minute. But complications arise during delivery. Hours of labor. Would a C-section be required?

Finally, Michael's little sister is born. But she is in serious condition. With siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushes the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn.

The days inch by. The little girl gets worse. The pediatric specialist tells the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst." Karen and her husband contact a local cemetery about a burial plot. They have fixed up a special room in their home for the new baby - now they plan a funeral.

Michael keeps begging his parents to let him see his sister, "I want to sing to her," he says. Week two in Intensive Care, it looks as if a funeral will come before the week is over. Michael keeps nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care. So Karen makes up her mind. She will take Michael whether they like it or not. If he doesn't see his sister now, he may never see her alive.

She dresses him in an oversized scrub suit and marches him into ICU. He looks like a walking laundry basket, but the head nurse recognizes him as a child and bellows, "Get that kid out of here now! No children allowed." The mother rises up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glares steel-eyed into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!" Karen tows Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazes at the tiny infant losing the battle to live, and he begins to sing. In the pure hearted voice of a 3-year old, Michael sings: "you are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when the skies are gray- -". Instantly the baby girl responds. the pulse rate becomes calm and steady. Keep on singing, Michael. "You never know, dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away- -". The ragged, strained breathing becomes as smooth as a kitten's purr. Keep on singing, Michael. "The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed, I held you in my arms..." Michael's little sister relaxes as rest, healing rest, seems to sweep over her. Keep on singing, Michael. Tears conquer the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glows. "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away."

Funeral plans are scrapped. The next day - the very next day - the little girl is well enough to go home! Woman's Day magazine called it "the miracle of a brother's song." The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love! Innocent love is just as powerful as any miracle!

Via ~ Lackland Terrace church of Christ bulletin



What Is a Grandparent?

(from a child's perspective)



- Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.
- Grandparents do not have to do anything except be there when we come to see them, They are so old they should not play hard or run. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They don't say, "Hurry up."
- Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.
- They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out.
- Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you do not have television because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us.
- They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time and kiss us even when we have acted bad.
- A 6-year old was asked where his grandmother lived. "Oh," he said, "She lives at the airport and when we want her we just go get her. Then when we are done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	130
Sunday A.M.....	153
Sunday P.M.....	117
Wednesday.....	130
Contribution.....	\$4,142.15
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Daniel Drummond
A.M. Prayer.....	J. L. Eaton
Closing Prayer.....	Dan Cobb
P.M. Prayer.....	Greg Harrison
Closing.....	Ronnie Griggs
Wed 9/12.....	Richard Jennings
Wed. 9/12.....	Harold Crowe
Usher & Lock.....	Harold Russell
Greeter.....	B & A Pounders



PANTRY ITEM

Dried Beans or Peas

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

Mike King.....	507-0625
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50 Years!

Please join us to celebrate the
50th Anniversary of

Jerry and Eleta Grimmitt

Saturday, September 15, 2012
At 1:00 p.m.

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No gifts please

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