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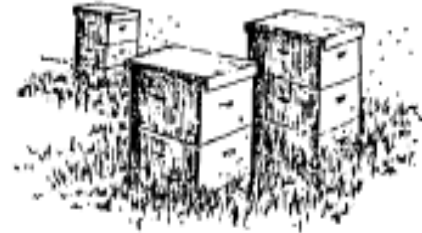
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Born To “Bee” A “Worker”

Mike King



As a child my grandfather exposed me to “bee keeping.” He always kept and maintained numerous hives of bees. It fell my lot to assist him with “robbing” their bounty of honey accumulated by much hard work.

There are numerous lessons to be learned from a colony of bees, the primary lesson being their zealousness in being productive. A productive hive of bees can make and store up to two pounds of honey a day. They can survive the winter on thirty-five pounds. The energy in one ounce of honey can provide one bee with enough energy to fly around the world. This might take some time since they are not adequate fliers; while their wings beat over 11,000 cycles per minute, their flight speed averages only 15 miles per hour.

In a typical hive there will be around 500 worker bees, one queen bee, many drones and bee grubs. It takes twelve days for the bee grub to become a honeybee. The grubs are fed pollen and honey by the worker bees in order to reach “bee-hood.” The worker bees are all female and live only four to six weeks. What is amazing is that these short-lived, hard working female workers impact the world! The average American consumes a little over a pound of honey per year. A worker bee will produce in a lifetime $\frac{1}{12}$ of a teaspoon of honey. To make a pound of honey, workers in a hive fly 55,000 miles and tap two million flowers. In a single collecting trip, a worker will visit between 50 and 100 flowers. She will return to the hive carrying over half her weight in pollen and nectar.

So what? The church is like a colony of bees. We work long and hard during a relatively short life. The world is made sweeter because of “workers” unselfishly giving of themselves to “produce.” No amount of inconvenience or distance pre-empts the job getting done. The collection of the pollen and the making of the honey to be stored are for their posterity. They will die before benefiting from it due to their short life span. The building we now build will largely be utilized by future generations. Some who are laboring most diligently are our older members. The gifts of monies and time will realize for them short term benefits now. The growth of the church and the gathering of believers require the efforts of many, over a period of time. Let me encourage each and every one to “bee” a part!

EPHESIANS CHAPTER ONE

E C A R G T R U C K D O O L B Y	ALSO	GLORY
I M A G I N A D O H U H T O B R	APOSTLE	GRACE
S P O R T T D E E D O S C E T O	BEING	HOPE
S K I D S E W S D A T S M O Y L	BLAME	JESUS
S P O I S O T S E A R A E D M G	BLESSED	MAKING
S O R T R I V E A L L T O N T E	BLOOD	MIGHT
T H E L I U W L D B I B H E A R	BODY	POWER
C I D E P O H B E L T S O P A P	BOTH	PRAISE
O S S E N L U F H W F R O M R Y	CHOSEN	SEALED
B L U S T E R T T O O L S A L L	CHRIST	SPIRIT
A T H G I M H E E D S R I N D S	COME	WHAT
P L U G N G E T L D J S K E N G	DEAD	WISDOM
O O Z E U I A L L R E E L I N T	EARTH	WORD
S O W O O H K L I O L A S I N G	FILLETH	WORKING
L U R E W I N A F W E W E U N G	FROM	WORLD
A W E A R I N G M S U B E R S O	FULNESS	WROUGHT

I COME TO WORSHIP GOD

There once was an old man who lived six miles from the church. He had to travel a rough and rocky road. Even though he had a bad case of rheumatism, he came every Sunday, rain or shine, riding a gray mare.

At church he always occupied the pew nearest the pulpit, and kept his eyes fixed on the preacher. Being deaf, he always carried a trumpet to hold to his ear. One day the preacher met the old man in town. The preacher put his mouth to the old man's trumpet and asked, "Brother, can you hear my sermons?"

"Not a word," he answered.

Then the preacher yelled again, "Then why do you come to church if you can't hear me preach?"

Well, the preacher never forgot the old man's rebuke, for he meekly replied, "I go to church to worship God." He continued, "Have you ever noticed how I look into your face while you are preaching? I thank God for your message and ask Him to work in the lives of those who can hear the sermon. If you appear discouraged, I pray for God to give you strength."

That old man preached a sermon six miles long every Sunday!

What kind of sermon are you preaching today?

~ Tim Woodward

YOUTH NEWS

- The Senior Bible Bowl will be held September 18th, at the Nettleton Church of Christ and the Junior Bible Bowl will be held Sept. 24, at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ.

PRAYER LIST

John Sanford, was to see a heart doctor Tuesday, in Birmingham.

Steve Livingston, will have surgery for breast cancer Thursday, in New Albany.

Charlie Sims, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He was to see an oncologist Tuesday, in Birmingham.

Billy Joe Bray, brother of *Deloris Crowe* is battling cancer and not doing well at this time.

Continual Prayer

Cindy Sprouse, Pat Reed, Janice Griffin, Randy Wall, Drew Ferguson, Daphne Fitzpatrick, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, 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

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A Bible
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Riddle


I was Rebekah's nurse who died and was buried under the oak below Bethel.

Gen. 35:8

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"I'VE LEARNED"

...That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because he may have to eat them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 09.....Jerry Gibson
 September 09.....John Sanford
 September 10.....Nicki Weaver
 September 14.....Barbara Jackson
 September 16.....Lessie Bryant

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 15.....Jerry & Eleta Grimmer
 September 16.....Chris & Callie Smithey

THANK YOU

New Albany Church of Christ Family,

Craig Owen and I (*Megan Powell*) would like to say thank you to all the ladies who helped with the bridal tea. We are so blessed to have such great people surrounding us and praying for us during this special time. Everyone of you are an encouragement to us and our walk with Christ. We appreciate everything you all have done for us during this time. We look forward to seeing everyone in October! Thanks again!

Megan Powell and Craig Owen

AREA EVENTS

The **East Main Church of Christ** will be hosting a leadership training class every Monday night, from 7:00 to 8:30 beginning Sept. 12th –Dec. 12th. They will use the book titled "Christian Leadership Handbook" by *J.J. Turner*.

Ashland Church of Christ invites you to their **Fall Gospel Singing** Saturday, September 17th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Refreshments will be served after the singing.

You are invited to a **Ladies Day** September 24, from 9:00am-12:00 noon at the **Amory Church of Christ**. Guest speaker: *Jane Washington*

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	117
Sunday A M	154
Sunday P.M.....	94
Wednesday.....	115
Contribution	\$3,600.00
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Dean Dillard
A.M. Prayer.	Dalton Beard
Closing Prayer.....	J.L. Eaton
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Crowe
Closing.....	Martin Crotts
Wed 9/14.....	Jason Jennings
Wed. 9/14.....	Shane Crotts
Usher & Lock.....	Greg Clayton
Greeter.....	T & N Robertson



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Fruit

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.....	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

The Devil's Beatitudes



1. Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend a few hours a week with their fellow Christians. They are my best workers.
2. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked. I can use them.
3. Blessed are the "touchy" who stop going to church. They are my missionaries.
4. Blessed are the trouble makers. They shall be called my children.
5. Blessed are the complainers. I'm all ears to them.
6. Blessed are those who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes, for they get nothing out of the sermons.
7. Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own congregation, for he is part of the problem instead of the solution.
8. Blessed are those who gossip, for they shall cause strife and divisions that please me.
9. Blessed are those who are easily offended, for they will soon get angry and quit.
10. Blessed are those who do not give their offering to carry on God's work, for they are my helpers.
11. Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his brother and sister, for he shall be with me forever.
12. Blessed are you who, when you read this, think it is about other people and not yourself. I've got you too!

Author unknown—must have been a preacher

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