



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

www.nacoc.us

January 28, 2020

The Talent of Encouragement

(From Housetohouse.com)



Did you know that the ability to encourage people is a talent? Not everyone does it well. Have you ever noticed that there are some people that you really love to be around. They always have that special way of making you feel good - like you're somebody important. Even when all your efforts fall through, they are there making it seem like it was all worthwhile.

The Bible tells us that we should encourage one another, yet encouragement is one of the qualities that is sometimes most lacking. Paul knew that it was important to our self-esteem and to the church as a whole. He knew that encouragement makes the members want to work harder and that it promotes a general good feeling among the brothers and sisters. Ask yourself, Have I ever found it easy to resent someone who is always giving me praise and encouragement? It is hard to resent an encourager because they make you feel wanted and loved.

Have you been guilty of not giving encouragement? Maybe the following suggestions will help you develop a talent for encouraging others:

Always make it a point to let the men of the congregation know how much you appreciate what they are doing. Especially be quick to tell young men that they are doing a good job. It takes a lot of courage to get in front of a crowd and they need to be commended often. Sometimes a simple "That was a meaningful prayer you led" could do so much to boost a person's self-confidence.

What about a sister who always does her best during singing or the child who behaves especially well during a church service? A pat on the back can work wonders.

Even more neglected is the preacher. Many late hours are often spent preparing the lesson that you heard Sunday morning. Let him know how much you appreciate the time he has spent trying to help you become a better Christian. Wouldn't it be sad if he didn't care? Wouldn't it be sad if no one cared? That is why encouragement is so important - so people will feel compelled to keep giving their best.

At every church service why not make it a point to say something encouraging to at least two people? Pretty soon it will become a habit. You will begin to feel good about helping others and will soon see how much good it is doing in your own life.

Encouragement is, and will continue to be, one of the key factors to growth at any congregation. Let's each resolve to be more encouraging to all the members and even to the visitors who come our way. A resounding job well done never hurt anybody!

“...edify one another, even as also ye do” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

Announcements: Terry Stubblefield
Sound Room: Matt Jennings
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Greg Harrison
 Sun. P.M.: Richard Jennings
 Wed.: Clay, David, Jim, Thomas,

Sunday Prayers:

Feb. 02:
 A.M. Phil Young
 Kurt Clayton
 P.M. Steve Todd
 Ronnie Griggs

Feb. 09:
 A.M. Richard Adams
 Martin Crotts
 P.M. Phillip Young
 Jerry Grimmett

Feb. 16:
 A.M. Roger Clayton
 Michael Crotts
 P.M. Dane Coggin
 Hunter Jennings

Feb. 23:
 A.M. Larry Cobb
 Jim Gann
 P.M. Tim Dye
 Jason Jennings

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Olen Clark
 North Helper I: Thomas Wall
 North Helper II: Joe Owen

South Head: Greg Clayton
 South Helper I: Matt Jennings
 South Helper II: Harold Russell

Scripture Reading:

Feb. 02 — David Clayton
 Feb. 09 — Dean Dillard
 Feb. 16 — Caleb Jennings
 Feb. 23 — Paul Ormon

Wednesday Prayers:

Feb. 05 — Shane Crotts; Randy Wall
 Feb. 12 — Richard Jennings; Owen Clayton
 Feb. 19 — Greg Harrison; Clay Jennings
 Feb. 26 — Perry Jones; Mark Jennings

Usher:

Feb. 05 — Jason Jennings
 Feb. 12 — Randy Wall
 Feb. 19 — Greg Clayton
 Feb. 26 — Roger Clayton

Lock:

Feb. 02 — Jason Jennings
 Feb. 09 — Dan Cobb
 Feb. 16 — Mark Jennings
 Feb. 23 — Steve Todd

Security:

Feb. 02 — Dan Cobb
 Feb. 09 — Dane Coggin
 Feb. 16 — Tin Dye
 Feb. 23 — Jason Jennings

Prepare Communion:
Steve & Lana Todd

Host Youth Devo:
Mark & Alyce Jennings

* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let
Randy Wall know before service time!



YOUTH NEWS

- ◆ Lads to Leaders practice is every Sun. evening at 5:00pm unless otherwise announced.
- ◆ Feb. 2nd there will be a Super Bowl Party at the home of *Greg and Kim Clayton* following evening services.
- ◆ The next NAPE meeting will be Feb. 5th following Wed. evening Bible Study.
- ◆ Feb. 9th will be the next Area Wide and be held at Pontotoc Church of Christ.
- ◆ Junior Bible Bowl will be held at the Antioch congregation Feb. 16th at 2:00pm.
- ◆ CYC will be held Feb. 27th– March 1st in Pigeon Forge. TN.



“Honor your father and mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth you.” Exodus 20:12

Reasons Not to Use Profanity

Profanity has become so common that many no longer consider it objectionable. It is printed in papers, used on cameras, spoken in mixed company by both genders and used in the presence of children, as if God does not object. He does, for God's name is not to be treated irreverently.

- ◇ God forbade the ancient Israelites from taking His name in vain. (Ex. 20:7)
- ◇ God's name is holy and reverend — it is to be respected (Psalm 119:9).
- ◇ God's name is hallowed (Matthew 6:8).
- ◇ God's name and His doctrine are not to be blasphemed (1 Timothy 6:1).

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.” Psalm 19:14)
~ copied

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Jerry Coats, minister for the Potts Camp congregation, is to have a defibrillator put in some time this week.

Ron Griggs, father of *Madison Griggs* will have on his foot surgery soon.

Jerry Robbins, neighbor of *Brian & Shelby Carpenter*, suffered a stroke this past week.

Kathy Clayton will have cataract surgery Thursday.


Kenesha Sweezer is having some issues due to her recent surgery. She is in a lot of pain.


Ms. Miller, teacher of *Owen Clayton*, is scheduled to have a heart procedure.

Luke Goff, husband of *Erin Wall Goff*, is being deployed, possibly to Poland for up to a year. Please pray for his safety and for *Erin*.

*Several of our members were out sick Sunday with various illnesses.

Sympathy:

 We express our sympathy to *Janice Cobb* and *Harold Russell* on the passing of a great nephew **Jeremy Williams**, from Bowling Green, Ky.

 We express sympathy to the family of **Joanna Patterson** of Myrtle. Her son was a friend of *Luke Jennings*.

Continue to Remember:

Michelle Bell, Molly Clayton, Daniel Cross, Shane Crotts, Arelus Dye, Prebble Foster, Paul Franks, Eleta Grimmett, Phillip Haynes, Janie Huggins, Ronnie Miller, Elizabeth Phagen, Shannon Sciara, Levi Smith, Mildred Shackelford, Josie Tidwell, Angela Victory, Cynthia White, Donnie Wilson

Shut-Ins: Bill & Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski, J.D. Stroud

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Jerry & Lucille Gibson, Price Senter

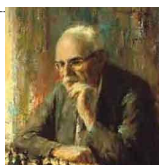
Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



I've Learned...

Where you go hereafter, depends on
WHAT you go after here.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 02. Stephanie Simmons
February 05. Paige Young
February 06. Owen Clayton



CARE GROUP MEETING

Care group 2 (*Brian Carpenter* and *Matt Jennings* ' group) will meet following morning services at the fellowship building on Feb. 2nd. The meal will be potluck.



CHURCH WEBSITE

Our Church website is being updated. Please take time to check it out! <http://www.nacoc.us>. More updates will be available in the coming weeks.



AREA EVENTS

- The Ripley Church of Christ has scheduled 'Our Christ is King Lectureship' for Feb. 23-26. The guest speakers are the second year students from Memphis School of Preaching. The topic will be "The Fruits of the Spirit".
- A Gospel Meeting will be held Feb. 9th-12th at the Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc, with guest speaker *Don Blackwell*. Mon.-Wed. nights at 7PM
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held at the Pontotoc Church of Christ Feb. 9th at 5:00pm. The guest speaker will be *David Paden*.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

Visit our website @ <http://www.nacoc.us>
Email: nacoc15s@gmail.com

THE INFORMER

January 28, 2020

Volume 04

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Shaler Grigsby....Youth/ Assoc.
256-263-9137
 Office 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson316-3163
 Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260
 Randy Wall 316-9255

TO SERVE

Scripture.....David Clayton
 A.M. Prayer..Phil Young
 Closing.....Kurt Clayton
 P.M. Prayer.....Steve Todd
 Closing.....Ronnie Griggs
 Wed.2/05.....Shane Crotts
 Wed.2/05.....Randy Wall
 Lock 2/02.....Jason Jennings
 Usher 2/02.....Jason Jennings
 Security 2/02.....Dan Cobb

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....93
 Sunday A.M.....113
 Sunday P.M.....77
 Wednesday.....73
 Contribution.....\$3,589.50
 Budget.....\$4,095.92

PANTRY ITEMS

Chicken Dumplings



THE INFORMER (USPS 581-500)

Church of Christ
 511 Hwy. 15 South, P.O. Box 148
 New Albany, Mississippi 38652
 (662)534-4649

Periodical
 Postage Paid
 New Albany, MS

POSTMASTER: Send address changes
 (Form 3579) to: The Informer, P.O. Box
 148, New Albany, MS 38652

Do You Know this Little Boy?

Dear God,

I'm a little boy, just eight years old. I've been doing a lot of thinking lately, and I'm worried. Maybe you can help me with some of these things I don't understand. Of course you know that I have been going to Bible study for a long time, and I've learned to love you and the Bible, and I love my teacher for all she has taught me about you and about Jesus.

It's about Mom and Dad that I have been wondering. I love them both with all my heart, and they love me, I know. And more than any thing, I want to know that they are going to heaven when they die. They want me to go, for they've told me so. They send me to Bible Study every Sunday morning and then they come later to church. But why don't Mom and Dad go to Bible Study, too? And Sunday night, when Johnny and Mary and their Mom and Dad go to church, my mom and dad either stay at home, go to movies, or visit friends. Is this all right, God?

Another thing, in Bible School I have learned how important it is to pray and thank you for our food and everything, but you know I've never heard my dad pray...is this all right, God? And my teacher says that it is important to study and worship you, and when I do get to go to church on Sunday night or Wednesday night I don't see her. Is this all right, God?

I guess I'm just kinda mixed up 'cause I think Mom and Dad and my teacher are the best in the world. I want to be just like them when I grow up, and I just want to be sure they are doing the right things so we can live with you some day. In Jesus' name,

Your friend, Billy

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"

1 Corinthians 11:1