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HEAR:

JIMMY CLARK

March 22nd-25th



Jimmy Clark has served as a minister for 40 years, the past 36 have been spent serving the Bethel, Alabama congregation in Athens, AL, since October 1, 1984. He also serves as one of their elders. Jimmy has served in overseas mission efforts in England, Spain, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Ghana, and Mexico. He speaks on numerous lectureship programs and gospel meetings. He is the Director and instructor for the Alabama School of Bible Emphasis in Athens, AL

He received his education from, Freed-Hardeman University (A.A. & B.A. 1977, 1979) and post graduate work at Ambridge University (formerly Southern Christian University, M.A. 1981).

Jimmy was married to Pam (Rikard) Clark on June 23, 1979. They have three children: Benjamin Clark, Daniel Clark, and Hannah Clark Fuller. They have five grandchildren: Levi and Lily Clark, Hayden and Sawyer Clark, and Braxton Fuller. Jimmy comes from a preaching family. His father was the late Winfred Clark and his mother, Polly, were dedicated servants of the Lord. He too was related to the late Franklin Camp who was a noted preacher and writer in the Birmingham area.

Below are the topics he will be addressing during our Gospel Meeting.

Meeting Sermon Titles

Bible Class - Overview of the book of James

Sunday am - Attitude of a Worshipper

Sunday pm - The Heart that Makes it to Heaven

Monday - If I Were Looking for a Church

Tuesday - What Does it Mean to be Born of God

Wednesday - Basic Spiritual Needs

A Dangerous Pitfall for Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and Church Leaders

How could anyone not love the apostle John? Jesus loved him and four times the Bible described this apostle as the one whom Jesus loved (John 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20). He was so special that Jesus even committed to him the care of His mother!

How could anyone not love John? John uses the word “love” over 100 times in his writings. You cannot read his words without seeing the gentleness of this man. How could anyone not love and respect him?

Add to this the fact that he was an apostle. He was one of the “inner three” who were the only apostles to witness the resurrection of Jairius’ daughter, the transfiguration and who were closest to Him in Gethsemane. Even if there was someone who did not love John, how could anyone not respect him?

As strange as it might seem, there was one man who had no use for this apostle who was so close to the Master. John even wrote a letter to the church where this man was a member and he did all he could to keep it from having any impact on the other members. What kind of heart must one have to not see how great this apostle was?

Look at how John described this man in 3 John 9-10. *“I wrote to the church, but, Diotrefes, who loved to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.”*

What kind of man does it take to treat a godly man in such this way? What kind of man does it take to use malicious words to harm the apostle? What kind of man does it take to forbid others to show hospitality and kindness to other faithful brethren? What kind of man does it take to force those whose hearts were filled with kindness to leave the church?

The answer found in one simple phrase—he loves to have the preeminence. Men with such hearts, while seemingly members of the church, are men who use the church as a means to exalt themselves. It is the pitfall of many church leaders. It is seen in preachers, who long to be noticed in the church, to preach at large churches and be used widely. They do not serve the church, they use the church. It is seen in elders who use their position and lord it over the church, and even lord it over the other elders, ignoring their wishes until he gets his way. It is seen in deacons who love the honor of being deacons, but never do the work.

The church is not a place of preeminence. It is a place of service! It must never be *used*, it must always be *served*!

~ Dan Jenkins

Smiling Is Infectious

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized,
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
Then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine,
Could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected.
Let's start and epidemic quick,
And get the world infected!

By~ Spike Milligan

What Makes a Strong Church?

- ◆ A church that strives for unity is a strong church (Jn. 17:20-26).
- ◆ A church that prays is a strong church. (Jas. 5:16).
- ◆ A church that trains its membership is a strong church (Heb. 5:12-14).
- ◆ A church that shows its faith by what it does is a strong church (Jas. 2:18).
- ◆ A church that humbly relies on God is a strong church. (1 Cor. 13).

Discontent

There are two kinds of discontent in this world; the discontent that works, and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants, and the second loses what it has. There's no cure for the first but success; and there's no cure at all for the second.

~ Gordon Graham ~

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PRAYER LIST



Hunter Kuhl, grandson of *Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield* is at home recovering from knee surgery. His surgery went well.

Novene Robertson is having more tests this week.

Audrey Nell Clement, sister of *Richard Jennings* is scheduled to have carotid artery surgery Thursday, in Tupelo.

Brian Carpenter will have knee surgery March 16th.

Audrey Anna Young will be leaving soon for a mission trip to Costa Rica. Please pray for her safety and success of the trip.

Luke Goff, husband of *Erin Wall Goff* is being deployed to Poland shortly. He is now in TX preparing to leave. Please remember him and *Erin* in your prayers. We will post his address when it becomes available.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to *Troy & Novene Robertson* on the death of *Troy's* aunt, **Irene Murrah** and their sister-in-law **Barbara Robertson** who passed away last week.

Continue to Remember:

Michelle Bell, Molly Clayton, Jerry Coats, Daniel Cross, Shane Crofts, Arelus Dye, Mable Erwin, Prebble Foster, Ron Griggs, Phillip Haynes, Janie Huggins, Bill Lyon, Elizabeth Phagen, Jerry Robbins, Shannon Sciara, Levi Smith, Mildred Shackelford, Sue Stroud, Josie Tidwell, Angela Victory, Donnie Wilson

Shut-Ins:

Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski, J.D. Stroud

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill DePriest, Joe Downs, Jerry & Lucille Gibson, Price Senter

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



I've Learned...

A good way to "save face" is to keep the lover half closed.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 15. Masey Kate Adams
March 17. Patricia Crow
March 19. Dan Cobb
March 19. Clay Jennings
March 20. Kyland Morgan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 17. Mark & Alyce Jennings



THANK YOU!

Dear New Albany Church of Christ, Care Group 2

Thank you so much for the generous donation to Graceful Hands. Your love for children is evident through your mission work and we greatly appreciate you all.

Thanks again, Stacy Morrison
West Union School

GOSPEL MEETING

Mark your calendars and join us for our Gospel Meeting March 22nd– March 25th.

Our guest speaker will be *Jimmy Clark* of Athens, AL. We will have a meal Sun. following morning services and then each evening Mon. –Wed. at 5:45. Our adult classes will host the meals each night. Our service times Mon.-Wed will be at 7:00PM



FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY!

We invite everyone to our Friends and Family Day, Sunday, March 29th. We will have regular Bible classes beginning at 9:30 followed by our morning worship at 10:30. We will have a meal following morning worship and finish the day with a 1:15 afternoon service. Our guest speaker for the day will be *Matt Cook*. We look forward to a great day and seeing many family and friends as we worship together.



AREA EVENTS

- The Pine Bluff Church of Christ invites the ladies to their Ladies Day Sat. March 21st, beginning at 9:00am. The guest speaker will be *Angela Banks*.
- Area Wide at Fulton March 15th.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260
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TO SERVE

Scripture.....Brian Carpenter
 A.M. Prayer.....Shane Crotts
 Closing.....Larry Cobb
 P.M. Prayer.....Kurt Clayton
 Closing.....Caleb Jennings
 Wed.3/18.....Richard Jennings
 Wed.3/18.....Troy Robertson
 Lock 3/15.....Jason Jennings
 Usher 3/15.....Randy Wall
 Security 3/15.....Randy Wall

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....89
 Sunday A.M.....109
 Sunday P.M.....75
 Wednesday.....74
 Contribution.....\$5,391.25
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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

New Albany Church of Christ

Invites you to join us for

Friends & Family Day

March 29th, 2020

Guest Speaker: Matt Cook

Sunday School ~ 9:30

Morning Worship ~ 10:30

Noon Meal

Afternoon Worship ~ 1:15

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