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"I Hope You Know"

The Time Is Now...For Obedience! The attitudes and attributes of life most needed are rarely the most popular. Obedience has to fall into the category of annual physicals, getting a shot, or eating more salads than sweets. It's the best blessing of our life, but the greatest personal challenge we often face. Yet as with all things, our Lord Jesus has shown us the limitless blessings when obedience becomes more than a lesson learned, but a life lived. The Hebrew writer gives us the glimpse in these words, "though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience through the things which He suffered" (Hebrews 5:8).

There could be so much said regarding the Sonship of Jesus, all its own. The Hebrew writer regards Jesus as the Son, with perhaps the greatest language of all the scripture, "To which of the angels did He ever say, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You" (Hebrews 1:5). The answer is clear, and the writer is arguing from the silence of the scriptures, God never once said to any angel, "you are My son." But God did say that to the Lord Jesus. Matthew 3:17 records it, Matthew 17:5 records it, and John 12:28 records it. Jesus was not just any Son, He was, is, and always shall be, the Son of God. Jesus often referred to Himself as the Son of Man, literally announcing to all, He was the Son of all men, and could understand all men.

As our Lord lived His sinless life here on this soil, He was always learning, always increasing His knowledge and becoming accustomed to this life. Of all that Jesus would do on this earth, He would make Himself the one who was accustomed to you and me, and then be able to take that knowledge with Him in order to sit by the right hand of God and be able to understand you and me with a depth otherwise never possessed.



Make no mistake, this is not some predated Mark Twain, Prince and the Pauper scenario. Jesus did not come to earth merely to assume the identity of a man to "see what it was like." He came in order to be complete and show you and me the power of His fullness lived in flesh and blood. Jesus did not come to see His own glory, but the glory of the Father. They are equal (John 1:1), but Jesus was obedient (John 8:50).

But it was His suffering and His pain which brought Him to the understanding of you and me. The difficulty of His suffering was the price paid for sin; the battle fought for the soul was in Gethsemane; the blood shed for the sins of the world at Calvary, and the hope signaled for all the world came from the vacant tomb. Sin could have no cure, were it not for His suffering. Sin could have no sacrifice were it not for His suffering. Sin could have no salvation were it not for His suffering. Do not be deceived, Jesus was never disobedient, but through His submission of obedience, we have the hope of salvation for all men's souls. "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him," (Hebrews 5:9). I hope you know - "The Time Is Now For Obedience!"

**Fundraiser For
*Baby Mollie***

**Infant daughter of Lee & Cassidy Orton
Food, Auction, & Family Fun**

Saturday, July 21, 2012

11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Fairfield Church of Christ

BBQ or Hamburger Plate \$8.00

Hot Dog Plates \$ 6.00

Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Bouncy House & Music

Will Be Available During Event Time! Some

Items Included In The Auction Are:

Beech Bend Park Passes, Gift Baskets & Gift

**Certificates From Local Businesses, Baked Goods
& More!**

**Attention Members of the Centerville Church of
Christ...We have been asked to donate canned**

**drinks for this benefit. You may bring your drinks
and leave them in the church lobby. We
appreciate your help with this.**

4th of July Celebration



A Special "Thank You" to Ms. Inis Puckett

At the sunset of life, many who have experienced the brightness of that life's light, come to share in their affection and admiration for the influence that life shined upon them. In so doing, there is a measure of satisfaction that in the final honor of their life, those who throughout the majority of the journey or for those who joined them near their journey's end, gathered to express their love, offer their words of thanksgiving to family and friends, and to express their gratitude to God for sharing part of His creation with us. This is the moment when we think we have in some way, as modest as it seems, repaid that precious life through the honor we give their memory. But as they always did in life, so still they do in death, they bless us once more in unexpected, undeserved, and unbelievable ways.

April 22, 2012, a godly woman of influence and instruction to an abundance of souls, Ms. Inis Puckett, was carried by the angels of God to His eternity. Her death, at an age beyond 102 years, left us with a sadness for her absence, but a joy for her gained reward. Ms. Inis has been spoken of with a fondness by all who knew and loved her. Her authentic faith and her confidence in the Lord for His supply of her needs, reminds us of where she kept her treasure and heart resided (Matthew 6:21). Her modest living and intentional stewardship of the means God placed in her hands and the hands of her beloved husband, could not pass from this life to the next with her. Thus her "estate" was left to the trust of her family, with her detailed intentions.

With the intent of our sister in Christ, Ms. Inis Puckett bestowed one more blessing, this one in the form of a financial gift to her church family of the Centerville Church of Christ. The gift, both gracious and generous, is entrusted to the stewardship of the church which Ms. Inis and her family, including her beloved surviving sister Ms. Ruby Nash, dearly love. What is of special note (among the modesty of her life, the integrity of her character) is the time of life such a decision was made. Our sister Inis, made these decisions in the year 2008, at the age of roughly, 98. "But a generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand" (Isaiah 32:8). The memory of Ms. Inis will far outlast the "life" of her gift. But her last gift to us is yet another page in her lasting influence in our lives.

Brethren, we can learn so much from the modest lives, the intentional stewardship, and the purposed giving of those around us. What plans have you made to be intentional with what God has placed in your hands? We must use wisely what this godly woman has shared with us. Yet we have an even greater debt owed to Ms. Inis for her continued instruction she has provided and the reminder to be deliberate in the care of the blessings God offers us. From our hearts to the heart of this precious teacher, "Thank you."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13,440.23

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 197.77

Many families have made the commitment to

"Be In For Ten"

Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current Contribution.

There are 250 families within our Church Family.

IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



July Events...



...July 12 Visitation Team 2 at Outreach Center 6:30 P.M.

...July 15 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center after P.M. worship

...July 15 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.

Prayer Requests



...Lilianna Dressler, infant daughter of Mark & Jessica, had surgery Monday, July 2nd at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She is recovering at home and doing well.

...Dan Wallace is recovering from heart surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital and hopes to come home Tuesday, July 3rd.

...Nancy Weaver is dealing with an infection.

...Teresa Stone, the mother of Eric Ghant, is recovering at home after being in the hospital last week.

...Pearl Cagle, the sister of Guy Barber, had a pacemaker inserted Monday, July 2nd, at Maury Regional Hospital.

😊 ...It was great to see Helen Hudgins Sunday morning !

...Mozine Atkinson continues to deal with severe back pain and limited mobility. She will see her back specialist in Nashville on Friday, July 6th.

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness: Mollie Orton, Jason & Tawny Kramp, Noah Elliott, Lois Sanders, Doug Burchard, Janie Billions, Andrea Spears, Doris King, Cynthia Mitchell, Robert Pitts, Lisa Shepherd, Kathy Lawhon, Janie Warren.

Home: Mozine Atkinson, Curtis & Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Paul Litton, Thelbert Bradley, Fay Bowen, Francis Harris, Stephen Church, Stella Breece, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Brown Breece, Ruby Wells.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Jim Wells, Jr., father of Felicia (Melvin) Roberson, who passed away last week.



We received a donation to the : Framing the Future Fund! Thank You !

Memorials

...a Camp Meribah Scholarship has been given in memory of Lamar Chessor by Don & Vickie Chessor.

...a Camp Meribah Scholarship has been given in memory of Owen Barber and Charlie Loveless by Doug & Billie Sue True.

Area Events

...School Supply Give-A-Way at the Fairfield Church of Christ July 28, 2012. Time: 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

...Friend's Day at the Totty's Bend Church of Christ July 8, 2012. Bible Study : 10:00 A.M.; Worship: 11:00 A.M. with lunch to follow.

...VBS at the Upper Sinking Church of Christ, July 8—11, 2012. Sunday 6:00 P.M.; Monday—Wednesday 7:00 P.M. "The Treasure of the Forgotten Island." *For transportation call 729-5559.

Youth In The News...



...Congratulations to **Houston Hudgins** and **John Jacobs** for being members of the 2012 Centerville Elementary Millionaires' Club; **Valerie Totty** 1st Place in the National Banana Pudding Festival Poster Contest . Great Job !



A Baby Boy !

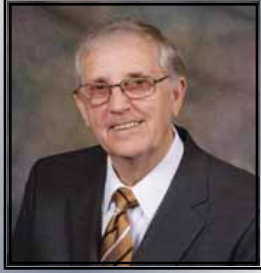


Congratulations to **Joel** and **Whitney Newsom** on the birth of a son, **Landon Dague Newsom**. He was born July 2, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 ozs. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Tommie & Glenda Newsom**.

Dickson NHC: Nona Capps
John S. Bradley South Elgin Rehab.: Stephen Bradley
746 West Spring Street
Room 400
South Elgin, IL 60177



Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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4th of July Celebration...



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if you are unable to serve:

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Prayer Week of July 8

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Randy Wright	Robert Bowman
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Craig Shelton	Wayne Chessor
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Mike Brown	Eric Hughes

READ SCRIPTURE

July 8 David Brown
July 15 Jim Hudgins