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“Mr. Irrelevant”

*“For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these:
‘It might have been.’”—John Greenleaf Whittier*

The 2017 NFL draft is now history and all the official picks have been made—all 253 of them. The very first draft pick usually merits great anticipation and discussion. However, the 253rd pick earns a nickname: “Mr. Irrelevant.” *Irrelevant*, as in all the teams looked and decided to pass on him. *Irrelevant*, as in the thinking that even though he may have been good in college, NFL teams were not so sure of his value. *Irrelevant*, as in, all but one team decided to pass on him so that he would not hurt them from within. Ouch!

This year’s last pick raised eyebrows because he was a very talented quarterback. However, things did not work out well for him or his team. In addition, he had multiple off-field issues throughout his college career. Will he overcome his issues? Will he become relevant to his new team? Will he become relevant to those teams who passed on him (by hurting them by his play against them)? Time will tell.

There is a man mentioned in scripture who walked a similar path. Listed among such men as Mark, who was “very useful . . . for ministry” (2 Timothy 4:11) and Luke, “the beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14), this man is called one of Paul’s “fellow workers” (Philemon 24). In Colossians 4:14, only his name, Demas, is given. There is no further description. This has led some interpreters to assert that he was already seen in a negative light—on his way away from Paul and from God.

Whatever the omission of description in Colossians may mean, we do learn that Demas left Paul (and, apparently, the Lord). Paul writes, “For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me . . .” (2 Timothy 4:11). As far we know, there was no more work by Demas on behalf of Christ and his church. There was no more encouragement received and given among men like Paul, Luke and Mark. Demas simply faded into irrelevance.

There are people like that today—Christians who have become irrelevant because they have left the Lord. If that describes you, please, come home!
—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

May 25—Caring Cooks
May 27—Youth/M.E.E.T.—Devo & Vertical
May 28—Graduate Banquet
May 30—SYS, Walnut Grove
May 31—WNES, Speaker: Steve Higginbotham
May 31—Bread of Life Donation Deadline
May 31-June 2—Extreme Retreat

A Pause . . . And Reflection

I appreciate so much, the interest shown Sunday night, in the upcoming gospel campaign and the accompanying “Big Questions” seminar. **Scot Owens**, from the Mt. Juliet congregation did an excellent job of motivating and encouraging us in this good work. Even though we will have a lot of help, it is now time for us to move forward and begin the push toward the campaign. If you have placed your name on the list, get ready to be used. We will need workers in many different areas, so if you have not done so, please let us know that you want to work.

Also, keep the dates, **July 8-13** in your mind, on your calendar and in your prayers. The folks from Mt. Juliet will be here, ready to begin knocking on doors Saturday, July 8. We will have our regular worship services on Sunday morning, July 9 with special topics for both Sunday Bible class and morning worship. The seminars will begin Sunday evening, with people being able to listen in from the internet and interact with the speaker following the discussion of the topic. This will continue through Wednesday night, July 12. The brothers and sisters from Mt. Juliet will leave Thursday, July 13. This is a different approach, that we hope will generate interest among those who need Christ.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

Birthdays: May 28-June 3

28—TaLonna McCormick
29—Robin Davis, Jim Lisanby
30—Benny Goheen, Roy Vasseur
1—Lillie Dunn

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Sympathy

To **Shanda Gautney** at the death of her brother, **Tracy Hibbs**. A memorial service will be held at Dawson Springs Community Center on Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m.

Baptism

We rejoice with **Jamie Martin** who was baptized Sunday night, May 21 following services. Jamie is the husband of **Ali Smith Martin**. Please pray for and encourage Jamie as he begins his new life in Christ.

Outdoor Worship

Weather permitting, an outdoor worship service is planned for Sunday night, May 28 at 6 p.m. on the grounds of the activities building. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair. The graduate banquet will follow the evening worship.

Graduate Banquet

Sunday night, May 28 following worship there will be a finger food fellowship meal at the activities building in honor of our 2017 high school graduate, **Houston Harvey**.

Sunday Lunch with the Intern

There is a sign up list in the lobby for anyone who would like to host our summer intern, Brian Buckner for Sunday lunch. If Sundays are not good for you but you would like to feed Brian at your home or take him out to eat, feel free to get with him about setting up a time.

Caring Cooks

The Caring Cooks meal delivery on May 25 will be the last delivery until August 10.

Room Assignment Changes

Young Adults—Room 16

Teens—Room 10

Sunday night Lord's Supper—Room 9.

Remember in Prayer:

Mark Scott—Baptist Health

Sandy Barlow—recovering from knee surgery

Garrett Dossett—Vanderbilt Hospital

Nelda Beth, Norman Bradford, Betty Burkeen, Paul Carr, Richard Darnell, Billie Davis, Ethel Davis, Jimmy Davis, JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Daryl Dunn (nephew of Ramona Walker and Renie Sloan), Cindy Grubbs, Tracy Henderson, Autumn Huitt (Sandy Barlow's daughter), John Main, Murray Moore (Sharon Pemberton's son in-law), Mark Scott (Sandra Smith's brother), Barbara Story (Margo McQuigg's mother), Wanda Whirley, Brenda Williams

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—John Main

CCCCtr—Betty Clark, Bobbie Travis

Stilley House—Ed O'Dell, Ralph Steury

Stay On Target!



WNES 2017

May 31st

"Remember the Faith"

Steve Higginbotham

Record:

May 21, 2017

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| Mid-Week (May 17) | 164 |
| Sunday Bible Study | 186 |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 247 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 139 |
| Contribution | \$10,145 |

Why Were You Baptized?

A young man was talking to a preacher about his recent conversion. He described his journey to faith in Christ and his recent efforts to demonstrate true repentance. The preacher then asked, "Why were you baptized?" He quickly responded "Because Jesus commanded it." There may be more that could be said, but that is the central issue. He simply obeyed Jesus' command recorded in Mark 16:16, "He who has believed and been baptized shall be saved."

A closer look at the imagery of baptism offers some additional insights to this incredible event. The immersion in water pictures our being washed of sin. Saul of Tarsus was told to "get up and be baptized and wash away your sins calling on His name" (Acts 22:16). On Pentecost, Peter preached that baptism was "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). In I Peter 3:21 he affirmed that the water of baptism does not wash the skin but removes sin, resulting in a good conscience.

Secondly, the "rising up from the water" pictures a new birth. Indeed, Jesus talked to Nicodemus about being born again — of the water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5). Paul's description of baptism in Romans 6:3-5 included the phrase "raised to walk in newness of life." Baptism is a beginning—not an end.

Finally, baptism is a passive act. Dead people do not bury themselves, and before conversion, we were dead in our sins. The power of baptism is not in the water or the "spiritual corpse" being buried in the grave of baptism. The power is in the blood of Jesus and the scope of God's matchless grace. Let's accept His offer and obey His command.

—Don Loftis

2017

Summer Youth Series

May 30th-Walnut Grove

Speaker: Jon Riley

Pew Packers
Sundays, 5:45 p.m.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, May 28, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall
Opening Prayer: Joel Wommack
Closing Prayer: Garrett Travis
Convalescent Center: Dennis Driver
Gary Smith

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Ben Leonard
Opening Prayer: Robert Hall
Closing Prayer: Danny Walker

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Announcements: Jared Higginbotham
Song Leader: Dale Roberts
Opening Prayer: Glenn Davis
Closing Prayer: Connor Parshall