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**David's Devotional**

**Liberty Church of Christ**

We have enjoyed some very happy years at the Liberty Church of Christ in Dennis, Mississippi. About 200 people who love God worship there. They want to glorify Him.

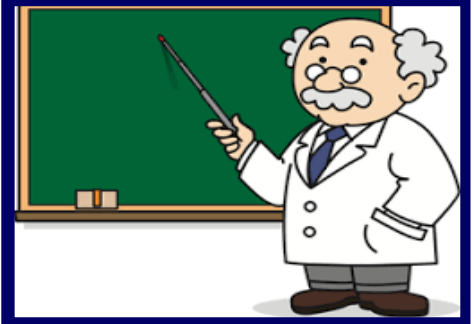
The last Sunday in October (*October 27th*) will be the last Sunday we will be preaching there.

We are asking that everyone be in prayer for us and the Liberty congregation during this transition. We believe God's Will will be done in all things!

We also know that God will respond if we pray. If we do not pray, we may not receive any blessing. Please pray!

*"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."*

**Matthew 21:22**  
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**An Interesting Quote:**  
*"Investment in knowledge pays the best interest."* Benjamin Franklin

*"The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge."* Proverbs 18:15

Most people don't really want to know the truth about things, they only want to justify what they already believe. People tend to believe what they want to believe.

If you repeat something you believe often enough, it will become common "knowledge" even if it ain't so!

What is real knowledge rooted in?

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*

Proverbs 1:7  
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**What Happened?**

**Heard Some Great Gospel Preachers & Attended A Singing**

  
 Ty Rhymes

  
 Russ Crosswhite

  
 Rodney Livingston

  
 Cox Boulevard

**August 17, 2024, was my 62nd Birthday!**  
 This picture shows me in one of my "Happy Places"!



**Did You Know?**

**AUTUMN BEGINS SOON**

Autumn (*Fall*) will begin  
 September 22nd at 7:44 AM CT.

It's hot & dry now but rain's coming!  
*"... he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain ..."*

Joel 2:23

**This is true spiritually too!**  
 God wants to refresh us today!

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## Once Upon A Time ...

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"*  
**Ecclesiastes 3:1**



### Dirty Sally

Mama Conley and Aunt Nettie were Daddy's mother and oldest sister. They lived in the Blake Apartments, a low income housing project in Sheffield.

The front door of their apartments faced one another, separated by their small front yards and a sidewalk.

The apartments were built on concrete slabs with block walls. Their floors were covered with black tile. There was always a slight echo in the rooms. When you visited, they were playing dominoes or a board game called "Aggrevation" with dice and marbles.

Occasionally, they had their quilting frame set up in the living room. They created some master pieces!

Whatever they were doing, they always had a lip full of snuff! The corners of their mouths were permanently stained. They kept a large empty Maxwell House can at their feet (*real metal, not plastic*). When they released the brown liquid contents from their mouths, it would fall in slow motion into the can. When it hit the bottom of the can, there would be an echo that could be heard for miles! They loved to kiss us! That was an indescribable experience.

Dale and I loved to visit them! They were always fun and exciting. We were playing dominoes with them one evening. Suddenly we had to stop. A television show was about to come on that they had been looking forward to with great anticipation. We gathered around the black and white TV set and eagerly waited for "Dirty Sally" to come on. When she appeared on the screen I thought to myself, "It's Mama Conley and Aunt Nettie!" Dirty Sally was tough, toothless, and tobacco using! They laughed through the entire episode! It was one of the best visits we had with them!

Solomon spoke of times and seasons in our lives. Mama Conley and Aunt Nettie had been through some rough times, but that night was a time to laugh!  
**Ecclesiastes 3:4** *"A time to weep, and a time to laugh;"*  
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# Alpha & Omega



*"I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."* **Revelation 22:13**

Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet. Omega is the last letter in the Greek alphabet. We would say "I am the A and Z...".

In this passage, just in case someone did not know what Alpha and Omega was, Jesus said, "*the beginning and the end*"!

If they still missed the point, he said it another way, "*the first and the last*"!

Jesus definitely wanted to get His point across!

Jesus was saying, "I am ALL in ALL!" – "I am EVERYTHING!" – "I'm all that matters" – "If you don't have me, you don't have anything!"

If we are Christians, we have everything we need! Isn't that **BLESSED ASSURANCE**?

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**Blessed  
Assurance,  
Jesus Is Mine!**  


## A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher decided to donate blood at the local blood bank. He came home and told his family he would take them to supper when he returned. As his wife put on their five year old son's clothes he asked where his

*father was. She explained that he had gone to give blood. The boy leaned closer to his mother and whispered, "Yeah, but we know it's really grape juice! Right Mom?"*

The preacher thought about **I Corinthians 13:11** "*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*"! Isn't it time to see worship (including the Lord's Supper) in a mature way, not just as some "game" a child would play?