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David's Devotional

Valdosta Church of Christ

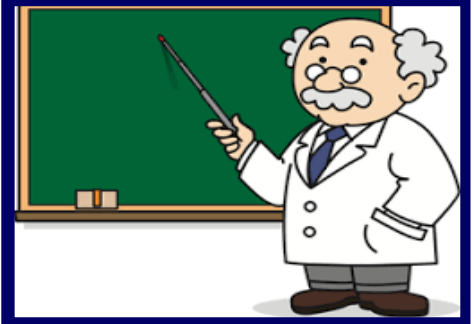
We are excited about worshiping with the Valdosta Church of Christ in Tuscumbia, Alabama. They are a solid congregation who love God and each other. They also want to meet you and will love you too!

The first Sunday in November (*November 3rd*) will be the first Sunday we will be preaching there.

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

If you are looking for a place to worship God and want to be a part of a congregation that desires to please, praise, and promote God, visit us at Valdosta Church of Christ (1119 Old Lee Hwy. Tuscumbia, AL).

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."
Hebrews 4:16
 David Conley



An Interesting Quote:
"A successful man is the one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others throw at him." Sidney Greenberg

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matthew 5:11

Nobody wants to be falsely accused, slandered, criticized, or humiliated.

However, there are people that enjoy doing those things! They actually take pleasure destroying the reputation and character of others.

It is only a matter of time that some of them will attack us. Take those "bricks" and build a "firm foundation" by using them to strengthen our character. We can learn patience, humility, and even forgiveness! Sometimes ... repentance!

What Happened?



Philip Hathcock at Beans Ferry



Steven Hodgkin at Iuka



Colbert Heights Singing



The Liberty Lights In Pigeon Forge



Charles Adams passed away. He was a faithful Christian!

Gene Hester celebrated his 97th Birthday!



Did You Know?

The Original Smiley Face
 Was created by Harvey Ball in 1963.



It was created as a symbol to encourage people to smile and do random acts of kindness for others!

The First Friday in October (*October 4th*) is World Smile Day! Wear a Smile and make the world a better place!
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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



WOWL TV Station

WOWL TV 15 was a local TV station operated by Dick Biddle. Mr. Biddle would come on the air each evening with an Editorial followed by an encouragement to *"Be a good American, be an informed American"*.

I didn't understand what he was saying, but I knew it was very important. I wanted to be good and I wanted to be informed - whatever that meant.

Today I see that it was good advice. We would be a lot better off if more people heeded it!

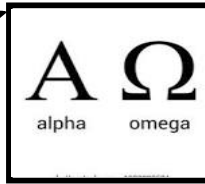
The station naturally used an Owl as their symbol and advertisement. There was a large owl mounted in Florence. It faced south toward the Tennessee River. When you crossed the O'Neal bridge from Colbert County into Lauderdale County, the first thing you saw was the Owl. Its eyes were lights. One was red and the other was green. If the green light was on, then all was well in the Shoals area. If the red light was on, then there had been a tragedy, perhaps a fatal car accident.

I didn't get to see the Owl very much, since going to Florence was equivalent to a European Vacation for us, but I did see it on TV. Every day we were told what color the Owl's eye was. I remember feeling a sense of peace when the Owl's eye was green. I also remember feeling uneasy when we were told that the Owl's eye was red!

When it comes to our soul's condition in the sight of God, what color is the Owl's eye?

We will hear one of two judgments on that last day according to **Matthew 25:21 & 41** *"enter thou into the joy of thy lord."* or *"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"* It is a peaceful thing to know your Owl's eye is green!
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None of Self & All of Thee



O, the bitter pain and sorrow that a time could ever be, when I proudly said to Jesus,
"All of self, and none of Thee".

Yet He found me; I beheld Him bleeding on th' accursed tree, and my wistful heart said faintly,
"Some of self, and some of Thee".

Day by day His tender mercy Healing, helping, full and free, Bro't me lower while I whispered
"Less of self, and more of Thee".

Higher than the highest heavens, Deeper than the deepest sea, Lord, Thy love at last has conquered
"None of self, and all of Thee".

James McGranahan

This song shows the growth of the person who started off only concerned about himself, yet over the course of his experience with Jesus, he emptied himself!

Where are we in our Christian growth? Let's strive to be able to proclaim, *"None of self, and all of Thee"*.

Let's be willing to *"empty ourselves"* as Christ did! He was in heaven with the Father, *"but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."*

Philippians 2:7 (ESV)

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher had two friends, Joe and Jim, who fished every Sunday Morning. One morning they were fishing a part of the river that flowed past a church building. The church bell rang announcing it was time for worship to begin.

Jim turned to Joe and said he felt sort of bad not going to church that morning. Joe said, *"I know what you mean, but I couldn't go anyway because my wife is sick!"* The preacher thought about **Hebrews 10:25** *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

Joe did what the man in **Luke 10:29** did ... *"But he, willing to justify himself,..."*