

# THE INSPIRATIONAL MESSENGER

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## Thoughts To Consider

We recently took four of our grandchildren on a trip to mine crystals at a mine in Mt. Ida & while there wasn't a chance to get rich from what we found (unlike Saturday at the diamond mine in Murfreesboro) we had a good time. Actually, we had a better time at the crystal mine than the diamond mine, but that's a story for another time.

We started with a stay Thursday night in a plain looking family owned motel - you know, the kind where you meet the owners because they actually live in a house next to where the motel is.

The owners made us feel welcome, sitting on their front porch & chatting with us while we hung out in the pool, offering to keep the pool open all night if we wanted to use it anytime that night & for us to let them know if we needed anything, at anytime.

Even though the cord on my breathing machine broke & I figured I wouldn't sleep much that night, it turned out to be one of the best nights sleep I'd had in quite some time.

Next morning we ate at the town cafe, where a sign & menu proudly proclaimed they had "The Best Vittles in Arkansas" & I have to admit, their biscuits & gravy are hard to beat. Once again, we were treated like we were family. After we ate, we headed out to the mine, eager to dig in the dirt and see what we could find.

We found mining fascinating - you wouldn't think you would find such beauty & variety in the midst of "yucky" red dirt. We found crystal just lying on top of the ground, as well as so encrusted with dirt only bits of it shown through, so much, if we

didn't know what we were looking for, we might easily miss the beauty hidden under all the dirt.

Afterward, we arrived in Hot Springs, hot and tired from mining to check in one of the top hotels in town. The contrast between accommodations at Mt. Ida & those in Hot Springs were striking. It wasn't the hotel itself; it was awesome, with even more things available than the motel we had stayed at. There was, however, a difference. At the hotel we were made to feel like we had just crawled out from under one of the rocks in the dirt we had, a couple hours earlier, been happily digging through.

Why did we feel that way? Both places did their jobs, what they were supposed to do, so why the difference? I believe it was the way they did their jobs. One welcomed us and treated us like family glad to see us after a long absence. The other, while greeting us professionally, really didn't care about us; you could tell, to them, it was "just a job".

As a church are we warm, welcoming all who come visit as family or are we just professionally doing our job? There's nothing wrong with our being professional but if while being professional we lose the personal touch, we will be less effective because people will perceive us as uncaring toward their needs - and - as we did, go someplace else to stay.

.....*Pastor Charlie*

## Announcements

Club potluck is Wednesday July 11 at noon. Come join us for fellowship and good food. If you want you may bring a dish, but whether you bring dish or not, bring yourself !

## Church Service Times

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Thursday 7:00 PM

# THE ANCHOR

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## Prayer List



|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Earl Boen    | George Maile   |
| Our Military | Our Pastor     |
| Our Teachers | Our Children   |
| Our Nation   | Our Government |

Pray for the Pastors and Christians in the Congo we support. Pray for countries where the church is persecuted. Remember to get a Voice Of The Martyrs Prayer list every week and pray for their requests.

## Praise Reports

Earl is home & doing well. God blessed in J.D.'s financial situation we were praying about. To God be the Praise and Glory for answering prayer.. KEEP PRAYING!!

## Accounting For June 2007

Starting Balance: 4547.18

| Date | Category            | Amount          | Balance         |
|------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6/10 | Church Cleaning     | 50.00           | 4,497.18        |
| 6/10 | Lawn Care           | 45.00           | 4,452.18        |
| 6/12 | Natural Gas         | 29.23           | 4,422.95        |
| 6/12 | Water               | 21.51           | 4,401.44        |
| 6/18 | Electricity         | 16.08           | 4,385.36        |
| 6/24 | Lawn Care           | 45.00           | 4,340.36        |
| 6/26 | <b>Income</b>       | <b>1,073.00</b> | <b>5,413.36</b> |
| 6/27 | Cookson Hills       | 150.00          | 5,263.36        |
| 6/27 | Adult Dev. Center   | 100.00          | 5,163.36        |
| 6/27 | Congo Ministries    | 100.00          | 5,063.36        |
| 6/27 | Terminex            | 274.88          | 4,788.48        |
| 6/27 | Sunday School Books | 135.86          | 4,652.62        |

Ending Totals: 105.44 4,652.62



Bring  
Canned  
Goods

Don't forget to bring non-perishable items for our food outreach.



## Birthdays This Month

Timothy Birchfield Nikikki Newman  
Triston Newman

## Anniversaries This Month

Brian and Stephanie Birchfield

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed, please give them to pastor or Diana.

## Watch This Space For More Information

About The

**New Sunday School Class**

**Coming this fall.**

The class will be a verse by verse study of the Bible and will include history of the book being studied..

# WANTED

**Your News**

**Your Input**

**Your Articles**

**Your Prayer Requests**

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