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Who Were You Before?

'MILLIE SINCE 1988'. That's what it said on her name tag. When she walked away from our table, I started to tell my husband and son, but all I could do was giggle. The words had been printed out with a label maker, all in a straight line. Bubba, having my sick sense of humor, had the same thought I did. "So who was she *before* 1988?"

Millie was our waitress at the neighborhood restaurant where we'd gone for a Saturday morning breakfast. She was much older than most waitresses – I felt like I was being served by my grandmother. After she'd brought our food and we'd chatted a little, I asked her. "So Millie, your name tag says 'Millie since 1988.' I can't help wondering, who were you *before* 1988?" She smiled, touched her name tag, and said, "Well, I used to be Mildred, but since 1988 is how long I've worked for Denny's." We laughed together; she poured some more coffee, and made her rounds to the other tables.

It made me think that maybe I should start wearing a name tag that reads 'Mary since 1972'. That way, when people ask, "Who were you *before* you were Mary?" I would answer, "I was a sinner, saved by grace. I was lost, and Jesus found me. I was blind, but now I can see. I was an orphan, but now I'm a child of the King."

It doesn't hurt any of us to remember where we've been, who we used to be, and from where Jesus has brought us. I would say, with the psalmist, "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire, he set my feet on a rock, and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God." Psalm 40:2-3 (NIV)

So who were you, *before*?

Mary E. Egidio
A Traveler's Journal
megido.wordpress.com



PRAYER REQUESTS

For our nation as we are going through troubled times.

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the “people in the box”-- the lost in our families and community.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri.

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

For Derek Miller, and Steven McGraw in Afghanistan.

Homer Miller hit his head in a bad fall on Thursday and was taken to Riverside to be checked for bleeding in the brain which checked negative. He is alert and talking but scheduled for a few more tests before he can come home.

Praise Report: Cheryl Lemon had a dramatic turnaround Wednesday morning and has steadily improved since. She is still in ICU at OSU but expects to be moved to a regular room soon. It is possible that she would be moved to Heartland this week.

Derek Miller arrived safely in Bagram on Saturday.

Steve Miller still waiting for the results of testing done this week.

Maggie Perry (friend of Irmalee Gampp) is in hospice care battling cancer.

Dennis Meade (former Minford Schools Superintendent) is battling cancer.

Connie Gibson (Eric Copas's coworker) has stage 4 cancer and is suffering with multiple symptoms.

Aileen Kirkland (mother of 2, Cheryl Villinger's friend) has been diagnosed with melanoma.

Patsy Graff had a CAT scan last Monday, everything appears to be normal. She will be talking with her doctor on Thursday to see what else can be done. .

Teen Planning Meeting

This evening before services at 5:30 pm, there will be a youth group planning meeting. This meeting is for parents and anyone else interested in working with the youth. For more information please see Tim.

Mission Report Tonight

This evening our mission team to Strawberry Point will be making an oral and pictorial report on the work they did in Ontario the last week in June. This report will be in lieu of our Sunday PM preaching time.

Sweet Monday in August

August Sweet Monday-Aug. 2 at 7PM. The theme is FAIR, we will have a short presentation on money saving tips AND a book signing/short talk by Serena Miller! Please plan to attend! PS—Serena's book is now available at Praises in Portsmouth.

More from Fort Hill

Last week we listed several of the highlights from Fort Hill Camp. There were a few things we inadvertently left out. Congratulations to our Sunshine students who excelled in the Bible Bowl Competition. In the Senior Division, **Connor Jacobs** finished second and **Kiley Berry** finished third. In the Junior Division, **Abbie Kallner** was first and **Eli Cordle** finished second.

Honduras Trip News

Our mission team will be leaving on Thursday, July 29. Prayers for the team on their journey and the effectiveness of this ministry will be greatly appreciated. Also there are manila envelopes on the window in the foyer with each team members name on it. You are invited to write a note of encouragement to them and place it in their envelope before their departure. Also, donations of small toys for boys and girls (Matchbox cars, action figures, Polly Pockets, Littlest Pet Shop, etc.) would be very welcome. We have enough crayons but we could use more coloring sheets/coloring books, deflated soccer balls and soccer ball pumps.

This Wednesday evening at the end of our Bible Study time we will take a few minutes and pray over our mission members up at the front. Plan to stay a few extra minutes for this send off.

There will be a dinner for the families of the Honduras Mission team before services next Wednesday, August 4th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 in the annex. All families of the Mission team members are welcome.

Spirit Club News

There will be no more Spirit Club meetings this summer. We will resume our meetings after school starts backup around the first of September. We will have kick-off party to start Spirit Club back up in the fall, with all new Spirit Club activities and weekly meetings. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Helping Local Students

As the first day of school approaches there are a few opportunities for us to be a light in our community:

For August 18, we will be delivering school supply boxes to Minford Elementary for needy students. If you wish to participate, please pack a plastic supply box with No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, Fiskars scissors, crayons (24 ct). The boxes can be left on the coat rack in the foyer. See Kristi Cordle for questions.

In October, the Secret Sisters will again be taking back packs filled with personal items (socks, underwear, light weight jackets, etc.) to students identified by Minford teachers. Look for more info in the bulletin as the time approaches. See Autumn or Mandi with questions.



Coming Events

- 7/29-8/5 Honduras Mission Trip
8/2 Sweet Monday
8/4 Mission Team Family Dinner

Today:

- Strawberry Point Mission Report
- Sunshine Girls this evening at 6 pm.

In the Area:

- **8/3-6 Kanawha Valley Lectureship,** St Albans, WV, "Things That Pertain to Life and Godliness." Flyer posted in the foyer.
- **8/8-12 Ohio Valley Lectures,** St. Marys, WV—Mack Lyon speaking on the "Bride and the Bridegroom: Christ and His Church." Flyer posted in the foyer.
- **8/14 Ladies' Inspiration Day,** Circleville church of Christ, Dietlinde Spears speaking on "Purseverance." Flyer posted in foyer.
- **8/14 Ladies Day,** Kenova Church of Christ. Milbrey Coffman speaking on "Good Relationships are Difficult." Flyer posted in foyer.



Bible Study Curriculum

| Sunday | Wednesday |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 7/25 Mission Report | 7/28 Ezra 4-6 |
| 8/1 Mt 2:1-18 | 8/4 Ezra 7-10 |
| 8/8 Mt 2:19-23, Lk 2:21-40 | 8/11 Nehemiah 1-2 |
| 8/15 Lk 2:41-52 | 8/18 Nehemiah 3-4 |
| 8/22 Preaching Service | 8/25 Nehemiah 5-6 |
| 8/29 Mt 3:1-12, Lk 3:1-20 | |

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Matthew 2:10

"But those who
hope in the LORD
will renew their STRENGTH.
They will SOAR on
wings like eagles;
they will RUN and
not grow weary,
they will WALK
and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31



Commitment

Commitment is a word that many in our society do not believe in or practice. I don't care if one is discussing marriage, morals or the church.

Wikipedia defines it this way: "Commitment means to show loyalty, duty or pledge to something or someone, and can refer to: Personal commitment, interaction dominated by obligations. These obligations may be mutual, or self-imposed, or explicitly stated, or may not. Distinction is often made between commitment as a member of an organization (such as a sporting team, a religion, or as an employee), and a personal commitment, which is often a pledge or promise to ones' self for personal growth."

If you will read the Old Testament, you will learn that the children of Israel were never committed to the Lord for very long. It seems like every time you turn a page they did evil and a generation grew up that didn't know God.

And then Jesus came on the scene. Quickly one learns His ways are not our ways. Quickly one learns that His Word is truth (John 8:32). Quickly one learns that it is His Way or the highway. (John 14:6).

I have had more than one tell me they didn't get anything out of something, so they don't support it or are not committed to it. More than one has told me I don't want to be married anymore. More than one has told me God's Word doesn't speak to them anymore. More than one has not completed a marriage education course. More than one has not completed what it takes to overcome substance abuse. More than one has abandoned their children and more than one has walked away from Christ's Way.

How committed are you?

Keith Bellamy

Woodville Church of Christ
Woodville, TX

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THOSE WHO SERVE



Sunday Morning July 25
 Welcome & Prayer Jon Coriell
 Song Director Scott Gamp
 Scripture Reading Ira Coriell
 Prayer Rick Coriell
 L Server 6 Michael Dixon
 O Server 5 Bill Gammon
 R Server 4 Dale Gamp
 D Wine Rich Book
 S Bread Mike Gamp
 U Server 3 Chuck Allison
 P Server 2 David Gamp
 E Server 1 John Gamp
 R Message Jamie Riley
 Closing Prayer Greg Coriell

August 1
 Wayne Gamp
 Shaun McCray
 Jeff Vannatta
 Jamie Veach
 Shane Mougey
 Derrick Mooneyham
 Jason Henthorn
 Don Ramey
 Dennis Ruch
 Jerry Gamp
 Jason Foster
 Josh Coriell
 Steve Miller
 Greg Shepherd

Sunday Evening
 Song Director Zach Coriell
 Scripture Reading Mark Villinger
 Lord's Supper Tyler Jones
 Assist Steve Williams
 Prayer Aaron Kallner
 Bible Class *Mission Report*

Gabe Coriell
 Spike Ferrell
 Jason Coriell
 Matthew Hoskins
 Luke Purpero
Matthew 2:1-18

Wednesday Evening
 Song Director Shawn Gragg
 Prayer Jack Jennings
 Bible Class Text *Ezra 4-6*

Aaron McCray
 Eric Copas
Ezra 7-10

Children's Bible Time

July Theme: Confidence & Faith
 3-5: Pam Coriell, Joanne Miller
 6-8: Jodi & Abbie Kallner

August Theme: The Word of God
 3-5: Kerri Davis, Annie Davis, Kristin Riley
 6-8: Tyler Jones, Luke Purpero, Adam Hall

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday
 Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday
 Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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The jumble of letters at the right is a verse from Matthew 2 that is scrambled with a letter substitution code. Figure out which letters have been swapped to decode the verse.

Hints: M=W, C=R
 Answer can be found at the bottom of page 3.

MYWO IYWS LAM IYW LIAC,

IYWS CWXUPKWW MPIY

WBKWWVPOZ ZCWAI XUS.

