

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

News media outlets offer plenty of lists for the "Best" and the "Most Powerful" people on the planet. For instance, *Forbes* magazine presents their annual lists for the top 100 celebrities, or for the 400 Richest Americans, or the world's most powerful women.

Other websites list the top ten most powerful people in the world, or the 50 most powerful people in Washington, D.C. But a few years ago a web-site called 24/7 Wall Street has an unusual twist on this theme. They call it the "100 Least Powerful People in the World List."

The list includes corporate executives, athletes, politicians, and celebrities who share one common characteristic—they *used to be* powerful. Here are some "Winners" (or "Losers") that qualified for this year's "100 Least Powerful People in the World List":

- Tony Hayward, the former CEO of BP, in 2011 the 4th largest company in the world (based on revenues). After a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the BP board of directors eventually fired Hayward.
- Jim Keyes, the former CEO of Blockbuster, once one of the nation's largest retailers.
- Mike Jones, the current CEO of the former #1 social network—MySpace, which once had 70 million users.
- Arnold Schwarzenegger, the once powerful actor and politician in California, who is attempting to make an acting comeback after driving his state's finances into the ground
- Hosni Mubarak, the former President of Egypt who left the country in disgrace.

Some of the individuals on this least powerful list were victims of circumstances; others made poor business decisions; and others lost their influence because of moral failure. But none of them *chose* to become powerless.

In contrast, through his birth, incarnation, earthly ministry, and death on the cross, Jesus the all-powerful and sinless Son of God *chose* to become powerless for our sakes.

Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live, call 1-877-380-7755 followed by 4651356

YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Helen Denton** is at Baptist Desoto.
- **Bob Weather** is at Baptist Desoto.
- **The El Salvador Mission team** left Friday and will return next Friday.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SHUT-INS: Linda Arwood, Valeria Canada, Evelyn Fowler, Billy Garrett, Marie Gray, Irmagene Hall, Katie Howard, Virginia LaCaze, Dot McEwen, Rick and Dorinda Murphy, Pauline Payne, Ruby Davis, Catherine Parker, Bob Weathers, Ann Woodson **HEALTH ISSUES:** Robert Bennett, Donyell Buckingham, Ruby Dickerson, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Kitty Ussery, LaTonya Wiggins **FAMILY:** Sue Archer, Sidney Carey, Tom Childress, Charles Hester, Ron Crutchfield, Bill Dixon, Helen Evans, Tam Griffin, Madie Hunsucker, Katie Culley, Katie Jarrett, Wanda Jenkins, Jesse Jones, Allyson Kelly, Sam Townsley,

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to **Steve and Christy Fiveash** in the passing of her father, Ricky Webster.

BABY NEWS

David, Kim, Helen, William, Clara, and Jude Trudell and Phil and Lou Thomas welcomed a new baby girl. Amelie Listell Trudell was born November 26,2014. She was 8lbs, 3oz, and 21 1/2 inches long. Everyone is doing well.

SEWING CLASS

Sewing class will not meet until **Monday, January 5, 2015.**

ORNAMENT SWAP

The annual Ornament Swap will be **Tuesday, December 9** at 6:30PM in the FLC. Please bring finger foods, drinks and 12 ornaments to swap. Homemade ornaments preferred but all ornaments are accepted. If you have any questions please contact **JoAnn Brusseau or Mary Talley** .

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Adult Christmas Party will be **Saturday, December 13** at 6:00PM. The cost will be \$10 per person. The menu is: chicken & dressing, cranberry sauce, broccoli & rice casserole, turnip greens with pepper sauce, corn bread & rolls, and desserts will be coconut cake, velvet cake and banana pudding. See **Betty Hill** if you would like to purchase tickets.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION NEWS

Today marks the beginning of the winter quarter. Students in our elementary classes have received workbooks entitled, "The Cross and the Empty Tomb," to take home and utilize in weekly lesson preparation. Parents, we encourage you to take a few moments to sit down with your child(ren) and become familiar with the weekly reading schedule and study guide. We've received very positive feedback about our new material as a number of families are utilizing it in weekly Bible study with their children.

NURSERY WORKERS

December 7

10:00 (0-24 mos) Laura and Kathleen Reed, Kendall Billingsley
(2 years) Emily Beard, Kimberly Beard
5:00 PM: Lillian Williams

December 14

10:00 (0-24 mos) Jennifer and Allison Davis, Daphne Eddlemon
(2 years) Casey Billingsley, Debbie Herring
5:00 PM: Tricia Massey

5th & 6th GRADE CHRISTMAS/CAROLING PARTY

Sunday, December 14, following the AM service in the FLC. Girls bring deserts. Guys bring drinks. Pizza will be provided. We will return to the building after caroling by 3PM. Parents are welcome to join us.

Goodman Oaks Church is using the Kroger Community Rewards Program to help our Youth Ministry

THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM AND YOU WILL NOT LOSE YOUR FUEL POINTS

You can help us in 4 easy steps

1. go to **krogercommunityrewards.com**
2. Create an account. (make sure to use your personal email address for coupons and promotions.)
3. After completely creating an account, scroll to the bottom and click Community Rewards.
4. Enter either Goodman Oaks or our id number: 80532

If you have any questions or need help, please **call the office.**

We will be happy to assist you.

YOUTH NEWS

Area Wide

Area Wide has been postponed until next Sunday, December 14. If you plan to go, you need to sign up at the bulletin board by the teen room. Be here at the building at 4:15PM. We will return approximately 7:45PM.

Winterfest

Winterfest is around the corner. If you plan to go, you need to get your \$40 registration fee to Jared. The non-refundable \$40 registration fee is what gets your name on the list. There are 30 spots available and it is first come, first serve.

Teen Ugly Sweater Christmas Party and Caroling

Saturday, December 20 we will have our teen Christmas Party. Your ticket will be the ugliest sweater you can find and a canned good. We will be caroling, eating, and we will have a \$10 gift card exchange at the end of the night.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

You honor us with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today. An attended nursery for 0-24 months is available in the foyer, 2 year olds meet in room 5. Children ages 3-5 will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church. Hearing assistance is available at the sound booth.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call Derek McNamara at 662-349-3600.

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<u>THE WEEKLY RECORD</u>	
Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$23,352
Weekly Budget	\$22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	291
Morning Assembly	581
Midweek Class	221

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<u>SHEPHERDS</u>		
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449 "Thy Word"

Welcome - Derek McNamara

“How Great Is Our God”
31 “Be Still And Know”

464 “Because He Lives”

The Lord's Supper and Offering

Ben Eddlemon

**1015 “Jesus Love The Little Children”
“At The Name Of Jesus”**

Message - Derek McNamara
This Is My Son
Psalm 2

Invitation Song: 470 “Victory In Jesus”

Shepherd's Prayer - Tim Mobley

Sunday:	
Bible Class	9:00 AM
Morning Assembly	10:00 AM
Evening Assembly	5:00 PM
Wednesday:	
Bible Class	7:00 PM

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