

# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

[www.nacoc.org](http://www.nacoc.org)

January 4, 2011

## Our Objectives For Life

### Reveal Our Values

Mike King



Jesus had to make sure that he maintained proper focus during His short life. He said, *“My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work”* (Jn. 4:34). James warned that *“A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways”* (Jas. 1:8). Could that not include us when failing to set goals? Our heart is where treasurers are formed that we embrace (Matt. 6:21). Note three things revealed by our goals we set as offered by *Jimmy Clark*.

**They reveal the God we will serve.** It is obvious that man cannot serve more than one passion. God and worldliness clash and cause conflict for those who try to mix them. (Matt. 6:24). Man worships and serves his highest ideal. This is why the Colossian church was told to *“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry”* (Col. 3:5). Anything valued higher than his God becomes his god! The carnal minded man has nothing to anticipate but death, but peace and life are promised those who are spiritually minded (Rom. 8:5-6). The spiritual man sees things that are hidden to the ordinary eye, things eternal. The temporal man sees only the earthly (2 Cor. 4:18).

**They reveal guidelines we will support.** Whatever the requirements and guideline necessary to reach the goal will be upheld. If the goal is merely enjoyment in life, the guidelines will be broadened or ignored. The man of God will sacrifice to meet God’s wishes for his life. Our Lord observed that *“...by their fruits ye shall know them”* (Matt. 7:20). Far too many are in search for things other than the unseen. We only hold relevant that which we believe will help us reach our goal. Unfortunately this does not always insure that it meets with what God wants for us. We must hear, watch, seek to find life, and obtain favor of the Lord. All others sin against God, wrong their own soul, hate God, and love death (Prov. 8:34-36).

**They reveal the glory we will seek.** Paul said, *“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world”* (Gal. 6:14). He considered his life refuse in order to win Christ; he continued to press toward the mark that God had set for him in Christianity (Phil. 3:8, 13-14). The chief rulers were not so wise for they feared being put out of the synagogue for confessing Christ. (Jn. 12:42-43). Some sought the praise of men (Matt. 23:5), others the love of pleasure (2 Tim. 3:4). Where will your focus lead you?

## Cleaning House for 2011

Last Week I threw out WORRYING,  
It was getting old and in the way.  
It kept me from being me,  
I couldn't do things my way.

I threw out those inhibitions,  
They were just crowding me out.  
Made room for my NEW GROTH  
Got rid of my old dreams and doubts.

I threw out a book on MY PAST  
(didn't have time to read it anyway).  
Replaced it with NEW GOALS,  
Started reading it today.

I threw out CHILDHOOD TOYS  
(remember how I treasured them so)?  
Got me a NEW PHILOSOPHY too,  
Threw out the one from long ago.

Bought in some new books too,  
Called I CAN, I WILL, and I MUST.  
Threw out I might, I think and I ought.  
WOW, You should've seen the dust.

I ran across an OLD FRIEND,  
Haven't seen Him in a while.  
I believe his name is GOD,  
Yes, I really like His Style.

He helped me to do some cleaning  
And added some things Himself.  
Like PRAYER, HOPE and FAITH,  
Yes, I placed them right on the shelf.

I picked up this special thing  
And placed it at the front door  
I FOUND IT—it's called PEACE.  
Nothing gets me down anymore.

Yes, I've got my house looking nice.  
Looks good around the place.  
For things like Worry and Trouble  
There just isn't any place.

It's good to do a little house cleaning,  
Get rid of the old things on the shelf.  
It sure makes things brighter,  
Maybe you should TRY IT YOURSELF.

~Author unknown

## READ THIS FIRST LINE CAREFULLY

If God brings you to it, He will bring you  
through it.

Happy moments, praise God.

Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, Thank God.



## YOUTH NEWS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be Sun. night, Jan. 9th at the Church St. congregation in Pontotoc. The van will leave at 5:55pm.
- All youth that will be participating in speech competition at the Lads to Leaders convention need to meet with *Sarah Walker* Sun. night, Jan. 9th, at 5:20pm in room 12. At least one parent of each child participating also needs to attend this meeting.
- Junior Bible Bowl will meet for competition Sat. Jan 22nd at the Church St. congregation in Pontotoc.
- The Senior Bible Bowl will have their first competition of the New Year, Sun. Jan. 23, at the Antioch congregation.
- This month's Youth Devo will be held Jan. 23rd. The Clayton's will be hosting

**PRAYER LIST**

**Dorothy Holley**, grandmother of Kim Clayton and April Pounders suffered a heart attack Sunday morning. She is in intensive care at NMMC, Tupelo.

**Allen Kelley**, cousin of Betty Young, is battling a serious infection.

**Jim Dickerson**, will return to his doctor this week for his test results.

**John Sanford**, is at home recovering from gall bladder surgery. He is doing well.

**Continual Prayer**

**Will Bowlin, Harmon Craft, Robert Hancock, Jean Adams, Jim Dickerson, Hailey & Carol Enlow, Hugh Collins, Margaret Bailey, Donna Haynes, Shane Crotts, Bill King, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Terry Young**

**Shut-Ins**

**Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

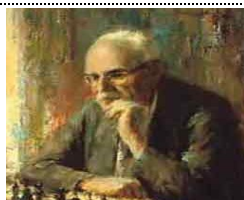
**Corrine Hall, Faye Owen, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden**

**Military List:**

**David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole**

**SAGE ADVICE**

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

January 05.....Linda Ashmore  
January 15.....Jason Jennings

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

January 11.....Greg & Kim Clayton  
January 13.....Joe & Pat Reed



**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to *Patricia Crow* and family in the death of her mother, *Sue Collins*. Funeral services are planned for January 16, in Ames, Iowa.

We express our sympathy to *Lonnie Weaver* and family in the death of his uncle *Pete Browning*, who passed away January 2nd. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**2011 DIRECTORY**

Be sure to pick up a copy of the 2011 directory. They are located on the table in the foyer.

**AREA EVENTS**

- **Ashland Church of Christ 2011 Youth Rally**, Sat. Jan. 22, 2011, 9:00am-2:30pm. Speaker: B.J. Clarke; Check the bulletin board for more details.
- **The 75th Annual Bible Lectureship** at Freed-Hardeman University will be held Feb. 6-11. Check the bulletin board for a schedule of lectures.

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	93
Sunday A.M .....	123
Sunday P.M .....	100
Wednesday .....	102
Contribution .....	\$3,431.61
Budget .....	\$3,455.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Dillon Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....	Dalton Beard
Closing Prayer.....	Bobby White
P.M. Prayer. ...	Harold Crowe
Closing .....	Mark Jennings
Wed. 1/12.....	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 1/12.....	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock... .	Harold Russell
Greeters.....	B & A Pounders



**PANTRY ITEM:**  
**Boxed Meals**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School .....	9:30
Morning Worship .....	10:30
Evening Worship .....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study.....	7:00

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....	534-6671
Troy Robertson .....	534-3491

## DEACONS

Bill Botts .....	316-2422
Greg Clayton .....	252-9762
Roger Clayton .....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer .....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

## Minister

Mike King.....	662-507-0625
Home.....	662-534-6872
Office.....	662-534-4649

## Questions from Acts

1. What hid Jesus from the eyes of the apostles when He ascended?  
Acts 1:9 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What terrible thing did Peter convince the people that had done? Acts 2:36 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name the gate to which the crippled man was always carried?  
Acts 3:2 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What has the stone become that was rejected by the builders?  
Acts 4:11 \_\_\_\_\_
5. How did the apostles feel about being flogged (whipped)? Acts 5:40 \_\_\_\_\_
6. The seven to be selected were to be full of the Spirit and what?  
Acts 6:3 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who is the first Old Testament character that Stephen mentions in his defense? Acts 7:2 \_\_\_\_\_
8. What was the occupation of Simon before he was baptized by Philip? Acts 8:9 \_\_\_\_\_
9. What does this scripture say that Saul first did after being healed? Acts 9:18 \_\_\_\_\_
10. How did Cornelius give to those in need?  
Acts 10:2 \_\_\_\_\_

## THE INFORMER

**January 4, 2010**

**Volume 1**

THE INFORMER (USPS 5581-500)  
Church of Christ  
511 Hwy. 15 South, P.O. Box 148  
New Albany, Mississippi 38652  
(662)534-4649

Periodical  
Postage Paid  
New Albany, MS

POSTMASTER: Send address changes  
(Form 3579) to: The Informer, P.O. Box  
148, New Albany, MS 38652