



# THE INFORMER

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## COMBAT AND FELLOWSHIP ARE OPPOSITES

Mike King



The year 2006 marked the centennial of the official split between the Christian Church and the Churches of Christ. The primary difference then and now is instrumental music in worship. A couple of stories about *J.W. McGarvey* are presented below so we may learn what they learned too late.

*William Woodson* recounts the following history in the May 5, 1996 issue of *Vigil* about *J.W. McGarvey*, a writer and preacher about 100 years ago. “First, it was recalled that in the early 1870’s, with the knowledge and approval of *J.W. McGarvey* as one of the elders, a small instrument was placed in the basement of the building of the Lexington, KY, Broadway Christian Church to be used by the young people in improving their singing. No one, especially *McGarvey*, would have thought of, let alone approved, moving the instrument upstairs to be used in the worship services.”

“Years went by; the youngsters grew up and took their places in the church. And so it occurred that in November 1902 a move was made to introduce instrumental music into the worship services, and *McGarvey’s* sensitive conscience in this matter forbade his remaining with the Broadway church. The vote was taken – 370 for and 202 against – meant that what had been refused a few years before was allowed, and the *McGarveys* went elsewhere.”

“One may admire *McGarvey’s* action on principle in 1902, but that allowance and approval of the organ in the basement in the early 1870’s remains a troubling fact. It is not known how many youngsters who had been trained in singing with the organ in the basement voted for the organ in the worship, but the likelihood is that few who were so trained voted against its use in 1902.”

Brother *McGarvey* told *Jesse P. Sewell* in Jan. of 1903 before speaking at the Bryan Street church of Christ in Dallas, TX: “You are on the right road, and whatever you do, do not let anybody persuade you that you can successfully combat error by fellowshiping it and going along with it. I have tried. I believed at the start that was the only way to do it...it will not work.”

We must sometimes say “no” because of the negative influence it can have on future generations. We must not fellowship wrong or churches that do wrong! Unauthorized worship is always wrong. We must abstain from wrong, but also the very appearance of wrong (I Thess. 5:21-22).

**PRAYER LIST**



**Jessie Hawkins**, brother of *Viva Dillard* remains in the Burn Center in Jackson, MS., after being burned while working on a car. He is in serious condition.

**Janice Cobb**, is doing well following her recent gall bladder surgery.

**J. D. Stroud**, is now at home recovering from hip surgery.

**Ron Garner**, friend of *Mike & Sheila King*, will have a high risk surgery to replace his aorta valve, Wednesday, in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Jonathan Clayton**, had eye surgery this past Friday at Le Bonheur. His surgery went well.

**Lucille Gibson**, is scheduled for knee surgery Nov. 28th, in Tupelo.

**Continual Prayer**

**Betty Lang, Barry Yancey, Earnestine McKinney, Lisa Mitchell, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young**

**Shut-Ins**

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

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Pauline Smith, Ruby Shouse**

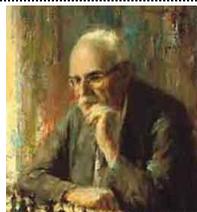
**Military List:**

**David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Micah Russell**



**“I BELIEVE”**

.... That it isn't enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

November 03..... Paul Ormon  
November 06.....Janice Griffin  
November 09.....Drew Drummond

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

November 03.....Bill & Grace Lyon



**THANK YOU**

New Albany Church of Christ,

To all of mama's church family. We want to thank you for all the good food and to all that attended the funeral. We especially thank the two wonderful ladies that were at the house. Thank you Ray and the church members for the beautiful songs. Mama loved you all and would have been so proud.

Ms. Lessie's daughters,  
*Donnie & Norma*

**FISH FRY**



A church Fish Fry is planned for Saturday evening, Nov. 5th, beginning at 4:30 at the fellowship building. The fish is being provided by *Bobby White, Harold Russell* and *Price Senter*. If you plan to attend, please sign this list that is on the table in the foyer. Also, if you can help by providing slaw, French fries or desserts it would be appreciated. Please sign that list as well. Everyone is invited to come and join in this time of good food and fellowship.

**TIME CHANGE**

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night, Nov. 5th.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY



The question was asked me recently, “are we to believe that Wednesday evening attendance is necessary?” I believe brother Garland M. Robinson makes a good response to this question by asking, “if you are a Christian, where else would you want to be?” This is a most revealing question. It reveals the shallow and hollow depth of devotion one has to the Christ who died for him. This question speaks volumes concerning those who desire to be somewhere else during the Wednesday night services.

It is a simple fact that a person will make time for and be engaged in whatever activity pleases him. The bottom line basically is that people only do what they want to do. If you want to be a faithful Christian, live a godly life, and go to heaven when you die, then you will make every effort to achieve that end. One’s attitude and heart is not right who must be begged, prodded and coaxed to attend services of the Lord’s church at any time! Shame on those who do not put forth the effort to be with those of “like mind” in the faith every opportunity afforded.

II Timothy 2:15 says, “*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*” To meet at any time with the saints to study the most precious Book that tells of everlasting life and what to do to obtain it is the desire of everyone who truly wants to go to heaven. One day we will stand before Jesus and be judged. We study the scriptures to be approved of Him so that we might be found living in accordance with His will when He comes to call all things to an end. (Acts 17:30,31).

II Peter 3:18 tells us, “*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*” This command is to grow in the knowledge of God. How then could anyone refuse to grasp the opportunity to do what we have been commanded?

Wednesday night is an excellent time to meet and study. This time is to supplement our personal home study. But if the truth is known, few study at home and therefore have no interest in midweek study either.

Seriously, what else in earth is more important than God, truth, and righteousness? Read Matthew 6:33 and know that when we put anything ahead of God, the Bible and church and think we are fine, we are in for a rude awakening on judgment day.

~ Ray Crawford, via The Lantern, Bulletin Gold

### Do I Look Like That Kind Of Person?

*Bill Bouknight* tells the story of a little boy who was trying to raise some money by collecting old bottles, going door-to-door in his neighborhood. When he came to the home of a woman who was the “town grouch,” the little boy asked, “Do you have any coke bottles?” “No,” she replied with a scowl. Then he said, “Do you have any old whiskey bottles?” “Young man,” the woman replied, “Do I look like the type of person who would have old whiskey bottles?” The little boy studied her for a moment and then asked, “Well, do you have any old vinegar bottles?” Isn’t it tragic that some people go through life so negative and sour and bitter? Don’t become the “old grouch” in your family. Smile. Love. Laugh.

**“Rejoice evermore” (I Thessalonians 5:16)**

### AREA EVENTS.

- **Ladies’ Day** Sat. Nov. 5th at the **Mayfield Church of Christ**. “Waiting for Wonder Woman” The guest speaker will be *Amy Mize*. Registration begins at 9:00am.
- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Gloster Street Church of Christ** Nov. 6-9, with *Ted Burleson* as the guest speaker. Mon-Wed at 7:00pm
- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Nettleton Church of Christ** Nov. 13-16th. Different speaker each night, Mon.-Wed at 7:00pm
- **Fulton Church of Christ Homecoming** Nov. 6th.
- **Area Wide Youth Meeting** at **New Albany Church of Christ** November 13th.

Check the bulletin board for more details

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	104
Sunday A M .....	122
Sunday P.M. ....	97
Wednesday .....	130
Contribution .....	\$2,992.00
Budget .....	\$3,455.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture..... Dillon Clayton  
 A.M. Prayer..Richard Jennings  
 Closing Prayer....Shane Crotts  
 P.M. Prayer....Richard Adams  
 Closing.....Martin Crotts  
 Wed 11/9.....Dan Cobb  
 Wed. 11/9 .....Bill DePriest  
 Usher & Lock.. Roger Clayton  
 Greeter..... T & N Robertson



## PANTRY ITEM

Canned Tuna

## 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  
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

## MINISTER

Mike King ..... 507-0625  
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 Office ..... 534-4649

## MONTH: NOVEMBER 2011

<b>SOUND ROOM</b>	Randy Wall	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Brad Pounders
<b>LEAD SINGING</b>		<b>USHER</b>	Justin Dewberry
<i>SUN AM:</i>	Dalton Beard		
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Greg Harrison	<b>PREPARE</b>	
<i>WED:</i>	R. Jennings	<b>COMMUNION</b>	Callie Smithey
<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>			
<i>N Head:</i>	Paul Ormon	<i>S Head:</i>	Olen Clark
<i>N Help I:</i>	J.L. Eaton	<i>S Help I:</i>	Dan Drummond
<i>N Help II:</i>	Jason Jennings	<i>S Help II:</i>	Mark Jennings
<b>SUNDAY PRAYERS A.M.</b>			<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>
	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>	
<i>1ST</i>	R. Jennings	Shane Crotts	Dillon Clayton
<i>2ND</i>	Greg Clayton	Drew Drummond	Dean Dillard
<i>3RD</i>	Bill Botts	Matt Jennings	Greg Harrison
<i>4TH</i>	Roger Clayton	Gary Turner	Steve Todd
<i>5TH</i>			
<b>SUNDAY PRAYERS PM</b>			<b>USHER &amp; LOCK</b>
	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>	
<i>1ST</i>	Richard Adams	Martin Crotts	Roger Clayton
<i>2ND</i>	Andy Clemmer	Bill Lyon	Andy Clemmer
<i>3RD</i>	Harold Crowe	Bobby Marques	Harold Russell
<i>4TH</i>	Harold Russell	Carl Smith	Randy Wall
<i>5TH</i>			
<b>WED PRAYERS</b>			<b>GREETERS</b>
	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>	
<i>1ST</i>	Dalton Beard	Ruston Adams	Robertson
<i>2ND</i>	Dan Cobb	Bill DePriest	B & A Pounders
<i>3RD</i>	Jerry Gibson	Ronnie Griggs	G & K Clayton
<i>4TH</i>	Ray Kennedy	Phillip Young	H & D Crowe
<i>5TH</i>	Troy Robertson	Bill Frohn	A & S Clemmer

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