



# THE INFORMER

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## Finding and Keeping

### Peace Within

Mike King

Sometimes God  
*calms the storm...*  
sometimes He lets  
the storm rage and  
*calms His child*

A letter was received by the IRS stating: "I can't sleep; my conscience is bothering me, enclosed find a check for fifty dollars. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the balance." The writer was just willing to do enough to relieve guilt, but not enough to square the debt.

A Chinese proverb presented some insight to peace of mind, "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there be harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world." It sounds almost simplistic, but it also makes such good sense. Society's problem is that we are not at peace with self; when not at peace with self, nothing else can be right because we are constantly looking through jaded windows.

"Peace is: the normal, non-warring condition of a nation, a group of nations, or the world; a state of mutual harmony between people or groups; freedom of the mind from annoyance, distraction, anxiety; tranquility, serenity, silence, calm or quiet."

There have always been times of peace and war. Solomon said: "*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace*" (Ecc. 3:18). As long as free-thinking people with different priorities and ideals exist, war and strife will exist. Peace is a costly thing! Our nation has not become the nation that it is without many battles, sacrifices, blood and tears of our forefathers. Our nation has always been peace loving. Wars have been fought because of unrest and ulterior motives of other countries trying to disturb or rob our nation of its privileges. The world has been a constant battleground for thousands of years. How can we achieve that peace we all so much crave?

God is the author of peace (1 Cor. 4:33; Rom. 5:33) and until His will is embraced by mankind, there will be no peace, "*For He is our peace...and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh*" (Eph. 2:14, 17). As Jesus was preparing for His departure to be with God, He told His disciples: "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*" (Jn. 14:27). He brought that peace by the cross, "*...having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself*" (Col. 1:20).



### PRAYER LIST

**Lucille Gibson**, is continuing to improve from her recent knee surgery.

\*We express our deepest sympathy to the following families that lost loved ones this past week: The family of **Amanda Price**, wife of coach **Ron Price**, the family of **Ralph Murrah**, uncle of **Troy Robertson**, the **Martin family** from Ripley, friends of **Andy** and **Sharon Clemmer**, who lost a son in an auto accident, and the family of **Bailey Robinson**, friend of **Mike** and **Sheila King**, who was killed in an auto accident. Please continue to pray for these families as they deal with their loss.

#### Continual Prayer

**Ray Adams, Johnny Davis, Norman Brown, Margret Ormon, Fagin & Johnnie Carpenter, Ron Garner, J.D. Stroud, Barry Yancey, Lisa Mitchell, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, 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**

#### Military List:

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

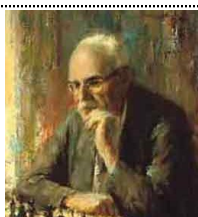
### 2012 DIRECTORY

It is time to up-date our directory for the new year. A copy of the directory is on the table in the foyer. Please make any corrections or additions that need to be made. We would like to have the new copies printed by the end of December.



**"I BELIEVE"**

**.... that peace starts with a smile.**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- December 20..... Callie Smithey
- December 21..... Janet Drummond
- December 22..... Sue Marques
- December 23..... Tony Cross
- December 25..... Wadie Lepard
- December 26..... Chris Smithey
- December 28..... Jenna Carpenter
- December 29..... Dean Dillard
- December 29..... Mable Erwin



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- December 23..... Carl & Mary Nell Smith
- December 26..... Troy & Novene Robertson
- December 30..... Gary & Linda Turner

**HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP**

There will be a Holiday fellowship Sunday night, Dec. 18th, following services. Please bring your favorite finger foods and desserts. We encourage all to come to enjoy a period of good food and fellowship. Adult III class is in charge of set-up and clean-up.

### YOUTH NEWS

- Thanks so much to *Dan Cobb* and *Sarah Walker* for hosting the youth devo this month. Thanks also to *Sallye Bowlin* and *Jessica Garrett* for helping the youth make ornaments and taking them caroling.
- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held January 8th at Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ.



## LOVE NOTES:

Fill in the blank, (taken from KJV)

1. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_, and with thy \_\_\_\_\_: this is the first \_\_\_\_\_."
2. "Beware of the scribes, which love to go in \_\_\_\_\_, and love \_\_\_\_\_ in the marketplaces."
3. "For if ye love them which \_\_\_\_\_, what thank have ye? for \_\_\_\_\_ also love those that love them."
4. "Love your \_\_\_\_\_, bless them that \_\_\_\_\_ you, do \_\_\_\_\_ to them that \_\_\_\_\_ you, and \_\_\_\_\_ for them which \_\_\_\_\_ use you, and \_\_\_\_\_ you."
5. "By this shall all men know that ye are \_\_\_\_\_, if ye have love \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."
6. "If ye love me, \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_."
7. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man \_\_\_\_\_."
8. "Nay, in all these things we are more than \_\_\_\_\_ through Him that \_\_\_\_\_ us."
9. "For I am persuaded, that neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor things \_\_\_\_\_, nor things to come, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor any other \_\_\_\_\_, shall be able to separate us from the \_\_\_\_\_, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
10. "But speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, may grow up into Him in \_\_\_\_\_ things, which is the \_\_\_\_\_, even Christ."
11. "For this is the love of God, that we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_: and His \_\_\_\_\_ are not grievous."
12. "because they received not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that they might be \_\_\_\_\_ ... God shall send them strong \_\_\_\_\_, that they should \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_: That they all might be \_\_\_\_\_ Who believed not the \_\_\_\_\_, but had pleasure in \_\_\_\_\_."

**Scripture References:** Mark 12:30; Mark 12:38; Luke 6:32; Matthew 5:44; John 13:35; John 14:15, John 15:13; Romans 8:37; Romans 8: 38,39; Ephesians 4:15; I John 5:3; II Thessalonians 2:10-12

## A COMPLIMENT CLUB

Most of us live in "Critic's Corner"; many pride themselves in knowing "what's wrong" over "what's right." We are "harsh" to one another. How tragic. Loyd Jackson charted his own "Compliment Club." So many members received telephone calls, a personal thanks from this appreciative man. Needless to say he was one popular, loved man.



Why is it so difficult to say, "I love you," "I thank you?" There would be fewer divorces/delinquents if mates/parents/kids praised others daily!

Why don't you start your "Compliment Club?" Anyone can join; it is rather inexpensive. Why don't you start observing all the good in others—the good they do. Why not compliment good work, courtesy, benevolence? Compliments beat criticisms! More people die of broken hearts than swelled heads! Take the chance! Start your "Compliment Club." At the end of the month evaluate yourself relating to others - your attitude. Get yourself out of shyness! Compliment others. Compliments need not be flattery. Give people roses while they are living. Pay a compliment per day!

Mark Twain said a man could live a month on one compliment. Compliments pay huge dividends. Start your club today!

~ Charles Hodge ~ Bulletin Digest

## OUR RECORD

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Sunday School..... | 112        |
| Sunday A M .....   | 136        |
| Sunday P.M. ....   | 109        |
| Wednesday .....    | 94         |
| Contribution ..... | \$3,276.75 |
| Budget.....        | \$3,455.70 |

## TO SERVE

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Scripture.....      | Mark Jennings |
| A.M. Prayer .....   | Randy Wall    |
| Closing Prayer..... | Martin Crotts |
| P.M. Prayer.....    | Greg Harrison |
| Closing .....       | Bobby Marques |
| Wed 12/21 .....     | J.L. Eaton    |
| Wed. 12/21 .....    | Bill DePriest |
| Usher & Lock.....   | Greg Clayton  |
| Greeter.....        | L & N Weaver  |



**PANTRY ITEM**  
**CANNED MEAT**

## 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 |
| Home.....      | 534-6872 |
| Office .....   | 534-4649 |

## Living and Giving

Whatever you give away today  
Or think or say or do  
Will multiply about ten fold  
And then return to you.

It may not come immediately  
Nor from the obvious source  
But the law applies unfailingly,  
Through some invisible source

Whatever you feel about another  
Be it love or hate or passion  
Will surely bounce right back to you  
In some clear (or secret) fashion

If you speak about some person  
A word of praise or two  
Soon, tens of other people  
Will speak kind words of you.

Our thoughts are broadcasts of the soul,  
Not secrets of the brain  
Kind ones bring us happiness  
petty ones, untold pain

Giving works as surely  
as reflections in a mirror  
If hate you send, hate you'll get back  
but loving brings love nearer

Remember as you start this day  
And duty crowds your mind  
that kindness comes so quickly back  
to those who first are kind

Let that thought and this one  
direct us through each day  
The only things we ever keep  
are the things we give away  
~Author Anonymous~

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