



# THE INFORMER

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## Where Does The Fault Lie?

Mike King

**GUILTY**

**NOT GUILTY**

Louis Lotz has written some poignant articles on the subject of assuming guilt of doing wrong. It is obvious from these actual illustrations that mankind is not willing to own the responsibility for having done wrong.

“In 1980 a Boston court acquitted Michael Tindall of flying illegal drugs into the United States. Tindall’s attorneys argued that he was a victim of ‘action addict syndrome,’ an emotional disorder that makes a person crave dangerous, thrilling situations. Tindall was not a drug dealer, merely a thrill seeker.

An Oregon man who tried to kill his ex-wife was acquitted on the grounds that he suffered from depression/suicide syndrome,’ whose victims deliberately commit poorly planned crimes with the unconscious goal of being caught or killed. He didn’t really want to shoot his wife. He wanted the police to shoot him.

Then there is the famous ‘Twinkie syndrome.’ Attorneys for Dan White, who murdered San Francisco mayor George Moscone, blamed the crime on emotional stress linked to White’s junk food binges. White was acquitted of murder and convicted on a lesser charge of manslaughter.

Nowadays, nobody’s at fault for anything. We are a nation of victims.”

A number of years ago, Flip Wilson was renowned for saying, “The Devil made me do it!”

Is not there some of this mentality in each of us? Whether it is denial, ignorance, or simply self-defense, we avoid owning up to our sins, faults, and weaknesses. James gave instruction, “*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death*” (Jas. 1:13-15). Paul insisted, in his letter to the Galatians, that there is a battle occurring between the flesh and the Spirit. The outcome is determined by which assumes the leadership role (I Cor. 6:17). One can know by consulting the scripture, the source of guilt. Guilt for such must bring sorrow in heart toward God (2 Cor. 7:10). One must assume it and repent of it (Lk. 13:3), having it washed away by the blood of Christ in order to be saved from it (I Pet. 1:18-19).

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014

**Announcements:** Brad Pounders  
**Sound Room:** Dan Cobb  
**Usher:** Brian Carpenter

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings  
Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison  
Wed.: Ray Kennedy/Youth

### Sunday Prayers:

Dec. 07:  
A.M. Mark Jennings  
Matt Jennings  
P.M. Harold Russell  
Alvin Parks  
Dec. 14  
A.M. Perry Jones  
Bobby Marques  
P.M. Terry Stubblefied  
Burrell Walton  
Dec. 21:  
A.M. Phil Young  
Paul Ormon  
P.M. Phillip Young  
Harold Crowe  
Dec. 28:  
A.M. Richard Adams  
Gary Turner  
P.M. Roger Clayton  
J. L. Eaton

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Steve Todd  
North Helper I: Ruston Adams  
North Helper II: Greg Clayton

South Head: Troy Robertson  
South Helper I: Lonnie Weaver  
South Helper II: Andy Clemmer

### Scripture Reading:

Dec. 07 — Tyler Weaver  
Dec. 14 — David Clayton  
Dec. 21 — Dillon Clayton  
Dec. 28 — Daniel Drummond

### Wednesday Prayers:

Dec. 03 — Richard Jennings; Ray Kennedy  
Dec. 10 — Randy Wall; Bill Lyon  
Dec. 17 — Thomas Wall; Anderson Parks  
Dec. 23 — Drew Drummond; Olen Clark  
Dec. 31 — Greg Harrison; Shane Crotts

### Greeters:

Dec. 07 — Richard & Kathy Jennings  
Dec. 14 — Greg & Kim Clayton  
Dec. 21 — Steve & Lana Todd  
Dec. 28 — Brad & April Pounders

### Usher & Lock:

Dec. 07 — Randy Wall  
Dec. 14 — Lonnie Weaver  
Dec. 21 — Greg Clayton  
Dec. 28 — Roger Clayton

**Host Youth Devo: Cobb, Garrett, & Walker**

**Prepare Communion: Ione Wall**



## The Trouble Tree

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse. After he had just finished a rough first day on the job, a flat tire made him lose an hour of work. Then his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start. As I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving home, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door he had undergone an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do at the little tree.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So, I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

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## Youth News

- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Sunday night, Dec. 7th, at the West Main congregation.
- This month's Youth Devo to be held Sunday night Dec. 21st, in conjunction with our 3rd Sun. fellowship.



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## PRAYER LIST



**Grace Lyon**, was rushed to the Tupelo Hospital Tues. night with possible heart problems. She is undergoing more tests.

**Margie Barkley**, grandmother of *Amy Jennings* is in ICU of the local hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. Her condition is critical.

**Lance Mauney**, brother of *Dixie White* is very critical at this time. *Dixie* and *Bobby* have gone to be with him.

**Whit Robertson**, grandson of *Troy* and *Novene Robertson* has been diagnosed with astrocytoma. He will return to Vanderbilt in a couple of weeks for more test and possibly begin treatments. Please pray for him.

**B. A. Stubblefield**, father of *Terry Stubblefield* is to return to his doctor this week for possible surgery on his two fractured vertebrae.

**Carl Smith**, is still struggling with knee problems.

**Darrell Crow** is at home recovering after having outpatient surgery last week in Nashville.

**John Popson**, brother-in-law of *Sue Stroud* is recovering from a successful hip surgery, but is having blood pressure problems.

### Continue to remember:

Lance Mauney, Gloria Jones, Deborah Gullick, Kay Kafar, Jerry Grimmatt, Kyle Crofts, Lyndon Beard, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Barbara Davis, Mabel Erwin, Mary Butler, Paul Carruth, Nancy Petrowski, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

### Shut-Ins:

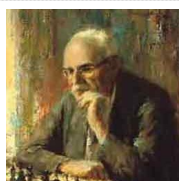
Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, (Rehab) Charlene Coker, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

## I've Learned...

Feed your faith and doubt will starve to death.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December 04. . . . . Daniel Drummond  
December 07. . . . . Kathy Clayton  
December 08. . . . . Larry Ashmore  
December 08. . . . . Deloris Crowe  
December 10. . . . . Maria Ormon  
December 13. . . . . Clayton Hill

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 08. . . . . David & Sharon Peeler



## SYMPATHY



We express our deepest sympathy to *Alice Ashmore* and family in the death of her husband **Victor Ashmore**. *Mr. Ashmore* passed away Sun. morning Nov. 30th, at the age of 93. Visitation will be Tues. from 1:30pm till 3:30pm Dec. 2nd, at United Funeral Home in New Albany. Funeral services will be at 3:30pm, at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Glenfield Cemetery.

## RESPONSE

*Jerry* and *Eleta Grimmatt* responded to the invitation Sunday, Nov. 30th. *Jerry* asked forgiveness for not being as faithful as he should and also wanted to place membership. *Eleta* also requested prayers for wrongs in her life. We appreciate this fine couple for desiring to live as Christ would have them.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



A men's breakfast and planning session for the 2015 calendar year is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 6th, at 7:00am. This will be held at the fellowship building. All men are asked to attend. Men, please sign the list by Wed. night.

## LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

This year the Ladies Christmas Brunch will be held at the home of *Sarah Walker* on Dec. 6th, at 9:30am. Ladies, you are asked to bring brunch items, snack foods or desserts and a wrapped Christmas ornament. We look forward to having a large group gather this Sat. to enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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

**MINISTER**

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

**ELDERS**

Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
Troy Robertson .....534-3491

**DEACONS**

Greg Clayton .....252-9762  
Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Cody Clemmer  
A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young  
Closing Prayer.....Greg Clayton  
P.M. Prayer .....Hunter Jennings  
Closing .....Josh George  
Wed.12/3.....Richard Jennings  
Wed.12/3.....Ray Kennedy  
Usher & Lock .. Harold Russell  
Greeter.....T & N Robertson

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....114  
Sunday A.M..... 130  
Sunday P.M.....88  
Wednesday..... 101  
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**PANTRY ITEM**

Green Beans

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**A WINDSHIELD WIPER LESSON**

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat.

"Mom, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was ready to expound all that his seven year old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain," he began, "is like sin and the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond, "That's really good, Matthew." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So I asked.... "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

Who can drive in the rain again without thinking of this one?

*"...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"*  
~ 1 John 1:7 ~