



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 12, 2013

Join Us Sunday, February 24th, 2013 for:

Friends and Family Day



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Sunday School: 9:30am
Morning Worship: 10:25am
Noon Meal
Afternoon Worship: 1:15pm



“Are You Jesus?”

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night’s dinner. In the rush, with tickets and brief-cases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of baskets of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding. All but one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved goodbye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did.

The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping, and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them into the baskets, and helped set the display up once more. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, “Here, please take this \$20 for the damage we did. Are you okay?” She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, “I hope we didn’t spoil your day too badly.” As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl call out to him, “Mister...” He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, “Are you Jesus?”

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That’s our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It’s actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day. You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

Let’s start living like we are worth the price He paid. Start today!

People will forget what you said,

People will forget what you did, but

People will NEVER forget how you made them feel.

~ copied

From the Heart

A desert wanderer found a crystal spring of unsurpassed freshness and decided to bring some to his king. Barely satisfying his own thirst, he filled a leather bottle and carried it many days beneath the desert sun to reach the palace. By that time the water had become stale due to the old container in which it was stored. But the king tasted it with expressions of gratitude and delight, and sent away the loyal heart filled with gladness. After he left, others sampled it and expressed their surprise at how bad it was. “Ah!” said he, “It was not the water I tasted, but the love that prompted the offering.”

What we bring to God is marked by multiplied imperfections, but He looks beyond that to the motives. We may think our singing voice is “stale and rank,” but God listens with delight. Out prayers may not be filled with eloquence but God wants to hear what is on our hearts. Could our worship be better sounding, better looking? Perhaps! Yet God is primarily looking for the love that prompted the offering.

“...the Lord looketh on the heart” ~ *I Samuel 16:7*



- The Senior Bible Bowlers will meet Sun., Feb. 17th. at the Skyline congregation for their next Bible Bowl. They will enjoy lunch at the Tupelo Mall before their competition.
- There will be a Youth Devo Sun. night, Feb. 17th following services instead of Feb. 24th, due to a conflict with our Friends and Family Day. *Lonnie* and *Nicki Weaver* will be hosting. The girls are asked to bring cookies and the boys chips.



PRAYER LIST

Carl Smith will undergo colon surgery Fri, Feb. 15, in Tupelo.

Carol Anson, sister of *Terry Young*, will be having a scan to determine if she is in need of carotid artery surgery.

John Anson, brother-in-law of *Terry Young* will have surgery Feb. 27th, for an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

J. L. Eaton has been sick for several weeks with cold and flu like symptoms.

Continual Prayer :

Barry Yancey, Robert & Jennie Frohn, Randy Dunnam, Will Neely, Pat Reed, Darrell Crow, Ben Paist, Bill Lyon, Jack Dunlap, Anna Claire Ellis, Melissa Reed, Diane Sloan, Randall Haney, Rosie Wilson, Rex Lyon, Tauso Branch, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Belle Cross, Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud & Christopher Phagan

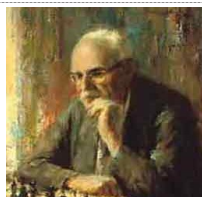
NEEDED MISSION TRIP ITEMS!

Needed items for the mission trip to Honduras are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, vitamins (no iron), Tylenol, and eye glasses. Please place the needed items in the container in the foyer. Thanks for you help!

God is like:

BAYER ASPIRIIN:

He works miracles.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 15 Greg Clayton
February 17. April Pounders
February 18. Ben McCullough
February 19. Barbara Crotts
February 22. Jennie Bell
February 22. Nancy Frohn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 14. Andy & Sharon Clemmer
February 21. Price & Claudia Senter



TEACHERS MEETING

There will be a teachers meeting held Sun. night, Feb. 17th at 5:30, in room 12. *Lonnie Weaver* has requested **ALL** teachers to please attend this meeting. He needs to get teachers in line for the next few quarters. If you have not taught in a while, why not consider helping out. Our children are the future of the Church.

AREA EVENTS

- **Crockett Youth Saturday**, Feb. 16th at the Crockett Church of Christ near Senatobia, MS. Time: 10:00am-1:30pm.
- **Pine Bluff Church of Christ Growth Seminar**, in the Toccopola Community, Feb. 18 & 19 from 6:30-7:45 each night. Speakers, Robert Rawson, Michael Bates & Josh James.
- **Area Wide Bible School** at the Mayfield Church of Christ Feb. 23rd, from 9:30-12:00pm. Their topic; Dorcas, A Servant of God
- A **Young Adult's Retreat**, hosted by the Mayfield Church of Christ, is planned for April 26-28 at Maywood Christian Camp. The cost is \$35.00. Please send your registration form in before March 31st. For more information please check the bulletin board.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

FEB. 24TH ~ OUR GOAL: 250!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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ELDERS

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DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Anderson Parks
 A.M. Prayer.....Jerry Gibson
 Closing Prayer.....Greg Harrison
 P.M. Prayer.....Brad Pounders
 Closing.....Harold Russell
 Wed 2/20.....Gary Turner
 Wed.2/20.....Harold Russell
 Usher & Lock.....Randy Wall
 Greeter.....B & N Frohn

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....105
 Sunday A.M.129
 Sunday P.M88
 Wednesday.....106
 Contribution.....\$ 3,273.21
 Budget.....\$ 3,817.55



PANTRY ITEM

Canned Vegetables

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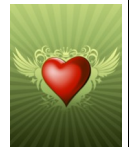
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A Devoted Heart Is...



1. An **understanding** heart— Incline your heart to understanding. Prov. 2:2
2. A **trusting** heart— Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Prov3:5
3. A **guarded** heart— Above all else, guard your heart. Prov. 4:23
4. A **tranquil** heart— A tranquil heart is life to the body. Prov. 14:30
5. A **happy** heart— For the happy heart, life is a continual feast. Prov. 15:15
6. A **righteous** heart— The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer. Prov. 15:28
7. A **wise** heart— A wise man's heart guides his mouth. Prov. 16:23
8. A **discerning** heart— The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge. Prov. 18:15

Take your heart medicine everyday by reading the chapter in Proverbs that corresponds with the day of the month. If the month has only 30 days, double the dosage, read two chapters.

~ The Forest Hill News ~ Barry Grider