



# THE INFORMER

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## Fingerprints In The Wet Paint

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*Clarence Hiller* of Chicago spent a Saturday afternoon painting the white trim on the outside of his two-story house on West 105<sup>th</sup> Street. He retired to bed, along with his family, but what happened next would change criminal law in America forever.

The *Hillers* were awakened in the early morning hours of September 10, 1910, and became suspicious because the gas street light outside their daughter's bedroom was not burning. When *Clarence* went to investigate, his wife heard two gunshots, a scuffle, the slamming of the door, and two men tumbling down the stairs. She emerged to find her husband dead at the foot of the stairs.

The police arrested *Thomas Jennings*, a convicted burglar, less than a mile away. He had blood on his clothes and his left arm had been injured. *Jennings*, a convicted burglar, said it occurred as a result of a fall from a streetcar. They found the same kind of gun that had killed *Mr. Hiller*, but all the evidence was circumstantial. The critical evidence that found him guilty was the four fingerprints of a left hand embossed in the semi-wet paint on the railing in the rear of the house.

Fingerprint evidence was a new concept and no precedence existed or use recorded for convicting anyone of murder in the United States. Four officers testified that the prints matched *Jennings* and him alone. The jury found him guilty and the Illinois Supreme Court upheld his conviction in a historic ruling, and he was later hung.

The Messiahship of Christ has left a mark in history, indisputably so, that brings a conviction as well—His savior-hood. No one else carries the identity in all of history of the world as does Jesus! His deity, son-ship of God, being co-creator, humanity, and Savior-hood are all confirmed by His imprint upon the world. Others have tried to impersonate Him, but unsuccessfully. He is the only individual throughout history capable of fulfilling or fitting the credentials of His prophetic fingerprint.

The apostle John read the prints of Jesus correctly and was convicted himself when he saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, "*Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world*" (Jn. 1:29). Each of us has a distinct identity as well of belonging to Jesus. Are His prints in our lives sharp enough for a reading and the development of a conviction?



### PRAYER LIST

**Luther Williams**, brother-in-law of *Perry Jones* is having health problems.

**Teresa Clark**, has been released from the hospital and is at home slowly improving.

**Eleta Grimmert**, has been released from the hospital and is at home recovering.

**Mary Alice Holloway**, friend of the *Marques'* is scheduled for brain surgery March 7th.

**Perrin and Jean Drummond**, are experiencing a lot of health problems at this time.

#### Continual Prayer

**Tony Cross, James McDonald, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Eli Williams, Jack Dunlap, Norman Brown, Dick Young, 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**

#### Military List:

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



### SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the following in the death of their loved ones.

\**Gloria Jones* in the death of her cousin Sam Wilson who was killed last Thurs., Feb. 23rd, in an accident.

\**Tauso Branch* in the death of her sister *Gertrude Cochran* of Tn. Funeral services were held, Sun. Feb 26th, in Henderson, TN.

\**Jerry Grimmert* in the death of his niece *Lisa Muirhead* who passed away Feb. 23rd, in Jackson, MS.

\* *Bobby and Sue Marques* in the death of their friend *Bill Holloway* of GA, who passed away Sat, Feb.25th.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 03.....Angela Ashmore

March 05..... Price Senter

March 06..... Bill Lyon

March 10..... Richard Jennings



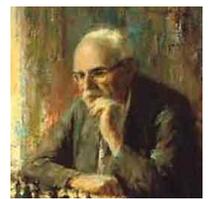
### FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

We would like to thank everyone who had a part in our "Friends and Family Day" We were blessed to have so many visitors come and worship with us. Some were visiting us for the first time and some were former members. We also had a large group come to be with us from Pine Vale Children's Home. We appreciate all who invited their friends, family members and neighbors and to all who prepared the wonderful meal. It was truly a good day!

### AREA EVNETS

- The Chapman Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting March, 4th-7th, with guest speaker Jerry Martin, Sun.-Wed. night at 7p.m.
- Bible Lectureship at Calvary Hill Church of Christ in Oxford, March 8th. Check the bulletin board for the list of speakers.
- The New Albany Church of Christ invites everyone to join us, March 25th-28th, for our Gospel Meeting. The guest speaker will be *Jimmy Clark* from Bethel, AL.
- Six State Singing will be held, Sat. April 21, from 3:00-6:00p.m. at the Church of Christ at Southwind.

**"I BELIEVE"**  
...That that the task ahead of us  
is never greater than the power  
behind us.

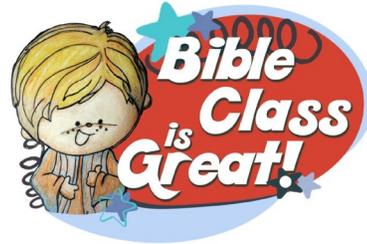


## Why Should I Attend Bible Class?

Approximately 48 million children will miss Sunday school in America each Sunday. What an astounding statistic! It is sad to know that so many children who need to know the stories of the Bible and be able to apply principles from those stories to their lives are so often not where they need to be on Sunday morning. For many of those children, it is because their parents do not go to church. Is this the example you are setting for your children or grandchildren?

One may ask, "Why should I attend Bible class?" Here is a list of reasons:

- It helps you put God's Kingdom first.
- It helps you gain knowledge about God.
- It helps you possess the mind of Christ.
- It helps you influence others for good.
- It provides fellowship with other Christians.
- It strengthens your faith in Jesus as Lord.
- It provides nutrition (food) for your soul.
- It helps you obey God.
- It helps you to be a better guide to your family.
- It helps you to be ready to give and answer to everyone who asks a reason for your faith.
- It helps you to be approved of God.
- It helps you to prepare for the judgment.



Hopefully you will give the above some thought if you or your children are not attending Bible school. Set your goal and alarm clock so that you can be with us next Sunday morning. It is a very important meeting you do not want to miss!

## But Everyone Else is Doing It?

Did you ever say this to your parents? Maybe you've had your own children say it to you. If you did, you probably remember giving that same answer to them that your parents always gave, "If everyone was jumping off a bridge, would you jump too?" For some reason, we have always thought that just because the rest of the world is doing something, it should be okay. But in Eph. 4:17-18, it reads, *"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:"* So what does this mean? It means that "everyone else" isn't doing what God expects from them. They have been blinded to the will of God and are embracing the sinfulness of this world. We aren't supposed to be like them. We aren't supposed to do what they do. We have decided to follow Jesus instead of "everybody else". So for us, it doesn't matter what they are doing; it only matters what God expects for us to be doing. *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise."* Eph. 5:15

## YOUTH NEWS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting March 11th, at the Mayfield congregation.
- Senior Bible Bowl will be held March 18th, here at the New Albany Church of Christ.
- Jr. Bible Bowl will be held March 24th, at the Antioch Church of Christ.
- Our youth are working hard preparing for the Lads to Leaders Convention which will be held April 6-8 in Memphis, TN. Be sure to give them a word of encouragement.

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	N/C
Sunday A M .....	236
Sunday P.M. ....	146
Wednesday .....	104
Contribution .....	\$3,824.93
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Clay Ormon
A.M. Prayer.....	Paul Ormon
Closing Prayer.....	Olen Clark
P.M. Prayer.....	Randy Wall
Closing .....	Matt Jennings
Wed 3/7 .....	Richard Jennings
Wed. 3/7 .....	Ray Kennedy
Usher & Lock....	Harold Russell
Greeter.....	G & K Clayton



## PANTRY ITEM

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## 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

## MONTH: MARCH 2012

### SOUND

ROOM Shane Crotts

### LEAD

### SINGING

SUN AM: R. Jennings

SUN PM: Dalton Beard

WED: Greg Harrison

### LORD'S

### SUPPER

N Head: Lonnie Weaver

N Help I: Andy Clemmer

N Help II: Dan Cobb

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### A.M.

#### Opening

#### Closing

1ST Paul Ormon

2ND Greg Clayton

3RD Dan Drummond

4TH Phil Young

5TH

Olen Clark

Mark Jennings

Bill Lyon

Terry Young

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### PM

#### Opening

#### Closing

1ST Randy Wall

2ND Richard Adams

3RD Harold Russell

4TH Bill Botts

5TH

Matt Jennings

Bobby Marques

Carl Smith

Ruston Adams

### WED

### PRAYERS

#### Opening

#### Closing

1ST Richard Jennings

2ND Troy Robertson

3RD Gary Turner

4TH Harold Crowe

5TH

Ray Kennedy

Tyler Weaver

Dillon Clayton

Bobby White

### SCRIPTURE

#### READING

Clay Ormon

Steve Todd

Philip Young

Burrell Walton

### USHER & LOCK

Harold Russell

Lonnie Weaver

Randy Wall

Bill Botts

### GREETERS

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