



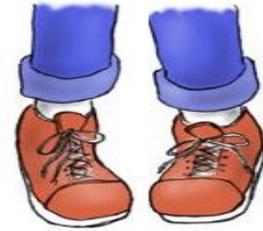
# THE INFORMER

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## If The Shoe Was On The Other Foot



Mike King

As long as everything is going well in my world, everything is ok with the world. This prevents us so often from being empathetic or sensitive to the needs and concerns of others. We may even develop the feeling, “It could be worse, it could be happening to me!” Spirituality may be compromised because of not being able to put self in the place of others and be moved to action to help. How would we want others to treat us if we were the hungry, lonely, homeless, mother out of wedlock, smitten by cancer, or any other of life’s many calamities? There are several passages in the Bible that enlighten us as to the scriptural mindset on the matter.

The essence of the law of God is for us to love one another. It is not enough to just love another, but to do so as we love ourselves (Gal. 5:14). Paul said that love will not allow us to do harm to our neighbor or to owe him anything (Rom. 13:8-10).

The motives for responding to others are very important as well. Paul stressed to Timothy that it is so vital to have “*love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith*” (1 Tim. 1:5). It would be absolutely wrong to love somebody for some personal agenda, being satisfied while discounting the adverse affect it might have on the significant other.

When Jesus sent His apostles out, He told them that, “*Freely you have received, freely give*” (Matt. 5:8b). Paul appealed to the words of Jesus when admonishing the elders of Ephesus during the tearful goodbye. He reminded them that he had labored with his hands to provide personal necessities and support the weak. He said, “*...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’*” (Acts 20:35).

A portion of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount addressed concerns that we are to have for others. He put some teeth into the message by saying, “*For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.*” The solution had been given in the earlier portion of the verse, “*Give and it shall be given unto you*” (Lk. 6:38).

Our awareness and response to others will be a matter of concern in the judgment and will impact our eternal destiny. Jesus told His disciples that they served Him vicariously when helping those who were hungry, thirsty, sick, and imprisoned (Matt. 25:35ff).

The pattern of Christ for thinking and feeling must be to, “*Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others*” (Phil. 2:4).



**PRAYER LIST**

**Johnny Garrett**, grandfather of *Austin Garrett* had been diagnosed with lung cancer. He will have more tests Thursday.

**Tony Cross**, is awaiting results from his bone marrow test.

**Wadie Leopard**, will have cataract surgery Thursday, in Tupelo.

**Bill Lyon**, has a pinched nerve in his neck and will have a series of 3 shots to help relieve his pain.

**Charles Hodges**, friend of the *Pounders* has been diagnosed with Gillian-Barre Syndrome which affects the nervous system.

**Judy Mills**, daughter of *J.D. & Sue Stroud* will return to her doctor this week.

**Roger Clayton**, has a pinched nerve in his back. He will have a series of 3 shots to help with his pain.

**Anna Davis**, mother of *Richard Jennings* remains in room 202 of the local hospital.

**Chris Isbell**, grandson of *Ronnie & Linda Griggs*, is recovering from skin graft surgery.

**Mary Alice Holloway**, friend of the *Marques* has a mass on her brain. She will have surgery March 7th.



**Continual Prayer**

**Terry Robbins, Gertrude Cochran, Bernice Nobles, J.D. Nesbit, Eli Williams, Jack Dunlap, Johnny Davis, Norman Brown, J.D. Stroud, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmitt, 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**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- February 09. .... Marie Beard
- February 09. .... Raymond Vest
- February 15. .... Greg Clayton
- February 17. .... April Pounders



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- February 12. .... Mike & Sheila King
- February 14. .... Andy & Sharon Clemmer
- February 21. .... Price & Claudia Senter

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to *Perry and Gloria Jones* in the death of their nephew this past week. We also express our sympathy to *Alvin Parks* in the death of his friend, *Kevin Robertson* who passed away Friday.

**BRIDAL SHOWER**

There will be a bridal shower for *Alyce Barton*, bride elect of *Mark Jennings*, Sunday, Feb. 12th at 2:00pm in the annex building. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Southern Traditions.



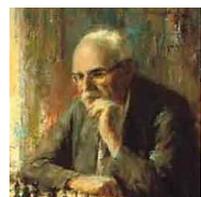
**FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY**

We will have our 'Friends and Family Day' February 26th. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to set aside that day to come to services with you. Our Sunday School will begin at 9:30; Worship at 10:30; Lunch at 11:30; and Evening services will be at 1:15.



**"I BELIEVE"**

...That a good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.



## Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs

What kind of records do we keep? Well, we may keep records of the bills that need to be paid each month, or when the oil in the car needs changed, or maybe the birthdays of family members. However, why do we keep records? Well, it is simple, because we want to remember things. There are a lot of things we like to remember so we write them down or find other ways to remember them. Yet, there is one thing the Bible tells us that we are not to keep record of and that is other's wrongs. Even though the Bible teaches against keeping records of other's wrongs, how many times have we brought up the past in a disagreement? It is like the one fellow who was talking to the preacher about their troubles in his marriage. The husband said, "Every time my wife and I get in an argument she gets historical." The preacher said, "Don't you mean hysterical." "No," replied the husband, "I mean historical; she brings up all my past mistakes." It is tough to live your life with someone who never forgets.

In I Corinthians 13:5, Paul's instruction on love states that "[Love] is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." If we truly love one another Paul reminds us that we are not to remember the wrongs that others have committed toward us, especially when we have dealt with others' sins, then love makes allowances for the fallibilities of others, and is ready to renew the relationship in a loving way. In other words, instead of revenge, devising evil against those who wronged us, or constantly reminding others of their wrongs, we forgive them and strive to move forward in the love of God. This is often hard to do, yet it is a command of God's Word. Maybe the following illustrations can help us to better "keep no record of wrongs."

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was reminded one day of a vicious deed that someone had done to her years before. However, she acted as if she had never even heard of the incident. "Don't you remember it?" her friend asked. "No." came Barton's reply, "I distinctly remember forgetting it"

A couple married for 15 years began having more than usual disagreements. They wanted to make their marriage work and agreed on an idea the wife had. For one month they planned to drop a slip in "Fault Boxes." The boxes would provide a place to let the other know about daily irritations. She was diligent in her efforts and approach: "leaving the jelly top off the jar," "wet towels on the shower floor," "dirty socks not in the hamper," on and on until the end of the month. After dinner, at the end of the month, they exchanged boxes. The husband reflected on what he had done wrong. Then, the wife opened her box and began reading. They were all the same, the message on each slip was, "I love you!" True love, biblical love, keeps no record of wrongs. It releases the revenge, bitterness and wrongs of the past and moves forward in a way that we do not return evil for evil.

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## Touching words from the mouth of babes: What does love mean?

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth. Billy—Age 4

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri—Age 4

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka's—6

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine—Age 5

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare-6

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy- Age 6



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## YOUTH NEWS

- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held February 12 at the Antioch Church of Christ. The van will leave at 5:50pm. The car driver, if needed, will be *Paige Young*.
- Senior Bible Bowl will be held Sun. Feb. 19th, at the Hillcrest church of Christ in Baldwyn.
- Area Wide Bible School to be held Sat. Feb. 25th, from 10am-2pm at the Mayfield church of Christ.

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	122
Sunday A M .....	141
Sunday P.M. ....	114
Wednesday .....	96
Contribution .....	\$3,714.05
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Dan Cobb
A.M. Prayer.....	Harold Russell
Closing Prayer.....	Steve Todd
P.M. Prayer.....	Troy Robertson
Closing .....	Clay Ormon
Wed 2/15 .....	Richard Adams
Wed. 2/15 .....	Ruston Adams
Usher & Lock....	Roger Clayton
Greeter .....	R & K Jennings



## PANTRY ITEM

CAKE MIX

## 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

## BEATITUDES FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Blessed are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world, and who joyfully fulfill their marriage vow of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness.

Blessed are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it, and who set aside some time each day for the reading of the Bible and prayer.

Blessed are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

Blessed are those mates who never speak loudly to each other and who make their home a place "where seldom is heard a discouraging word."

Blessed are the husband and wife who faithfully attend the worship of the church.

Blessed are the husband and wife who can work out their problems of adjustment without interference from relatives.

Blessed is the couple who have a complete understanding about financial matters and who have worked out perfect partnership with all the money under control of both.

Blessed are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ and practice the teachings of Christ in their home by being unselfish, loyal and loving.

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