



# THE INFORMER

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## GROUNDED BY A WOODPECKER

Mike King



Can you imagine a bird that weighs 171,000 lbs., with a length of 121 ft., wingspan of 78 ft., 77 ft. high, and flies at 17,500 mph. being grounded by something that weighs 2 lbs. or less?

A few years ago the space shuttle *Discovery* was grounded, not because of technical difficulties or a major malfunction. Several yellow shafted flicker woodpeckers found the insulating foam on the shuttle's external fuel tank rather irresistible material for pecking.

The foam is very critical to the shuttle's performance. Without it, ice forms on the tank when filled with super-cold fuel, the ice can break free during liftoff and damage the giant spacecraft. The shuttle was grounded until proper repair could be made to the insulation.

It is not uncommon for marriages to be on the alert for major happenings that could injure the relationship such as infidelity, abuse, or abandonment. The husband and wife, to their chagrin, are saddened to see their relationship dissolved by the constant "pecking" and eroding of affection by criticism, lack of respect, and simply taking each other for granted. These rather innocent behaviors prevent the relationship from reaching the heights of love desired and to which they are entitled.

When a person becomes unfaithful to the Lord and His church, it is not usually due to a major disruption in their life. It is caused by a failure to read the Bible today, failing to pray tomorrow, negligence in making it a point to attend all services of the Lord's church this week, or avoidance of those good people who belong to the Lord. Their spirituality becomes damaged to the point that their soul could not soar to be with the Lord should His return be today. The journey is scrubbed and a soul is grounded and written off as a failed mission.

The Bible is replete with examples where "minor" infractions led to the ruination of individuals, cities, and nations. Who would have thought that Cain's substitution would have been so serious; Nadab and Abihu's use of strange fire so damnable; Moses' hitting the rock in place of speaking to it, so offensive; Judas' traitorous act toward the Lord so deadly; or Peter's denial of Jesus so consequential?

Are you no longer insulated from sin and Satan because of the small things that have stolen your faith? *"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her..."* (Eph. 5:22-25)



**PRAYER LIST**

**Harold Russell**, will have surgery Tuesday in Tupelo, for carotid arteries.

**Gina Stewart**, a 12 year old girl from the Keownville community is in Le Bonheur with a brain tumor.

**Avery Anna White**, granddaughter of *Wadie Lepard* has been diagnosed with autoimmune disease. She will see a doctor in Jackson, MS, this week about her condition.

**Ruby Gaines**, will begin dialysis soon. The family have requested no phone calls at this time.

**Belle Cross**, will see a cardiologist this week and possibly have more tests.

**Jason McMillen**, will have hernia surgery in the near future.



We express our deepest sympathy to **Laura Mae Harris** in the death of her grandson **Dustin Harris** who passed away Sat., March 24th. Please remember this family.

**Continual Prayer**

**Melvin Adams, Larry Hester, Eleta Grimmett, Tony Cross, James McDonald, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Eli Williams, 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:**

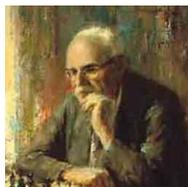
**Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden**

**Military List:**

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

**“I BELIEVE”**

...That no one ever says “its only a game,” when their team is winning.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



April 03. . . . . Shelley Adams

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

April 02. . . . . Paul & Maria Ormon

April 07. . . . . Randy & Christy Wall

**WELCOME!**

*Perry and Gloria Jones* recently placed membership with the New Albany congregation. We are happy to have them as a part of our church family and look forward to working with them. Their address is: 802 Standish St., New Albany, MS 38652

**AREA EVNETS**

- **Ladies Day** will be March 31st, at the Hwy 15, **Pontotoc Church of Christ**. The guest speaker will be *Lisa Williams*. Registration will begin at 9:00a.m. Lunch will be served following the program.
- **Sardis Lake Christian Camp** Annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction will be held March 31st at the camp site. Please check the bulletin board for more details.
- **Skyline Church of Christ** invites you to a series of meetings April 15th-18th, entitled, “Ingredients of a Godly Home.” *Jerry Martin* will be bringing the lessons. Please check the bulletin board for a list of topics.
- You are invited to the **Annual Ladies Day** April 21st at the **Hwy 178 Church of Christ** in New Albany. The guest speaker will be *Marilyn Graham*. Lunch will be provided immediately following the program.

\* Remember our Gospel Meeting which will continue through Wed. night March 28th at 7:00p.m. **Jimmy Clark**, of Bethel, AL. is our guest speaker.

## *\$ 1.00 For a Soul*

Jim Faughn

He is not a member of the Lord's church. He has expressed on more than one occasion his admiration for his wife who is a faithful and dedicated Christian lady. He admires her for her example and helps her find a congregation of God's people with whom she can worship when they are out of town.

He used to go with her. He used to listen to the Bible being taught in a class environment. He used to hear Gospel lessons being preached. He used to have repeated opportunities to hear a preacher extend the invitation. He used to have to think about his spiritual condition when the "invitation song" was being sung.

None of those things is true any longer. He no longer joins his wife as she faithfully makes her way to be with her brothers and sisters in the Lord and offer worship to Him.

When I talked with him, he did not indicate that he really had anything against the church. In fact, he was very complimentary of many of the Christians he knew. He called some by name and expressed to me how much he thought of them.

As we talked about his spiritual condition and needs, I became aware of the fact that, like so many others, there is not just one reason why he no longer makes the effort to be with his wife when she worships. There hardly ever is just one reason in situations like this.

However, in most situations, there is a "tipping point." There can be that one incident that is the "straw that broke the camel's back." In this man's case, that point involved what many would consider a very insignificant event and maybe even a less significant amount of money.

He watched a man whom he knew to be a Christian **and a preacher** drive into a convenience store and buy \$19.00 worth of gas. Instead of paying \$19.00, he wrote a check in the amount of \$20.00.

Do you have any idea what happened with the other dollar? What could a preacher have done with only \$1.00 that could cause somebody else to think that it was not worthwhile to hear him preach? **He bought a lottery ticket!**

When I heard this, I thought of a couple of applications for all of us. First of all, I hear the argument from time to time that gambling should not be opposed because it is "victimless." In the sense of somebody being killed or injured when the man bought the lottery ticket, I suppose that a case could be made for that. The case would be much more difficult to make when we consider things such as a person's spiritual wellbeing.

The case would also be more difficult to make when we consider influence. Somebody is watching each and every one of us (not just the elders and preachers). Some action that I take, some words I use or some attitudes that I have which I do not consider to be a "big deal" may be being carefully scrutinized by some precious soul.

I do not want somebody to be able to use me as their reason for not being interested in the Lord and His church. While, in some instances, their "reasons" may be totally unjustified and based on unrealistic expectations of what a Christian is supposed to be, they are still valid to the ones who are observing our lives.

How ironic: the same person who I am sure has preached repeatedly that one soul is worth more than the entire world (Matthew 16:26) helped with one "insignificant act" push a soul further from the Lord for \$1.00! I wonder how many I have had the same effect on for far less! "*Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity*" (Colossians 4:5).

## **YOUTH NEWS**

- L to L presentations will be Sun. April, 1st at 4:45p.m. Boys will be in the annex building and the girls in the adult III classroom.
- Congratulations to the Junior Bible Bowl participants who competed Sat. at Antioch. They did not miss any questions and 7 out of 10 said their memory verse! Great job Ruston, Olivia, David, Clay, Jodi, Eli, Jenna, Masey Kate, Luke and Cooper.

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School..... 126  
 Sunday A M .....139  
 Sunday P.M. ....127  
 Wednesday .....105  
 Contribution .....\$3,109.29  
 Budget.....\$3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....Drew Drummond  
 A.M. Prayer.....Bill Frohn  
 Closing Prayer.....Bill Lyon  
 P.M. Prayer.....J.L. Eaton  
 Closing.....Clay Ormon  
 Wed 4/4.....Jerry Gibson  
 Wed. 4/4.....Ronnie Griggs  
 Usher & Lock....Greg Clayton  
 Greeter ..... R & K Jennings



## PANTRY ITEM

Canned Fruit

## 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: APRIL 2012

### SOUND

ROOM Andy Clemmer

### LEAD

### SINGING

*SUN AM:* Greg Harrison

*SUN PM:* Richard Jennings

*WED:* Dalton Beard

### LORD'S

### SUPPER

*N Head:* Paul Ormon

*N Help I:* Alvin Parks

*N Help II:* Matt Jennings

*S Head:* Phil Young

*S Help I:* Richard Adams

*S Help II:* Mark Jennings

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### A.M.

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Bill Frohn  
*2ND* Jason Jennings  
*3RD* Richard Jennings  
*4TH* Troy Robertson  
*5TH* Lonnie Weaver

Bill Lyon  
 Brad Pounders  
 Phillip Young  
 Terry Young  
 Olen Clark

### SCRIPTURE READING

Drew Drummond  
 Anderson Parks  
 Will Bowlin  
 Tyler Weaver  
 Ruston Adams

### SUNDAY

### PRAYERS

#### PM

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* J.L. Eaton  
*2ND* Gary Turner  
*3RD* Randy Wall  
*4TH* Dalton Beard  
*5TH* Harold Crowe

Clay Ormon  
 Burrell Walton  
 Bobby White  
 Bill Botts  
 Dillon Clayton

### USHER & LOCK

Greg Clayton  
 Roger Clayton  
 Andy Clemmer  
 Harold Russell  
 Randy Wall

### WED

### PRAYERS

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Jerry Gibson  
*2ND* Ray Kennedy  
*3RD* Roger Clayton  
*4TH* Dan Cobb  
*5TH*

Ronnie Griggs  
 Bobby Marques  
 Carl Smith  
 Shane Crofts

### GREETERS

R & K Jennings  
 T & N Robertson  
 B & N Frohn  
 A & S Clemmer  
 G & K Clayton

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