



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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“CHARTING OUR DIRECTION TO HEAVEN IN 2011 - TO STAY ON TASK”



The elders have set as our mission statement or goal for this year as being: *“Charting our direction to heaven in 2011 – To stay on task”*

They are appealing to every individual and age group within the congregation to develop a vested interest in the overall objective and mission of the New Albany congregation.

Each member is requested to be devoted to a study of the Bible and worship within the coming year to enable each of us to become more suitable for living in heaven. Too, we must put forth great effort in conditioning others to make the journey with us, praying earnestly for God to assist us with growth and spiritual maturity consistent with His nature.

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good is it that God above
Has never gone on strike,
Because He was not treated fair
Or saw things He didn't like.
If only once He's given up and
Said, "That's it, I'm through!"
"I've had enough of those on Earth,
So this is what I'll do.

I'll give my orders to the sun—
Cut off the heat supply!"
"And to the moon—give no more Light,
And run the oceans dry.
Then just to make things really
Tough and put the pressure on,
Turn off the vital oxygen,
Till every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified,
If fairness was the game.
For no one has been more abused
Or met with more disdain
Than God; and yet He carries on,
Supplying you and me
With all the favors of His grace,
And everything for free.

Men say they want a better deal,
And so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God,
To whom all things we owe.
We don't care whom we hurt, to
Gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in, if
God should go on strike.

***"He giveth to all life, and breath,
and all things" Acts 17:25***



SELF-EXAMINATION

Doctors tell us that we need to examine ourselves. Many tumors can be felt, moles that change shape or color. We need to look and feel in order to catch these problems early. The Bible also teaches self-examination. Paul said, "*Examine yourselves*" (2 Cor. 13:5). James writes of looking in a mirror to examine ourselves (1:23). Some questions someone put together for spiritual self-examination include:

1. Am I so **CRITICAL** that I see only a person's failures and not his/her good points?
2. Am I so **CHILDISH** that people must handle me gently lest I be offended?
3. Am I **MATURE ENOUGH** to handle hurts and disappointments without making everyone else miserable?
4. Do I **HURT** people while boasting, "I believe in saying what I think"?
5. Can I be completely **TRUSTED** with confidential information?
6. Am I guilty of making **SARCASTIC REMARKS** about the success of others?
7. Am I big enough to admit when I am wrong, or do I seek to excuse myself by **BLAMING OTHERS**?
8. Do I excuse my sins, while self-righteously **CONDEMNING** others?
9. Are others **UPLIFTED AND ENCOURAGED** through their association with me?
10. Do I follow after peace, or do my words and actions **PROMOTE STRIFE**?

~ Bob Plunket via House to House/Heart to Heart

YOUTH NEWS

- We are pleased to announce that *Andy Brown* from FHU has accepted the position of Youth Intern for this summer. We enjoyed his being with us this past Sunday and look forward to getting to know him.
- Sunday, March 13th, the Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held at the Mayfield congregation. The van will leave at 5:50.
- Junior Bible Bowl will be held Saturday, March 26, at the Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc.

PRAYER LIST

Randy Stewart, friend of the *Pounders*, is recovering from a successful surgery.

Len Collett, brother-in-law of *Dixie White* has been moved to a hospital facility in Canada.

Bob Clement, brother-in-law of *Richard Jennings* will have quadruple bypass surgery soon.

Ed Walker, father of *Sarah Walker* broke his leg while playing basketball.

David Harendt, a minister from Oklahoma, has received word that his pancreatic cancer is contained. He was given a better prognosis and is thankful for your prayers on his behalf.

Brian Camp, relative of *Bobby & Dixie White*, has a spot on his brain. He is undergoing tests.



Continual Prayer

Jim Dickerson, Jean Drummond, Marshal Kell, Ernest Foley, Maxine Carlisle, David Harendt, Della Carmon, John Sanford, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Bill King, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

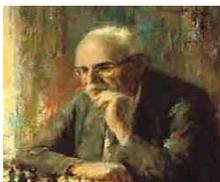
Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

SAGE ADVICE

Exercise daily..... walk with God



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

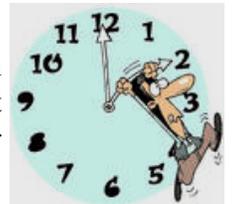
- March 10.....Richard Jennings
- March 12.....Leah Lambert
- March 13.....Olivia Pounders
- March 15.....Masey Kate Adams
- March 15.....Andy Clemmer
- March 17.....Patricia Crow
- March 17.....Laura Mae Harris
- March 19.....Dan Cobb
- March 19.....Clay Jennings

YOUTH INTERN

Andy Brown, a student from Freed-Hardeman University has been chosen to work with our youth for the summer. *Andy* is a graduate of Hickman County High School in Centerville, TN. He is in his second semester at FHU and plans to be a youth minister, counselor or both. We look forward to *Andy* being with us this summer.

TIME CHANGE!

Daylight savings time will begin this Sunday, March 13th. Please set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.



AREA EVENTS

- **Ashland Church of Christ** would like to invite you to their **Spring Gospel Singing** Saturday, March 19th, from 5:00pm till 7:00pm.
- **Christian Men & Leadership**, lessons for men in the Church, Home and Community will be held at Maywood Christian Camp March 19th. Check the bulletin board for details.
- You're Invited to a **gospel meeting** at the **Chapman Church of Christ** March 20-23. Bro. *Ken Tyler* will be the speaker each night at 7pm.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	107
Sunday A.M	158
Sunday P.M	111
Wednesday	97
Contribution	\$4,250.26
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Dean Dillard
A.M. Prayer.....	Paul Ormon
ClosingPrayer.....	Jason Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Crowe
Closing	Brad Pounders
Wed.3/16.....	Gary Turner
Wed. 3/16.....	Steve Todd
Usher & Lock.....	Greg Clayton
Greeters.....	T & N Robertson



PANTRY ITEM:
Canned vegetables

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

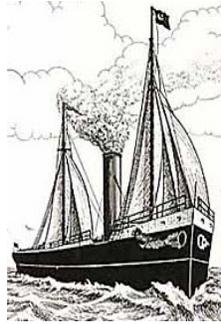
DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

MINISTER

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

DOUBTERS



The famous engineer and inventor, Robert Fulton, returned to America from Paris in 1805 to test his invention of the steamship. In 1807, he was ready to take the steamship *Claremont* on a trial run up the Hudson River between New York City and Albany.

The story is told that, in the excited crowd which watched the proceedings, there was a negative, pessimistic, doubtful old man. While preparations were being made to start the test run, the old man kept repeating, “They won’t ever get her started.” The steamship, however, was started, and began its trip up the river to the cheers of the crowd.

The doubter was then heard to say, “They won’t ever get her stopped.”

Does he remind you of anyone? There are two kinds of doubters: the active, investigative doubters who are unwilling to study evidences before reaching a conclusion; and the lazy, prejudicial doubters who are willing to consider any possible evidences. Be a good doubter. Consider the evidence why you should believe the Bible and be a member of the church you read about therein.

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