

# THE INFORMER

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## CHURCH GROWTH BY REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Mike King



We are constantly looking for ways and means for bettering ourselves in this life. We do so by increasing our spiritual integrity. God knew what was best for us and from which we could obtain the nourishment our soul craves. He knew how valuable gathering with brothers and sisters of like precious faith could be to us.

Each member of the Lord's church bears the burden of building up the church. We are to walk as rooted and grounded individuals (Col. 2:6-7). To neglect worship services is a willful sin (Heb. 10:25-26) about which none can take pride or justify. As a result, one must repent (Acts 8:22).

Regular attendance demonstrates a number of things to others. It shows our faith in Christ as the head of the church (Eph. 1:11-13; Heb. 11:6). It evidences an obedient spirit similar to Jesus' (Heb. 5:8-9; 10:25-26). It shows faith in Jesus' promise to be with us (Matt. 18:20-24). It edifies and builds up the church by prevention of backsliding (Eph. 4:16). It proves us to be for Christ and His church (Matt. 12:30; Jn. 15:14). Our physical presence in worship proves we love Christ and His people (Jn. 14:21, 24; I Jn. 3:14). Being in the presence of God and His people make the faithful happy (Ps. 122:1; 133:1). Those who are absent are called "sinners" and no faithful child desires that distinction (Jn. 4:23; 9:31; Matt. 4:10). Negligence destroys the church and Christianity (Heb. 2:2-3; 10:25). When we are assembled, the contribution increases as a power for good (1 Cor. 16:2). All who are present are built up through teaching and finding strength from fellow worshippers (Acts 2:42; 11:26; 20:28). Partaking of the Lord's Supper strengthens the inner man (Jn. 6:53). Preaching and singing are made better (Eph. 5:19; Acts 20:7). It enables the church to shine like a city (Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:12-15). It has a saving influence on the whole family (Heb. 11:7). Our friends and neighbors are helped to be converted (1 Tim. 4:12). It is the accomplishment of a good thing (Jas. 4:17; Jud. 5:23).



PRAYER LIST

Reva Parrish, friend of the Weavers is facing heart surgery to replace a heart valve and shave some heart muscle.

Joe Downs, grandfather of Alyce Jennings is back in the Tupelo Hospital with a urinary tract infection.

Grace Elliott, a ninth grader and member of the Zion Rest congregation, is in Le Bonheur's ICU unit after receiving head injuries while playing softball Sat. She is the niece of Melissa Reed and friend of Erin Wall.

Raymond Vest, is weak and not feeling well. Please remember him and Ms. Amy.

Tauso Branch suffered a light stroke this past week. She is doing better but is still confined to bed recovering from a leg fracture. Please pray for her.

Bill Frohn will have eyelid surgery Wed. in Jackson, MS.

Continual Prayer

Laura Mae Harris, Bill Lyon, Joe Downs, Juerhee Beard, Harold Vaughn, Johnny Garrett, Brooks Russell, Altha Rogers, Jack Dunlap, Tauso Branch, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Mattie Golden

Military List:

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

AREA EVENTS

- The Potts Camp Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting July 22nd-25th at 7:00 each evening. Check the bulletin board for list of speakers.
The Ashland Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting July 22nd-25th, with Dr. David Lipe speaking each night at 7:30.
A Gospel Meeting will be held at the Crockett Church of Christ, July 22nd-26th with Dan Bear-dain as the guest speaker; 7:30 each night.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- July 21..... Ione Wall
July 22..... Hunter Jennings
July 22..... Matt Jennings
July 22..... Jason McMillen
July 27..... Dixie White

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- July 25..... Bobby & Sue Marques



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

A Memorial Contribution has been sent to Pine Vale Children's Home in memory of Corrine Hall, mother of Teresa Clark. A letter has been sent to the family to let them know of the contribution.

THANK YOU

Dear Church family,

Thanks for all the visits, cards, food and the prayers during my sickness. We are so proud to be part of such a loving and caring group of Christian people. In Christian Love, Bill & Grace Lyon

New Albany Church of Christ,

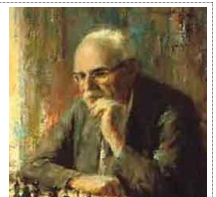
It has been so very comforting to be embraced by this church family during our loss. The prayers, cards, visits and calls really make a difference.

Much Love, Teresa & Olen Clark

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Bobby & Dixie White on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Maya Kate White. She was born July 11th, weighing 7lbs 7oz and was 21 in. long. Proud parents are John Wesley & Jessie White and grandparents Don & Cynthia White.

"I BELIEVE"
...that a smooth sea never made
a skilful mariner.



## I SAID NOTHING

Robert Benchley once remarked, "Drawing in my fine command of language, I said nothing." No matter how great your vocabulary may be, sometimes the right thing to say is nothing.

**First, if you cannot speak with purity, the best thing that you can say, no matter how large your vocabulary may be, is nothing.** We read, "*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers*" (Eph. 4:29).

**Second, if you cannot speak with sweetness, the best thing that you can say, no matter how rich your vocabulary may be, is nothing.** We read, "*Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you*" (Eph. 4:31-32).

**Third, if you cannot speak with grace, the best thing that you can say, no matter how extensive your vocabulary may be, is nothing.** Paul wrote, "*Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man*" (Col. 4:6).

**Fourth, if you cannot speak with self-control, the best thing that you can say, no matter how full your vocabulary may be, is nothing.** We read, "*But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth*" (Col. 3:8).

**Fifth, if you cannot speak with truthfulness, the best thing that you can say, no matter how huge your vocabulary may be, is nothing.** We read, "*Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds*" (Col. 3:9).

**Sixth, if you cannot speak with love, the best thing to say, no matter how big your vocabulary may be, is nothing.** Paul wrote, "*But speaking the truth in love may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ*" (Eph. 4:15).

Obviously, I could go on and on. However, I believe that you get my point. Let's make sure that what we say is what it needs to be. If it isn't, the best thing that we can do is to say nothing.

Wade Webster, Glade Tiding of Good Things, Vol. 31



### From: Andy's Desk

This past week was both the busiest and most stressful, as well as the most enjoyable and rewarding week of the summer so far! There were so many things going on, all of the weekly activities, the campout that turned into a "camp-in," and speaking on Sunday evening. I am exhausted, but I learned this week how truly amazing the parents, youth, and every other member of this congregation are. Even though the canoe/camping trip was unfortunately canceled due to severe weather threats, everyone was so flexible and open-minded when the plans were altered, and we ended up having a large crowd of 7<sup>th</sup> and up kids Friday night at our camp-in and had an absolutely wonderful time! Also, I cannot tell each and every one of you how much it means to me to receive the support and encouragement that I received after speaking Sunday night. You all make me feel so strengthened with love and affection, and words cannot express the gratitude I have for the warmth and kindness with which you have showered me.

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." – James 1:17*

\*I believe that this congregation and all the people that are a part of it are a treasured gift from above, and I want you to know that I am so appreciative and thankful that the Lord has placed me here, and I hope that I have given back a small portion of the love and encouragement that I have so graciously been given by you!

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	120
Sunday A.M.....	143
Sunday P.M.....	107
Wednesday.....	120
Contribution.....	\$3,125.76
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	David Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....	Greg Clayton
Closing Prayer.....	J. L. Eaton
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Crowe
Closing.....	Drew Drummond
Wed 7/25.....	Dillon Clayton
Wed. 7/25.....	Alvin Parks
Usher & Lock.....	Harold Russell
Greeter.....	B & A Pounders



## 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.....	538-8195
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

## BIBLE CHALLENGES

Can you figure out the Bible names by rearranging the letters?

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Jaileh _ _ _ _ _  | 6. Anho _ _ _ _     |
| 2. Henteps _ _ _ _ _ | 7. Raash _ _ _ _ _  |
| 3. Ulpa _ _ _ _      | 8. Nana _ _ _ _     |
| 4. Bamhara _ _ _ _ _ | 9. Ossem _ _ _ _ _  |
| 5. Lisas _ _ _ _ _   | 10. Utist _ _ _ _ _ |



## A BIBLE TOWN ACROSTIC

- The name of Jacob's youngest son. (Gen. 35:18) \_\_\_\_\_
- A stone that told what God had done. (1 Sam. 7:12) \_\_\_\_\_
- A saint who showed great belief (Jn. 20:24) \_\_\_\_\_
- One who to God poured out her grief (1 Sam. 1:15) \_\_\_\_\_
- A man to save his life who fled. (Gen. 19:18-22) \_\_\_\_\_
- A queen who filled another's stead. (Esth. 2:17) \_\_\_\_\_
- A king who had God's witness slain. (Matt. 14:3-11) \_\_\_\_\_
- And a man whose prayers stayed the rain. (I Kings 17:1) \_\_\_\_\_
- He lived the longest here below. (Gen. 5:25) \_\_\_\_\_

Initials give a place you know.

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