



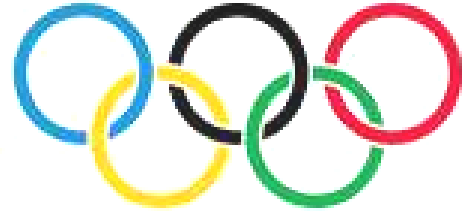
# THE INFORMER

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## FOLLOW-THROUGH IS VITAL!



Mike King

The initial spreading of the gospel is most important for salvation and the growth of the church. This is true with the beginning of a race or an athletic competition; a good beginning is important. It is not uncommon though to witness a strong start to watch with sadness a tapering off or failure to continue the good pace to the completion.

When the great commission was given, Jesus gave instruction to His disciples to “*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*” (Matt. 28:19). They were very zealous to do that very thing and the book of acts gives record of 3,000 on Pentecost, multitudes were baptized shortly thereafter, individuals of both men and women, and groups were being baptized on a consistent basis. The church had a flourishing beginning and everyone rejoiced.

There are more books written in the Bible instructing us how to remain faithful Christians than how to become one. A second part of the above mentioned great commission passage must be observed as well, “*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*” (Matt. 28:20). Learning information that brings us to Christ is so important, but also learning information that will enable us to remain in Christ and be productive is also necessary. The first century converts “*continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*” (Acts 2:42). When they became “*faithful men*” they were “*able to teach others also*” (2 Tim. 2:2). When a New Testament Christian is inducted into a life of “observing” the contents of the message they have embraced, one is compelled to share it. Peter spoke of the importance of Christians being a “*chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light*” (1 Pet. 2:9).

The church has an obligation to help new Christians find their place in the work and service of the Lord so they can honor God’s expectations of them. It is one thing to “become,” but yet another to “be” and “become!” We must continue to grow as a student of the word. Paul advised the young man Timothy to “*continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them*” (2 Tim. 3:14).



### PRAYER LIST

**Amy Vest**, is in room 220 of the local hospital suffering from a cracked rib. Continue to remember **Mr. Raymond** as he struggles with his health.

**Perrin Drummond**, fell last week and injured his left shoulder. Please remember **Jean** as well. She has also fallen several times lately.

**Connie Phagan**, sister-in-law of *Sue Marques* is having many health problems and needs prayers.

**Mary Alice Holloway**, friend of the *Marques'* will have radiation treatments following surgery for a brain tumor.

**Roy Crow**, uncle of *Darrel Crow* has blockages in both legs. He will return to his doctor Aug. 8th.

**Jim Dickerson**, is experiencing health problems and is awaiting results of recent tests.

**Harold Vaughn**, friend of *Mike & Sheila King*, will have surgery Aug. 2nd, for prostate cancer.

**Prebble Foster**, neighbor of the *Carpenters'* and *Marques'* is undergoing treatment for cancer of lymph nodes and needs our prayers.

#### Continual Prayer

**Reva Parrish, Laura Mae Harris, 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 & Betty Young**

#### Shut-Ins

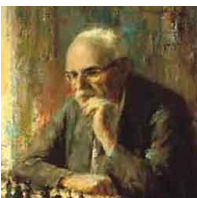
**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest**

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**

**"I BELIEVE"**  
 ...that it is not enough to aim, you  
 must hit.





### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- August 03. .... Ray Kennedy
- August 05. .... Martin Crotts
- August 08. .... Kathy Jennings
- August 08. .... Mary Nell Smith
- August 10. .... Sue Stroud
- August 11. .... J. D. Stroud

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- August 08. .... David & Cindy Ashmore
- August 09. .... Jason & Lea Ann McMillen



### SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to *Linda Griggs* and family in the death of her sister, *Helen Filyaw*, who passed away Sat., July 28th in Bassett, AR. Funeral services are tentatively set for Wed. Aug. 1st, in Osceola, AR.

### BABY SHOWER



There will be a baby shower for *Shelby Carpenter* Sunday, Aug. 12th, at 2:00pm. at the fellowship building. *Brian* and *Shelby* are expecting a baby boy in September. Big sister *Jenna* is anxiously awaiting his arrival. *Shelby* is registered at Babies 'R' Us, Something Special, Target and Wal-Mart.

### AREA EVENTS

- Chapman Church of Christ Lectureship July29-Aug. 1 at 7:00pm each evening.
- Area-Wide Youth Gathering Sun. Aug. 12, at 6:00pm. at the Beech Hill Church of Christ.
- Area-Wide Youth Meeting Sun. Aug. 12, at 6:30pm. at the Hillcrest Church of Christ.
- Gospel Meeting Aug. 19-22 at the Hillcrest Church of Christ. Check the bulletin board for times and speakers.
- Faith Basics Youth Rally at the Gloster Street Church of Christ Aug. 18, from 9:00-2:00p.m.

## WISHING POOL



You can never tell just exactly what a young kid is thinking, and you certainly can be surprised at the understanding they have about things. A young boy I know was spending the night in a 5-star Hotel in Dallas, Texas the night before his 7th birthday with his grandparents. He was excited to say the least. As the grandmother was waiting for the granddaddy to check them in, she and the boy were down by the “wishing pool” in the lobby. The boy noticed there were a lot of coins down at the bottom of the pool and asked his grandmother what that meant. She told him that people made a wish and then pitched the coins into the pool. She asked him if he would like to try it. He said he would and grandmother gave him some coins. Now she was expecting him to “wish” for something that he wanted for his birthday, but the kid had a different take. He stared at the pool and then took a coin and threw it in and said, “I have the greatest momma in the world.” He took the second coin and threw it in and said, “I have the best daddy in the world.” The third coin was flung for the “most wonderful grandmother in the world.” Then he threw one in for the “best granddaddy in the world.” Next he threw a coin in for his “best ever uncle Ben.” When he started to throw another coin in, he realized he had no coin for his “other uncle John.” He told his grandmother uncle John is a great uncle, but he didn’t have any coin to throw in for him. It was obvious to the grandmother that her grandson didn’t understand what wishing was, or did he?

How many times have we asked a kid to pray over the food, and he would thank God for the iced tea, the turkey, the dressing, the peas, the mashed potatoes and gravy, the homemade rolls, and the corn bread. The child will go right down the list with their eyes open, of everything that is on the table and finally thank God for everybody at the table. Those are the only kind of prayers that get above the rafters. As for wishes, this boy didn’t have the concept of wishing. He had the concept of being very grateful and thankful for the only things that count in our lives– the people we love and the people who in turn love us.

There is a contrast in wishing and being grateful that we can keep- even children know wishes aren’t something real. But gratefulness for the blessings of life are always in style and always meaningful when expressed.

Perhaps I should practice being grateful and thankful more often, for blessings are both real in my life and plentiful. If you haven’t talked to a 7 year old lately, you really ought to “catch” one, ask him a question or two, and then listen to his answers. You will be grateful you did, and it will shower you with a special blessing.  
~ Ken Upchurch, Tanzania 2000

### Maxims For Young People

1. If anyone speaks evil of you, let your life be such that none will believe him.
2. Drink no intoxicating liquors; drunkenness leads into bad company.
3. Always live within your means; never contract a debt that you cannot see a way to settle.
4. At evening think over what you have done during the day; resolve to correct all mistakes.
5. Never speak lightly of religion; piety and humility are adorning traits of character.
6. When you speak to a person, look him in the face, never be afraid to converse freely with anyone.
7. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.
8. Never be idle; if your hands cannot be usefully employed, seek to cultivate your mind.
9. Always speak the truth; the truth will bless you.

### Beatitudes For Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know my ears today  
Must strain to catch the things I say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.  
Blessed are they who looked away  
When coffee was spilled by the table today.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile  
Who stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say  
“You’ve told that story twice today.”  
Blessed are they who make it known  
I’m loved, respected, and not alone.  
Blessed are they who know I’m at a loss  
To find the strength to carry the cross.  
Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey home in loving ways.

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	120
Sunday A.M.....	145
Sunday P.M.....	110
Wednesday.....	119
Contribution.....	\$4,159.00
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Phillip Young
A.M. Prayer.....	Phil Young
Closing Prayer.....	Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....	Andy Clemmer
Closing.....	Bobby White
Wed 8/8.....	Dan Cobb
Wed. 8/8.....	David Clayton
Usher & Lock.....	Lonnie Weaver
Greeter.....	H & D Crowe



## PANTRY ITEM

Beef Stew

## 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

## MONTH: AUGUST 2012

### SOUND ROOM

Randy Wall

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harold Russell

### LEAD SINGING

*SUN AM:* Dalton Beard

*SUN PM:* Greg Harrison

*WED:* Richard Jennings

### USHER

Shane Crotts

### PREPARE

### COMMUNION

Ione Wall

### LORD'S SUPPER

*N Head:* Gary Turner

*N Help I:* Burrell Walton

*N Help II:* Dillon Clayton

*S Head:* Richard Adams

*S Help I:* Terry Stubblefield

*S Help II:* Ruston Adams

### SUNDAY PRAYERS

#### A.M.

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Phil Young

*2ND* Lonnie Weaver

*3RD* Bill Frohn

*4TH* Richard Jennings

*5TH*

Terry Young

Greg Clayton

Roger Clayton

Daniel Drummond

### SCRIPTURE READING

Phillip Young

Tyler Weaver

Mark Jennings

Jason McCullough

### SUNDAY PRAYERS

#### PM

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Andy Clemmer

*2ND* Harold Crowe

*3RD* Jerry Gibson

*4TH* Jason Jennings

*5TH*

Bobby White

J. L. Eaton

Ronnie Griggs

Matt Jennings

### USHER & LOCK

Lonnie Weaver

Bill Botts

Roger Clayton

Greg Clayton

### WED

### PRAYERS

#### Opening

#### Closing

*1ST* Dalton Beard

*2ND* Dan Cobb

*3RD* Greg Harrison

*4TH* Perry Jones

*5TH* Ray Kennedy

Bill Botts

David Clayton

Bill Lyon

Bobby Marques

Olen Clark

### GREETERS

H & D Crowe

B & N Frohn

A & S Clemmer

R & K Jennings

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