

# THE INFORMER

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## OUR GOD IS AMAZING!

Mike King



Isaiah extolled the virtues of God with no conclusions drawn that were less than amazing (Isa. 40:25-28). This world would truly be frightening if we had to deal with all the anxiety, fearfulness, and uncertainties without a knowledge that God is in control! God has made it known that He is *“God and not man”* (Hos. 11:9). Isaiah said that God is exalted high and lifted up (Isa. 6:1). What consolation we have knowing and trusting that God is infinite, eternal, unchangeable, and remains distinct from all that He has created. It is so important that we remain focused on God’s deity in order to respect, submit, and obey Him.

God expressed His amazement through His **amazing Son**. Peter said it well in Matthew 16:16, *“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”* That cannot be said of Buddha, Confucius, or Mohammed. It could not be said of Moses, Elijah, or John. It is spoken in vain when referencing anyone but Christ. The amazing life of Jesus needs to be put into our’s in order for it to make sense. Paul expressed it well, *“I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in me”* (Gal. 2:20).

God authored an **amazing book**. Only a book from God could be preserved and withstand the battering of skeptics through the centuries. This book that is often judged by men will eventually judge men (Jn. 12:48). It is indestructible (Mt. 24:35) and unchangeable (Ps. 119:89). It is thoroughly capable of exposing error (2 Tim. 4:2), instilling faith (Rm. 10:17) and instructing man how to live (Titus 2:11-12; Rom. 12:1-2). Just like its author, *“despised and rejected,”* yet the sober warning comes, *“He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded”* (Prov. 13:13).

God built an **amazing church!** God Designed it (Eph. 3:9-10); blood bought (Acts 2:47; 20:28), and heaven bound (I Thess. 4:16-17). Christ is the head (Eph. 1:20-23), the Bible its guide (II Pet. 1:21; and God the object of its adoration (Eph. 3:20-21). It is a gospel church, made up of people and known for its obedience and its triumphant nature through which the world is to learn (Eph. 3:10) and by which His amazing nature will be acknowledged (Eph. 3:21).

Finally, God extends His **amazing grace**. This is the source from which salvation flows. Man, because of sin, deserves hell, but God has smiled upon us because *“while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Rom. 5:8). The sinful Corinthians were washed, sanctified, and justified from their way of living (I Cor. 6:9-11). We can be as well. Our God is, amazing, but best of all, He **IS** our God!

## What A Terrible Day!

Today, I had a terrible day. Everyone was against me. Some days, I get so frustrated with people. Sometimes I wish I didn't have to deal with people at all. They can be so unreasonable. Today was one of those days.



\* Today was "trash day." I Took out our trash the night before, but when I pulled out of our driveway, I noticed that our grouchy neighbor had thrown a piece of his trash in our yard, close to our trash can! (But he didn't. The wind blew it over.)

\* After dropping the children off at school, I needed to make a left-hand turn into a long line of traffic. I saw one of my friends in line and thought she would let me out in front of her. (She saw me, but wouldn't let me out. Some friend she is! (But she didn't see you. She was miles away in her own thoughts).

\* At work, two people in the office were talking, and right after I walked by, they both started laughing. I know they were making fun of me. (But they weren't. They were laughing at a funny story).

\* The cashier at lunch shorted me almost a dollar in change. See if I ever go back there. They tried to cheat me. (But they didn't. It was an honest mistake).

\* I tried to call a close friend today and talk, but she refused to answer her phone. She was dodging my call. (But she wasn't. Her battery needed recharging).

\* I was running late for Wednesday Bible study, and didn't sit where I usually sit. Instead, I had to ask a person to slide down the pew just a little to make room for me. She slid, but it wasn't 30 seconds till she got up and left because I made her mad buy asking her to move. (But you didn't. She wasn't feeling well, and decided she needed to leave).

\* After returning home from church, I crashed on the couch due to my rough day, but my husband started washing a huge stack of dishes. That's his passive aggressive way of saying, "you're not a very good house-keeper." (But it wasn't. It was an act of love).

\* You know, there's a reason why God tells us not to judge one another's motives...because we're not very good at it at all! I wonder how many terrible days are just ordinary days that we made terrible by our attitudes and false judgments? Give it some thought.

~ Steve Higginbotham Via Montrose Church of Christ bulletin

## Don't Tie Me Down

The story is told of a preacher who sought to persuade a capable man to take a Bible class. The man responded: "I just don't want to be tied down at this time!" With kind firmness the preacher looked at him in the eyes and said, "You know, we serve a Master who was willing to be tied down; in fact, He was willing to be nailed down!" Isn't it interesting how we can freely accept salvation from the nail-pierced hands of Jesus, yet fill our own hands with things and personal affairs to the end that we have no time for the affairs of God?

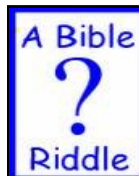


~ Wyatt Kirk



## YOUTH NEWS

- There will be a Youth Devo Sunday night Aug. 25th, following services at the fellowship building. *Bill & Nancy Frohn* will be hosting. Youth, be sure to bring your Bibles.
- The Senior Bible Bowl will meet Sunday, Sept, 15th, at the Skyline congregation for their first competition of the season.
- The Junior Bible Bowl will meet Sat. Sept. 28th, at the Mayfield congregation for their first competition.



## Who Said It:

I said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 19:25



**PRAYER LIST**

**Dixie White** is in room 3314 of the Tupelo Hospital having tests run.

**Jayce House**, newborn great-grandson of *Gary & Linda Turner* remains in the Tupelo Hospital but showing signs of improvement.

**Britt Lindley**, son of *Mark and Kim Lindley* of the Chapman congregation has been diagnosed with what doctors believe to be, Hodgkin's Lymphoma. They are running more tests.

**Luther Williams**, brother-in-law of *Perry Jones* will undergo surgery to remove a benign growth from his thyroid gland.

**Polly Sago**, friend of *Bobby Marques'* sister, has requested prayers. She is under hospice care.

**Ken Joines**, minister from the Southaven area began chemo treatments Monday, August 19th.

**Continual Prayer :**

**Justin Dewberry, Mayola Holley, Justin Forsyth, Kelly Fryar, Nancy Petrowski, Ruth Ann Stroud, Eleta Grimmett, Troy Robertson, Melissa Reed, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young**

**Shut-Ins:**

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn**

**Military List:**

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



August 21. . . . . Mary Frances Reid  
August 23. . . . . Emerson Dewberry  
August 26. . . . . Gary Turner  
August 30. . . . . Richard Adams  
August 30. . . . . Alyce Jennings  
August 30. . . . . Troy Robertson  
August 31. . . . . Cade Carpenter  
August 31. . . . . Rachel Peeler

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

August 21. . . . . Roger & Kathy Clayton  
August 21. . . . . Jerry & Lucille Gibson  
August 29. . . . . Larry & Janet Drummond



**THANK YOU NOTE**

Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for what you, the church in New Albany, meant to Raymond and Amy Vest. Thank you for your hospitality and the wonderful funeral lunches you served us; for your kind words and the good things done for the Terry Young family.

In Christian Love,

The Missouri Family of Raymond and Amy Vest

**MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION**

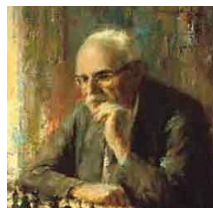
The church here at New Albany has made a Memorial Contribution to Southern Christian (Children's) Home in Morrilton, AR, in memory of *Amy Vest*. Letters have been sent to the family to let them know of this contribution.

**AREA EVENTS**

- The **Fulton Bible Institute** will begin a study of Revelation on Aug. 27th. Classes will meet each Tues. night for 12 weeks.
- A **Ladies Day** will be held at the **East Main Church of Christ** Sat. Aug. 24, from 9:00am-noon. The guest speaker will be *Tish Clarke*. Lunch will be provided.

**Wise Thoughts**

Storms make trees take greater root.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

### MINISTER

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

### ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....534-6671  
 Troy Robertson .....534-3491

### DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762  
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195  
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
 Harold Russell ..... 507-1180  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Thomas Wall  
 A.M. Prayer.....Troy Robertson  
 Closing Prayer.....Alvin Parks  
 P.M. Prayer...Terry Stubblefield  
 Closing.....Bobby White  
 Wed 8/28.....Randy Wall  
 Wed.8/28.....Burrell Walton  
 Usher & Lock....Harold Russell  
 Greeter.....R & K Jennings

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....122  
 Sunday A.M.....141  
 Sunday P.M .....119  
 Wednesday.....138  
 Contribution.....\$3,446.05  
 Budget.....\$3,817.55



### PANTRY ITEM

Pasta Meals

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### Beware! Your Child Is Watching

(I don't know if the following is true, but it should make one think.)

The story is told of a preacher who had two sons. One day a stray dog came to their farm. The dog had a beautiful jet black coat with three distinctive white hairs in his tail. And the two boys became very fond of the dog. Not too long after the dog had taken up residence at their home, the preacher noticed a "lost dog" ad in the local newspaper describing their newly found friend. Since they had all grown to love the dog, the dad and his sons decided to remove the three whit hairs from the dog's tail. Sure enough, the real owner came to the farm looking for his dog. The dog showed every sign of recognizing his owner. Then the preacher spoke up, "Didn't you say that your dog had three whit hairs in his tail? Unable to find the identifying hairs, the owner was forced to leave without taking the dog. Later in life, the preacher would write, "I kept the dog but lost my boys." The boys' names were Frank and Jesse James.



*"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4*