



# THE INFORMER

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## FINDING THE ROAD BACK HOME

Mike King



The 51<sup>st</sup> Psalm is no doubt the backdrop for the sin that David committed against Uriah with Bathsheba. His life was burdened with pain and anguish resulting from his own passions. We see a truly penitent heart as he reflects upon his journey to the dark side of his own humanity. One can read the path that he chose in II Sam. 11. Nathan became his conscience by holding up the mirror of truth and reality before David as to the severity of his sin; this caused him to begin his long trip back home. *Dwain Powell* identifies five steps that David took to reach home:

1. David felt **ACCOUNTABLE**. His heart was still tender and could still feel the sting of guilt. Paul had his Damascus road, Peter would hear the rooster crow, and David had his prophet. Nathan said, “*You are the man!*” This declaration brought all of his lust, forbidden embrace, deceit, drunkenness, and murder on him, insisting that it was time to own up to his sins.

2. David felt **AGONY**. Repentance is a turning of the mind, but also a realignment of passions. The trip back home is both rational and emotional as well, as indicated in Ps. 51. The prospects of having the Holy Spirit of God taken away from him (vs. 11) brought fear to his heart. He experienced an emotional agony of an anguished heart which appropriately leads to the next step.

3. David **ACKNOWLEDGED** his sin. He said, “*For I know my transgressions and my sin are always before me. Against you, you only have I sinned.*” He reached a point in his journey where he was compelled to confess his wrongdoing to God which He, by the way, already knew. David understood that his soul would never heal until he took ownership for the sin in his life.

4. David **ACCEPTED** what God had to offer. There were severe consequences to accept and often these deserved consequences are easier to accept than God’s undeserved forgiveness. To know God’s forgiveness is one thing, to accept it having knowledge of how wrong one has been is yet another. God not only wants us to “own” the blame for our sin, but the blessing of forgiveness as well.

5. David **AFFIRMED** the hope of a renewed relationship with God. “*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*” He showed a willingness to share with others his restored relationship with God so they could experience healing as well. God wants all sinners to take the road back home!



**PRAYER LIST**

**Roger Clayton**, will have knee surgery Wed. at the local hospital.

**Raymond** and **Amy Vest** have moved to Graceland Care Center. Their address is 118 South Glenfield Road, Room# 27, New Albany, MS. Please remember them as they make this transition.

**Johnny Garrett**, grandfather of *Austin Garrett*, is not doing well with his cancer treatments.

**Jim Dickerson**, will see several doctors this week to determine the cause of his health problem.

**Betty Young**, will see a doctor in Memphis Thurs. for medication changes.

**Laura Mae Harris**, is still in rehab at Union Health Care Center. She will have a bone test this week.

**Tauso Branch**, continues to struggle with her health and could use encouragement.

**Continual Prayer**

**Perrin Drummond, Harold Vaughn, Reva Parrish, Connie Phagan, Mary Alice Holloway, Roy Crow, Prebble Foster, 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**

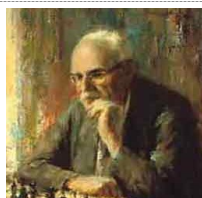
**Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Mattie Golden, Raymond & Amy Vest**

**Military List:**

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



**“I BELIEVE”  
...that a Bible that is falling apart  
usually belongs to someone  
who isn’t.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- August 10. .... Sue Stroud
- August 11. .... J. D. Stroud
- August 12. .... Bailey Adams
- August 13. .... Ronnie Griggs
- August 15. .... Jessica Garrett

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- August 18. .... Shane & Barbara Crotts



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

- Parents & youth eat-together will continue on Wed. nights. Please see *Greg Clayton or Randy Wall* if you have questions.
- Baby (boy) Shower for *Shelby Carpenter* Sun. August 12th, at 2:00pm at the fellowship building. *Shelby* is registered at Something Special, Babies ‘R’ Us, Target and Wal-Mart.
- The Area Wide Youth Meeting will be at the Hillcrest Church of Christ Sun. night, Aug. 12th. The van will leave at 5:40.
- Fellowship supper Sun. Aug. 19th. Bring finger foods and desserts.
- Ladies Bible Study Class has concluded for now. Plans are to start back the first of Sept. All ladies are encouraged to make plans to take part.
- 5th Wed. night singing Aug. 29th.

**APPRECIATION TO:**

Many things are done for our congregation behind the scenes that many never know about. Just recently the *Darrell Crow family* donated a freezer unit for the fellowship building and *Greg & Lynn Harrison* donated a shutter divider for the kitchen. Thanks so much to both of them for their generosity. Also, *Troy Robertson* along with *Randy Wall & Lonnie Weaver* spent many, many days installing our new air conditioning system. We appreciate them all!

## BARKING AT THE MOON

Ernest S. Underwood

An old judge told of a troublesome dog, that whenever the moon was shining, went out and barked at it all night! Someone asked the judge what eventually came of the matter, "Oh," said the judge, "the moon just kept on shining."



One of the hardest things for a Christian to do is to keep on shining when being barked at by others. Many times even insignificant matters can disturb and discourage us. Paul's approach was to "Press on to the good..."

No doubt, the enemies of Christ often barked at Him and tried to get Him to react in a mean and sinful way. However, He was the light of the world and would not give up His glory. He just kept on shining, and in doing that, He left us an example to follow when those who are teaching error bark at you for exposing their error. Do you bark at those who try to teach you the truth (Galatians 4:16).

### Children Explain Angels



\*I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.~ Gregory, age 5; \* Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. ~ Mitchell, age 7; \*All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. ~ Antonio, age 9; \*When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. Then when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. ~ Reagan, age 10

*"He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."* Proverbs 15:15

### AREA EVENTS

- **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**. The van will leave at 5:40.
- **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.
- **Fulton Bible Institute** is offering **The Book of Hebrews** (Part 1); class to begin Aug. 21st. Check the bulletin board for details.
- **Senior Adult Rally** to be held at the **Booneville Church of Christ** Sat. Aug, 25th. The topic is 'Over the Hill?' (The Spills and Thrills On the Way Down). Guest speaker: Ben Flatt



### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I'm so sorry that I have waited too long to tell you that I really appreciate all of your prayers, cards and food. I have missed you all. I have kept the church, you all, and Mike in my prayers. I'm not free of pain but can endure it some days. Please keep me in your prayers and when I feel like it I'll be there. I love you all.

Tauso

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot adequately express how much we appreciate the cards we have received after the death of my mother, and especially for the many prayers on our behalf. A big void has been left in our lives...but that void is being filled by your love and kindness, and I am comforted by them and by the fact that as Paul said concerning those who are in Christ: "to die is gain."

In Christian Love,  
Dalton & Marie Beard

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....118  
 Sunday A.M.....138  
 Sunday P.M.....117  
 Wednesday.....94  
 Contribution.....\$4,183.26  
 Budget.....\$3,567.55

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Tyler Weaver  
 A.M. Prayer.....Lonnie Weaver  
 Closing Prayer.....Greg Clayton  
 P.M. Prayer.....Harold Crowe  
 Closing.....J. L. Eaton  
 Wed 8/15.....Greg Harrison  
 Wed. 8/15.....Bill Lyon  
 Usher & Lock.....Bill Botts  
 Greeter.....B & N Frohn



**PANTRY ITEM**  
 Instant Potatoes

**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

**The Difference Between Rich and Poor People**

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around us, they have friends to protect them." The boy's father was speechless. Then the son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."



Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have instead of worrying about what we don't have. Appreciate every thing you have, especially your friends! 'Life is too short and friends are too few.'

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