



# THE INFORMER

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## The Notion Of Coming To See God

Mike King



A little boy stopped on his way home one afternoon to inquire of an old fisherman sitting on the riverbank. He inquired, “Mister, can anyone see God?” The old man looked down the river toward the beautiful setting sun and said, “Sonny, it’s getting so I can’t see anything but God.”

*Charles A Trentham* has written, “Our generation is one in which bold and blatant theism, cold and clamant agnosticism, militant and metallic materialism, arrogant and self-sufficient humanism, have woven a dark veil between the hearts of men and the face of God.” *George Santayana* cautioned: “It is not wisdom to be only wise, and on the inward vision close the eyes.”

John said, “*No man hath seen God at any time*” (Jn. 1:18). God discloses Himself to us in interpersonal relationships, not just reasoning about Him, but analyzing Him. “A man may know about the laws of light and yet, just because he knows those laws, he may miss the radiance of the sunset and the glory of the morning sky.” We do an injustice to the beautiful nature of God when failing to heed the counsel, “*Be not wise in your own eyes*” (Prov. 3:7). The cleverness of man thinks that God is HIS discovery.

The Proverb writer points out three things necessary to seeing God:

1. We must “*Trust in the Lord with all your [our] heart*” (Prov. 3:5). We must begin with God and see Him through the eyes of faith. Commitment to Christ must be our first step to seeing and understanding God. “*But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name*” (Jn. 1:12). We see through the eye of faith which comes from the Word of God (Gal. 3:26; Rom. 10:17).

2. We see God through eyes that are filled with reverent awe. This is the meaning of what the Proverb writer had to say in Proverbs 3:7, “*Fear the Lord.*” We are not to dread or be threatened as much as submit before His holiness with wonder, respect, and appreciation.

3. The final requirement to see the Lord is to “*depart from evil*” (Prov. 3:7). It is almost as a veil hangs between His face and ours. Jesus promised, “*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God*” (Mt. 5:8). God shines through His devoted followers.

## OCTOBER FALL LECTURESHIP SPEAKER

### *Bill Irby - Speaker*

West Hobbs Street Church of Christ - Athens, AL

OCT. 3, 2012 - 7:00 PM



We are honored by Bill Irby's acceptance of our invite to speak for the opening week of our Fall Lectureship. His topic of discussion will be: "Reaching Beyond Ourselves by Remembering Our Spiritual Heritage." Services will begin at 7:00 PM and will be preceded by a covered dish meal at 5:45. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of all activities.

Bill was born in Altavista, VA having lived in North Carolina and Virginia. He is married to Ginger and they have two sons, Will and Tom. Will and Meagan have their only grandchild, Lucy.

Our speaker attended Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond; Holds a BA in Bible & Communication from Freed-Hardeman Univ.; Attended Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis; MA in Religion from Southern Christian Univ. in Montgomery and an MA in History from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Prior to becoming a Christian, Bill worked in the pharmacy and furniture businesses. He now works as the minister for the West Hobbs Street congregation in Athens, AL. since 1990. He is also a part-time instructor for the Calhoun Community College in Decatur, AL. Prior to his work in Athens, he preached in his first full-time work from 1977-1982 for the Atwood Church of Christ in Atwood, TN. From 1982-1990, he preached for the Broad Street Church of Christ in LaGrange, GA.

I have known and worked in the vicinity with Bill for over 30 years. I have spoken numerous times for the West Hobbs congregation. He is with a great congregation and is a talented and sound gospel preacher. He has been mentored by some of the best and served under Windfred Clarke, the father of Jimmy Clarke who held our last meeting. You will be glad that you had an opportunity to be instructed by our brother Irby.

### **Our Attendance Of Worship**

Ron Boatwright



Worship is a privilege only children of God have. There are many blessings we receive from faithful attendance in worship. God has commanded us to assemble regularly to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Hebrews 10:25-27 says, *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation."* When we forsake the assembly of the church, except for sickness or circumstances beyond our control, we are not only disobeying God, but we are robbing ourselves of all the benefits of worship which would have helped us to grow and become spiritually strong. To forsake worship is to sin willfully.

By forsaking the assembly, we also endanger our souls because as the above verse says, *"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for our sins."* Christ is our only sacrifice for sin. When people reject their only sacrifice for sin there remains nothing but *"a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation."*

When people fall away from the Lord, it is usually not a sudden thing. They usually start by forsaking the assembly of Wednesday night Bible study. Then they start missing Sunday evening worship. Next they stop coming to Sunday morning Bible study; and then finally they stop coming to Sunday morning worship. This is the usual path of apostasy for most people who fall away. Oh, some may come back and "visit" several times a year and a few may even attend only the Sunday morning worship with little regularity. These are described in 2 Peter 2:22 as, *"A dog turns to his own vomit again, and a sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."* Some members have turned to their own vomit and are in the pigpen and they can no longer smell the stench. Let's not lose our souls by unfaithfulness.

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## PRAYER LIST

**Tyler Weaver**, broke his left arm while practicing football last Friday.

**Crystal Bickerstaff**, daughter of *J. L. Eaton*, is scheduled for kidney surgery Oct 2nd, at Vanderbilt.

**Bill King**, brother of *Mike King* suffered a possible heart attack over the weekend.

**Rosie Wilson**, sister-in-law of *Gloria Jones* will begin chemo treatments this week.

**Amy Vest**, has moved to Union Health Care Center at 1111 Bratton Rd, room #304B, New Albany. Please continue to remember her.

### Continual Prayer

**Taterrin Wilson, Mayala Wood, Rex Lyon, Altha Rogers, Jamie Clemmer, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Connie Phagan, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Brooks Russell, Jack Dunlap, 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, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris**

### Military List:

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

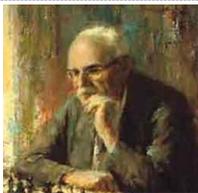


## PINE VALE CHILDREN'S HOME FALL PANTRY DRIVE

The fall food drive for Pine Vale Children's Home will continue until the week of Oct. 14th. Please remember to bring cake mixes and Lysol products.

**"I BELIEVE"**

**...that a loving heart is the truest wisdom.**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 28.....Perrin Drummond  
September 30.....Victoria Botts  
October 01.....Harold Russell  
October 05.....Claudia Senter  
October 06.....Tara Sparks



## OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an Open House at the home of *Greg and Kim Clayton* Sunday, Oct. 7th, from 2:00-4:00pm. Their address is 1067 CR 26, Myrtle, MS. No gifts are necessary.

## MEN'S CHICKEN FEST



The Men's Annual Chicken Fest is scheduled for Sunday night, Oct. 14th, following services, at *Phil Young's* barn. Please be sure to sign the list in the foyer as soon as possible, if you plan to attend. Remember....no name, no chicken. You do not want to miss this opportunity for great food and fellowship!

## 5TH SUNDAY SERVICES



Please invite your friends and neighbors to our 5th Sunday services Sept. 30th. Our morning service times will remain the same, with a potluck meal following our morning service. The adult III class is in charge of setup and clean up of the fellowship building. Our evening service will be at 1:15 and led by our senior men. Please join us Sunday!

## AREA EVENTS

- A **Gospel Meeting** begins Sept.30-Oct.4 at the **Hwy 15 Church of Christ**. Guest speaker is *Adam Miller*. Sun.-Thurs. @ 7:00pm.
- A **Gospel Meeting** begins Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at the **Beech Hill Church of Christ**. The guest speaker is *Chad Ramsey*. Sun.-Wed. @ 7:00pm.
- Tippah-Benton County **FHU Associates Annual Spaghetti Supper**, Fri. Oct. 5th, at the Tippah Co. Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$7.00.

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## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	115
Sunday A.M.....	137
Sunday P.M.....	101
Wednesday.....	108
Contribution.....	\$ 4,018.00
Budget.....	\$ 3,567.55

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Tyler Weaver
A.M. Prayer.....	Harold Russell
Closing Prayer...Terry Stubblefield	
P.M. Prayer.....	Mark Jennings
Closing.....	Paul Ormon
Wed 9/26.....	Gary Turner
Wed. 9/26.....	Randy Wall
Usher & Lock.....	Lonnie Weaver
Greeter.....	H & D Crowe



## PANTRY ITEM

Canned Milk

## 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
Harold Russell .....	534-4648
Randy Wall .....	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

## MINISTER

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

## October Happenings

The month of October offers many opportunities for worship and fellowship here at New Albany. Please mark these events on your calendar and take advantage of every opportunity possible.

- Tues. night, Oct. 2nd; Ladies Bible Study to meet at the home of *Rebecca Dewberry* at 6:30pm.
- Wed. night, Oct. 3rd; Fall Lecture with guest speaker, *Bill Irby* of Athens, AL. The adult I class will be in charge of the meal at 5:45pm.
- Wed. night, Oct. 10th; Fall Lecture with guest speaker, *David Powell* of North Jackson, TN. The adult II class will be in charge of the meal at 5:45.
- Sun. night, Oct. 14th; Men's Chicken Fest following service at *Phil Young's* barn.
- Wed. night, Oct. 17th; Fall Lecture with guest speaker *Chad Ramsey* of the Gloster St. Church of Christ in Tupelo, MS. The adult III class will be in charge of the meal at 5:45.
- Sun. afternoon Oct. 21st; Sr. Bible Bowl at Nettleton Church of Christ; PM Fellowship following evening services. Adult I class in charge of setup and cleanup of the fellowship building.
- Wed. night, Oct. 24; Final Fall Lecture with guest speaker, *Mark Lindley* of the Chapman Church of Christ in Ripley, Ms.
- Sun. night, Oct. 28th; Youth Devo (subject to change).
- Wed. night, Oct. 31st; Hotdog/Chili supper at 5:30 with "Trunk or Treat" to follow in the parking lot; 5th Wed. night singing at 7:00pm.



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