



# THE INFORMER

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## Another Face in the Crowd

*“The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the  
LORD has made them both.”*  
Proverbs 20:12



Tyra Winters was a Senior at Rockwall High School in Texas. As she was riding on a float in her homecoming parade a couple of months ago, she heard cries for help from the crowd. As she scanned the crowd, she realized the cries were coming from a mother holding up her child. Then Tyra noticed the child's face was red and he was beginning to turn blue. Tyra sprang into action jumping from the float, running up to the mother, and telling her "I've got this". Tyra performed the Heimlich maneuver for a toddler as her mom had taught her. In doing so, she was able to clear the toddler's breathing passage and she made sure the child was breathing. Instead of hanging around for praise, Tyra ran and leapt back onto the float joining her classmates and finishing the parade. What can we learn spiritually from the brave and level-headed young woman from Texas?

First, Tyra was listening. In spite of being surrounded by her friends making noise along with the noise of the crowd, Tyra was listening for cries of those in need. Cries for help at church are often not as obvious as the cries of a mother for her choking child. It takes work on our part as listeners to hear one another's needs. We must move beyond the foyer conversation of "Hi, how are you doing?" and "Fine, how are you?" to actively listening and asking questions. We will never hear the cries for help from our spiritual family unless we listen and pursue a deeper conversation. We must get to the heart of each family member's struggles and needs in order to help them.

Second, Tyra was looking. Certainly, Tyra saw both familiar and unfamiliar faces along the parade route. However, once she knew that someone was in trouble then she began looking for signs of trouble in their faces. What do you see when you look across the auditorium at a brother or sister? Do you just see just another face in the crowd? When you focus upon their face are you looking for signs of trouble? Do you see grief in their eyes or worry on their face? Only after we hear and see the struggles of a brother or sister can we spring into action and help them back on their way.

Third, Tyra was not concerned with glory. She did what needed to be done and went on her way. She did not stand around hoping someone would pat her on the back, ask for an interview or vow undying debt of gratitude. There is always more work to do and a lot more of it will get done if (a) we do not care who gets the glory and (b) we do not take time off to collect our earthly reward.

Each member of our family will experience trouble in their lives. The struggles of this world and draw of sin can choke out their lives unless we are there to help. We must be vigilant. We must be listening for their cries of help. Also, we must be looking for ways in which we can help. Remember, the person you see across the auditorium is not just another face in the crowd. They are your family.

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## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020

**Announcements:** Tim Dye  
**Sound Room:** Clay Jennings  
**Usher:** Dean Dillard

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: Phillip Young  
 Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison  
 Wed.: Mark, Clay, David, Jim

### Sunday Prayers:

Mar. 01:  
 A.M. Kevin Simmons  
 Mason Simmons  
 P.M. Dane Coggin  
 Olen Clark

Mar. 08:  
 A.M. Randy Wall  
 Thomas Wall  
 P.M. David Clayton  
 Jerry Grimmett

Mar. 15:  
 A.M. Shane Crotts  
 Larry Cobb  
 P.M. Kurt Clayton  
 Caleb Jennings

Mar. 22:  
 A.M. Jim Gann  
 Martin Crotts  
 P.M. Hunter Jennings  
 Matt Jennings

Mar. 29:  
 Greg Harrison  
 Ronnie Griggs  
 P.M. Jason Jennings  
 Shaler Griggs

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Steve Todd  
 North Helper I: Phil Young  
 North Helper II: Richard Adams

South Head: Terry Stubblefield  
 South Helper I: Roger Clayton  
 South Helper II: Clayton Hill

### Scripture Reading:

Mar. 01 — Perry Jones  
 Mar. 08 — Owen Clayton  
 Mar. 15 — Brian Carpenter  
 Mar. 22 — Alvin Parks  
 Mar. 29 — Greg Clayton

### Wednesday Prayers:

Mar. 04 — Greg Clayton; Bobby Marques  
 Mar. 11 — Mark Jennings; Joe Owen  
 Mar. 18 — Richard Jennings; Troy Robertson  
 Mar. 25 — Paul Ormon; Harold Russell

### Usher:

Mar. 01 — Shane Crotts  
 Mar. 08 — Jason Jennings  
 Mar. 15 — Randy Wall  
 Mar. 22 — Greg Clayton  
 Mar. 29 — Roger Clayton

### Lock:

Mar. 01 — Harold Russell  
 Mar. 08 — Shaler Grigsby  
 Mar. 15 — Jason Jennings  
 Mar. 22 — Greg Clayton  
 Mar. 29 — Matt Jennings

### Security:

Mar. 01 — Mark Jennings  
 Mar. 08 — Matt Jennings  
 Mar. 15 — Randy Wall  
 Mar. 22 — Phillip Young  
 Mar. 29 — Brian Carpenter

**Prepare Communion:**  
**Mark & Alyce Jennings**

**Host Youth Devo:**  
**Jason & Amy Jennings**

\* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let **Randy Wall** know before service time!

## My Favorite Bible

Through the years, I have owned quite a few Bibles. I have two shelves in my office containing nothing but Bibles. They differ in size, translation, and binding. But of all the Bibles I own, one is particularly treasured by me. It is a little black Red Letter New Testament (3"x4.5") that I have had for the past 39 years. You've seen some like it before. It's the kind of Bible given to little children, and it is small enough for them to hold it in their little hands. The print in this Bible is just about too small to read. There are no study notes in it. And it only contains the New Testament. So what makes this Bible so special to me? Allow me to read the inscription on the first page:



"This New Testament is being presented to Steve Higginbotham for being the first in his Bible Study class to be able to say from memory all the 66 books of the Bible. Keep up the Good Work. God Bless you always. Your Bible Class Teachers, Mrs. Hester Shultz & Miss Sandy Wilson"

Isn't it amazing the impact that a few words of encouragement can have on a person's life? I was just four-years-old when this Bible was presented to me, but thirty-nine years later, I still treasure, and have this little Bible in my possession. My guess is that Hester (who is now deceased) and Sandy have no memory of the presentation of this Bible, or the message they inscribed in it. I'm sure they have no idea that something done so long ago, and something that cost so little, and took only but a moment of their time, would be so treasured by the little boy to whom they presented it.

My point? There is life-time lasting power and influence in encouragement! What takes us only a moment to say or do, can impact another person for the rest of his life. Be an encourager! Take the time and the little extra effort to compliment, commend, and encourage another. Chances are, long after you've forgotten your words of kindness, they will be locked-up, and cherished as a prize possession in the store room of someone's mind.

~ By Steve Higginbotham

**PRAYER LIST**



**Linda Ashmore** is scheduled to have heart tests Tues, in Tupelo.

**Mable Erwin** is having issues with her eye that are requiring shots.

**Sue Stroud** will be having shoulder surgery in the near future.

**Jerry & Eleta Grimmatt** will be returning from Florida next week. They both are doing better.

\* Many of our members were sick Sunday with flu, colds, and others viruses.

**Continue to Remember:**

Michelle Bell, Molly Clayton, Jerry Coats, Daniel Cross, Shane Crotts, Arelus Dye, Prebble Foster, Ron Griggs, Phillip Haynes, Janie Huggins, Bill Lyon, Elizabeth Phagen, Jerry Robbins, Shannon Sciara, Levi Smith, Mildred Shackelford, Josie Tidwell, Angela Victory, Cynthia White, Donnie Wilson

**Shut-Ins:**

Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski, J.D. Stroud

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

Bill DePriest, Joe Downs, Jerry & Lucille Gibson, Price Senter

**Military List:**

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



February 28..... Brian Carpenter  
March 05..... Price Senter  
March 06..... Bill Lyon

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

March 01..... Larry & Janice Cobb



**RESPONSE**

*Kaye Parks* responded to the invitation Sun. night Feb. 23rd, repenting of wrongs in her life and asking for the prayers of the church on her behalf. We commend Kaye for her tender heart and courage. Please encourage Kaye and each other as we strive to live for Christ.

**CARE GROUP 1 TO MEET**



Care group 1 (*Kurt & Dane's* group) will meet Sun. March 8th, following morning services for a meal and to discuss their trip to Pine Vale, Sat. March 14th. You are asked to bring soup, sandwiches and finger foods. They will be delivering fresh vegetables and meats to the Children's Home.

**CYC THIS WEEKEND**

Around of 40 from our congregation will be going to the Challenge Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN this weekend. Please pray for the safety of all traveling. They will return home Sun. evening.

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

- Lads to Leaders practice each Sun. at 5:00.
- NAYPE will meet following Wed. night services Feb. 26.
- All men who are willing to lead a Wed. night devotionals please sign the list in the foyer.
- SIS (Sisters in Service) our ladies group, met Sun. to discuss upcoming events and projects. We hope all ladies will take part. There will be different ways each lady can be involved. More details to come!



**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

**I've Learned...**

"Beautiful things happen when you distance yourself from negativity."



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## MINISTER

Shaler Grigsby....Youth/ Assoc.  
 .....256-263-9137  
 Office ..... 534-4649

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163  
 Phil Young.....316-2059

## DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195  
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....Perry Jones  
 A.M. Prayer.....Kevin Simmons  
 Closing.....Mason Simmons  
 P.M. Prayer.....Dane Coggin  
 Closing.....Olen Clark  
 Wed.3/4.....Greg Clayton  
 Wed.3/4.....Bobby Marques  
 Lock 3/1.....Harold Russell  
 Usher 3/1.....Shane Crotts  
 Security 3/1.....Mark Jennings

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....87  
 Sunday A.M.....102  
 Sunday P.M.....71  
 Wednesday.....63  
 Contribution.....\$3,450.75  
 Budget.....\$4,095.92

## PANTRY ITEMS



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## Forgetting the Shut-Ins

The composition of the Lord's church varies with those that are rich, poor, young, old, educated, uneducated, etc. The shut-ins are a special segment of the church and are rarely seen or heard.

"Shut-in" is a term, which suggests a physical condition preventing them from being a part of the assembly. This is normally due to a state requiring full or part time care by professionals in a public facility, or family member(s) at home. Shut-ins are generally seasoned and mature Christians who have given much during their life. We miss a rare opportunity in failing to meet and get better acquainted with the shut-ins. Such visits would give the shut-in enormous encouragement, and those making the visit will feel better about themselves.

Those living a shut-in existence will normally receive more visits during the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas than any other time of the year. Shut-ins appreciate the visits, good will, and fruit baskets that are normally presented to us. However, there are twelve months in the year, and this special group would enjoy seeing you from time to time.

Visiting the sick or shut-in is a rare treat, and while I was engaged in my work as a gospel preacher these visits were particularly invigorating. Undeniably one gains far more from the shut-in than the shut-in could ever hope to gain from our visit.

~ By Bob Spurlin