



# THE INFORMER

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## *In God We Trust*

In God we trust a rustic phrase  
Was coined in our colonial days.  
But now it has become passe`  
Just empty words to nobly say.

The founding fathers had a plan;  
Freedom, respect for every man;  
And under God, a right to stand  
As builder of a growing land.

Too soon we grew to be too great.  
Our trust in God did soon abate.  
Too quick to greed, to lust and hate;  
Too slow to love, appreciate.

Babylon made the same mistake,  
She chose the road of sin to take.  
And if the same mistake we make,  
We too will ultimately break.

The Romans and Egyptians too  
Did lust and greed and war pursue.  
Their epitaphs are nothing new;  
An object lesson we might view.

Our God is great and good and just.  
‘Twas He who raised us from the dust.  
Return to Him! Return you must!  
And really say, “In God we Trust.”

~ James E. Donelson ~



## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JULY 2020

**Announcements:** Steve Todd  
**Sound Room:** Richard Adams  
**Usher:** Tim Dye

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: (5th) ~Richard Jennings;  
 (12th) ~ Mark Jennings; (19th) ~ Phillip Young;  
 (26th) ~ Richard Jennings

### Lord's Supper:

**Head:** 5th ~ Randy Wall; 12th ~ Phil Young; 19th ~ Richard Adams;  
 26th ~ Olen Clark

### Scripture Reading:

July 05 — Mason Simmons  
 July 12 — Owen Clayton  
 July 19 — Shane Crofts  
 July 26 — Dean Dillard

### Lock:

July 05 — Mark Jennings  
 July 12 — Jason Jennings  
 July 19 — Randy Wall  
 July 26 — Kurt Clayton

### Usher:

July 05 — Jason Jennings  
 July 12 — Mark Jennings  
 July 19 — Shane Crofts  
 July 26 — Kurt Clayton

### Security:

July 05 — Brian Carpenter  
 July 12 — Dane Coggin  
 July 19 — Matt Jennings  
 July 26 — Jason Jennings

### Sunday Prayers:

July 05:  
 A.M. Kevin Simmons  
 Thomas Wall  
 P.M.

July 12:  
 A.M. Phillip Young  
 Greg Clayton  
 P.M.

July 19:  
 A.M. David Clayton  
 Larry Cobb  
 P.M.

July 26:  
 A.M. Dillon Clayton  
 Kurt Clayton  
 P.M.

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

## FILL IN THE BLANK

1. 1 Corinthians 9: 27 "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a \_\_\_\_\_"
2. Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the \_\_\_\_\_ time without sin unto salvation."
3. James 2:17 'Even so \_\_\_\_\_, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.'

## Thru Hikers

Every year, about 1500 "thru-hikers" set out to walk the entire Appalachian Trail in a single season. Only 10 percent complete the 2,160 miles of challenging terrain stretching from Georgia to Maine. One reason some people drop out early is that they haven't learned to travel light.

A friend of mine launched his thru-hike carrying a seriously overloaded backpack. He had a cassette player and six tapes of bird calls, an air pistol to keep the varmints away, a camera, a radio, and alarm clock. "If it ran on batteries," he said, I had one in my pack."

At his first stop, an experienced hiker helped him go through his pack and decide what to keep and what to send home. Each item was placed on a gram scale with the question, "is it worth it?" Do you want to carry this for the next 2000 miles?"

My friend discovered that his biggest problem was an accumulation of little things. Most of his extra weight was in ounces, not pounds. He didn't need half of what was in his first-aid kit nor the extra tube of toothpaste. His heavy multi-tool knife was replaced with one weighing only an ounce. A mental knife-fork-and-spoon set gave way to a single plastic spoon. He sent home 26 pounds of unnecessary weight.

How many of us are trying to walk the trail of faith in Christ weighed down by an accumulation of little things— anger, bitterness, worry, envy, jealousy, lust, and selfishness? Instead of enjoying the beauty of life with Jesus, we complain about how hard it is to follow Him.

Psalm 32 is for everyone who's ready to shed the weight of sin and regain the joy of walking with the Lord. "*Blessed is he whose transgression are forgiven, whose sins are covered*" (32:1).

What do you need to unload today?



~ Copied from Glad Tidings of Good Things

**PRAYER LIST**



**Dixie White**, is having heart value problems and will undergo heart tests this week.

**Jimmy Coggin** father of *Dane Coggin* has not been doing well. He has been dehydrated and not eating well. He is a resident of Magnolia Manor.

**Bobby & Rhonda Butler**, friends of several in the congregation have been diagnosed with COVID 19.

**Kathy Clayton**, has been undergoing heart tests. She is slowly improving from her recent fall.

**Eleta Grimmett**, is continuing to improve. She remains on oxygen but her kidneys are doing much better. She hopes to be off dialysis before long.

**J.L. Eaton** is dealing with back and hip problems.

**Expectant Mothers:**

**Kelsey Petrowski**: boy, Aug.

**Erica Crotts**: boy, Oct.



**Continue to Remember:**

Shane Crotts, Arelus Dye, Mable Erwin, Prebble Foster, Don Golden, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmett, Phillip Haynes, Andrea Hill, Janie Huggins, Bill & Grace Lyon, Ronnie Miller, Jerry Robbins, Levi Smith, Josie Tidwell, Charles Ulmer, Angela Victory, Nicki Weaver, Donnie Wilson

**Shut-Ins:**

Bill & Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski,

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

Jimmy Coggin, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Price Senter, J.D. Stroud

**Military List:**

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



**I've Learned...**

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



July 09. .... Arianna Golden  
July 09. .... Kelvin Harris

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

June 30. .... Phil & Paige Young  
July 01. .... Steve & Andrea Hill  
July 02. .... Darrell & Patricia Crow  
July 07. .... Brian & Shelby Carpenter



**THANK YOU NOTES**

We just wanted to say how much we appreciate everything you have done for Shaler and Madison as they start their lives together! Thank you for all the encouragement and support you have given them and for being so welcoming to them. We are so thankful they have found a new home with you and pray God blesses each one of you. We have enjoyed meeting everyone and really enjoyed their shower. We hope to see you all again real soon. God Bless and Roll Tide!!

In Christian Love, Greg & Marissa Grigsby

Thank you all so very much for all the gifts, cards, and love. I greatly appreciate everything this church has done for me. Thank you,

Patience Golden

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**Home of the Brave**

Through the feel of war they brave this day  
How proud they stand, their unselfish way  
Our soldiers bear what we cannot see  
They assure our right to live life free  
Each trained will face an unknown fate  
Without their courage – catastrophe  
All the liberties we have grown to know  
Would not exist, this life would go  
Find a thankfulness within your mind  
Speak gratitude for our bravest kind  
Have the willingness to show you care  
For fallen heroes, hold back no tear  
Reach out to God with his guiding light  
For our troops do pray, both day and night  
America raise your flags to wave  
For we truly are "Home of the Brave".  
By Roger Robicheau

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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

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Tim Dye.....316-2527  
 Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163  
 Phil Young.....316-2059

## DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195  
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260  
 Mark Jennings...731-609-3309  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....Mason Simmons  
 A.M. Prayer....Kevin Simmons  
 Closing.....Thomas Wall  
 P.M. Prayer.....  
 Closing.....  
 Wed.....  
 Wed.....  
 Lock.....Mark Jennings  
 Usher .....Mark Jennings  
 Security .....Brian Carpenter

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....  
 Sunday A.M.....91  
 Sunday P.M.....  
 Wednesday.....  
 Contribution.....  
 Budget.....\$4,095.92

## PANTRY ITEMS



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## David's Prayer in the Cave

It was in one of the lowest points in his life that David finds himself hiding in a cave praying to God. He says, *"With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord"* (Psa. 142:1).

David describes the circumstances that have caused him to feel discouraged. He says in verse 4, *"Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul."*

How often do we find ourselves feeling this same way? It could be the people we work with that don't see the value of our Christianity. It could be friends at school pushing us to break our Christian values. It could even be our own families that don't care for our souls.

David felt the loneliness of desertion with his own son, he felt betrayal from Saul, and he even willfully separated himself from God when he went after Bathsheba.

Many times we find ourselves in the cave. It could be that outside circumstances have put us there, or we sinned and are feeling the consequences of those choices.

Put yourself in his shoes, hiding in a dark, desolate and damp cave feeling alone and deserted by everyone. Everyone except God. David never lost sight of God, and he knew that God would answer his prayer.

When we find ourselves in the dark, feeling deserted and alone, don't lose sight of God. He will never turn His back on a struggling Christian. He cares for your soul.

~ Carl Pollard