



# THE INFORMER

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## The End Is Nearer Than We May Think

By: Kevin Cauley

Ok folks, clear your calendars because a very important event is coming up for which you are going to want to be prepared. I'm not talking about Easter, Labor Day, the 4th of July, Thanksgiving or even Christmas. No, it's nobody's birthday either. However, I think you are going to want to be ready for this one because an event like this only occurs once every thousand years or so. Oh, you want to know what's going to happen that day? Scientists estimate that on that day, a meteor about 1/3 of a mile in diameter will come close enough to earth so that you can see it passing by overhead in the sky. It will not, however, collide with the earth (they think), but pass the earth about 22,500 miles away (still a near miss). So mark your calendars for Friday, April 13th, 2029 because that's the big day!

"Wait a minute!" you say, "That's nine years in the future. Why should I get all worked up over that now?" Good question. Some may even be thinking "I don't even know that I will be alive on that day," indeed, some of us will not. Some of us may die of natural causes and others of us may die due to disease or accidents of one kind or another. It kind of puts things into perspective, doesn't it? All of a sudden the possibility of a meteor hitting the earth in 2029 doesn't seem nearly as urgent when we consider that we may not even be around to see it pass. Indeed, we just do not know when our last day on earth will be.

Believe it or not, this has been man's condition for many years. James wrote regarding this very topic almost 2000 years ago. James 4:13-15 states, *"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."* James makes it clear that tomorrow is not promised because our lives are fleeting. The appropriate attitude that we ought to have toward the future is *"If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."* Notice that little phrase that we normally skip over when we look at this passage; *"we shall live."* James wasn't so much concerned about saying *"If the Lord wills, we shall do one thing or another"* as much as he was concerned about saying *"If the Lord wills, we shall live."* Indeed, the activities of our life are dependent upon our life itself. Will we live to see tomorrow? We just don't know for sure.

Another passage that comes to mind is Psalm 90 wherein the psalmist compares man, in his frailties, to the stamina and power of God. *"A thousand years"* says the psalmist *"are but as yesterday"* to God and he looks upon them as we look upon the grass of the earth which flourishes in the morning but is cut down in the evening. In comparison to the thousands of years which God experiences as yesterday, our years are threescore and ten or maybe fourscore. By the end, all of our years are merely as *"a tale that is told"* and then *"we fly away."* What is the lesson that the psalmist draws from all of this? *"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"* (Psalm 90:12). Our days are indeed numbered.

Should we get excited about the year 2029, tomorrow: for the tomorrow even about the impending day of our death? Certainly we should prepare for death, but let's not worry about things that are out of our control. Jesus said in Matthew 6:34, *"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."* It's sufficient for us to worry about today's affairs and not be preoccupied with things that will occur beyond our control in the future. Today is the day of salvation, no doubt (2 Corinthians 6:2). We should get right with God today if we haven't. In the meantime, I'm not marking my calendar for April 13th, 2029.

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

**Announcements:** Jason Jennings  
**Sound Room:** Randy Wall  
**Usher:** Dane Coggin

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: (6th) ~ Richard Jennings;  
 (13th) ~ Mark Jennings; (20th) ~ Phillip Young; (27th)  
 Richard Jennings

**Lord's Supper:**

**Head:** 6th ~ Joe Owen; 13th ~ Steve Todd; 20th ~ Randy Wall;  
 27th ~ Phil Young

**Scripture Reading:**

Sept. 06 — Hunter Jennings  
 Sept. 13 — Olen Clark  
 Sept. 20 — David Clayton  
 Sept. 27 — Owen Clayton

**Wednesday Prayers:**

Sept. 02 — Richard Jennings; Matt Jennings  
 Sept. 09 — Greg Clayton; Shane Crotts  
 Sept. 16 — Tim Dye; Jason Jennings  
 Sept. 23 — Dane Coggin; Roger Clayton  
 Sept. 30 — TBA

**Usher:**

Sept. 06 — Roger Clayton  
 Sept. 13 — Shane Crotts  
 Sept. 20 — Mark Jennings  
 Sept. 27 — Jason Jennings

**Lock:**

Sept. 06 — Harold Russell  
 Sept. 13 — Richard Jennings  
 Sept. 20 — Matt Jennings  
 Sept. 27 — Jason Jennings

**Security:**

Sept. 06 — Brian Carpenter  
 Sept. 13 — Phillip Young  
 Sept. 20 — Matt Jennings  
 Sept. 27 — Dan Cobb

**Sunday Prayers:**

Sept. 06:  
 A.M. Paul Ormon  
 Caleb Jennings  
 P.M.  
 Sept. 13:  
 A.M. Harold Russell  
 Clay Jennings  
 P.M.  
 Sept. 20:  
 A.M. Kevin Simmons  
 Perry Jones  
 P.M.  
 Sept. 27:  
 A.M. Richard Adams  
 Mason Simmons  
 P.M.

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



### Build Me a Son

"Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will be where his knowledge should be; a son who will know Thee--- And that to know himself is foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here, let him learn to stand up in the storm; here, let him learn compassion for those who fall.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goals will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength. Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."  
 ~ General Douglas A. McArthur

### Full Time or Part Time?

When someone goes looking for a job, they understand the difference (and so does the employer) between a full-time job and a part-time job. The difference not only involves the hours that are spent working, but it also has to do with the energies, the dedication, the long-term commitment and the heart that goes into the work.

The same applies to other parts of one's life. Some people are fulltime football fans. Some people are full-time fishermen or fulltime golfers. These folks have full-time jobs, but their minds and energies are focused just as much (if not more) toward these personal endeavors.

What about being a Christian? Are we a full-time Christian or a part-time Christian? Is it one of those things that we do "when we have time?" Is it limited to those "convenient times?" When Jesus returns, will He identify us as a career man, a football fan, a golfer, a political expert, or as a readily identifiable, full-time Christian? Where are our mind and energy focused?

~ By David Sproule ~

*"And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." Acts 24:25*

PRAYER LIST



Madison Griggs, has been diagnosed with the Coronavirus.

Shelley Clayton has been tested for the Coronavirus. She will return to her doctor Tues.

Brian Carpenter is recovering from hernia surgery.

Donald Wilson, nephew of Gloria Jones is having health problems.

Ronnie Miller, father of Amanda Coggin is back in the Tupelo Hospital, due to low blood.

Expectant Mothers

Kelsey Petrowski: boy, Aug.

Erica Crotts: boy, Oct.



Continue to Remember:

Kathy Clayton, Shane Crotts, J.L. Eaton, Mable Erwin, Prebble Foster, Don Golden, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmitt, Bill & Grace Lyon, Sue Marques, Ronnie Miller, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Jerry Robbins, Levi Smith, Josie Tidwell, Charles Ulmer, Angela Victory, Dixie White, William Wilson

Shut-Ins:

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

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

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Andy Dye, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



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...

Scars remind us of where we've been, but they don't have to dictate where we're going.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- August 30. Richard Adams
August 30. Alyce Jennings
August 30. Troy Robertson
August 31. Cade Carpenter
September 01. Michael Crotts
September 01. Lillie Jennings (1st)
September 01. Novene Robertson
September 03. Bill DePriest (96)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- August 29. Larry & Janet Drummond
September 02. Dane & Amanda Coggin



5TH SUNDAY GUEST SPEAKER

Please join us August 30th, for our 5th Sunday service. We will have guest speaker Lonnie Jones with us. He is a sought after speaker throughout the brotherhood for lectureships, youth rallies, and speaks often at CYC in Pigeon Forge, TN. You will enjoy hearing from Bro. Lonnie. Bible class starts at 9:30 with services to follow. We will not be able to have our usual potluck meal or evening service due to the virus. We hope you can join us by livestream or in person. Please wear a mask and social distance. We look forward to a great day.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday, 9:30am Worship at the building or YouTube Livestream.
Wed. night Bible class via ~ Livestream at 6:30pm from our website. The Gospel Quarterly is the study.
Teen Parking Lot Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30pm.



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....  
Morning Worship.....9:30  
Evening Worship.....  
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

Communion.....Dane Coggin  
Scripture.....Caleb Jennings  
A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young  
Closing.....Olen Clark  
P.M. Prayer.....  
Closing.....  
Wed.26th .....Phillip Y./Mark J.  
Lock.....Kurt Clayton  
Usher .....Kurt Clayton  
Security .....Brian Carpenter

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....  
Sunday A.M.....76  
Sunday P.M.....  
Wednesday.....  
Contribution.....  
Budget.....\$4,095.92

## PANTRY ITEMS



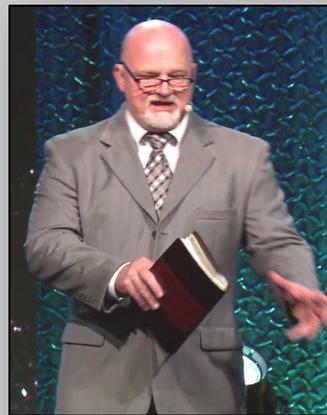
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## 5th Sunday Guest Speaker: *Lonnie Jones*



**Sunday August 30th ~ 9:30 A.M**

Topic: "Connection Between Trauma, Addiction, and the Church"

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Join us ~ Livestream

(Please wear a mask if attending in person!)