



THE INFORMER

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You're Going to Die Tired

By Tim Dooley

There is an old Army Sniper saying, "You can run but you'll only die tired." The idea here is clear. The enemy in the sniper's crosshairs cannot get away. Truth is we are all running a race, and we are all going to die. The question for us is when we do die, tired from running the race of life, will there be rest?

Let us set the scene here by seeing God where He belongs, on His throne. The polar opposite is where Satan resides. Next to the Father is the Son and light, truth and mercy, grace and love. Next to Satan there is nothing good, death and torment, crying and sorrow, darkness and hopelessness.

You and I living in this world, running this race, are speeding towards one or the other. For starters, look at the road you are on. Is it a tight, difficult road that demands careful attention (Matthew 7:14)? Is the road only navigable because the light of Christ illuminates it (1 John 1:7)? Or is the road broad and easy, dark and filled with the pleasures of this world? In which direction are you running?

If you stop running, you stop living. So as long as we are alive we need to make sure we run well. Paul asked the church at Galatia, "You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" (Galatians 5:7). So, keep running and keep running in the right direction. "*Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it...Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty...*" (1 Corinthians 9:24, 26).

Your run will not be in vain (Philippians 2:16) even though those of the world, who are running the other way, away from God, think it strange and speak evil against you (1 Peter 4:4). Jesus promises us that if we will come to Him, He will give us rest (Matthew 11:28-30). We are also told, "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes,*" says the Spirit, "*that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them*" (Revelation 14:13).

There certainly are a lot of things along the way that are going to tempt us to turn from God and run with the world. So as Christians we must "*lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*" (Hebrews 12:1). *Then there remains a rest for the people of God (Hebrews 4:9). So, "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest..." (Hebrews 4:11).*

We are all going to die tired from the run of life. What awaits us in eternity will be determined by what road and what direction we are running. The evidence is clear that those who are obedient and faithful will find a place of rest in the loving home of God. But those who are not obedient and faithful, an unending punishment, an everlasting torment, where there is no rest, no peace, no hope. Which do you prefer? Be faithful.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

Announcements: Shane Crotts
Sound Room: Matt Jennings
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: 7th ~ Shaler Grigsby;
 14th ~ Richard Jennings; 21st ~ Mark Jennings;
 28th ~ Phillip Young

Sunday Prayers:

Feb. 07:
 A.M. Perry Jones
 Alvin Parks
 P.M.
 Feb. 14:
 A.M. Owen Clayton
 Mason Simmons
 P.M.
 Feb. 21:
 A.M. Kevin Simmons
 Harold Russell
 P.M.
 Feb. 28:
 A.M. Kurt Clayton
 Phil Young
 P.M.

Lord's Supper:

Head: 7th ~ Joe Owen; 14th ~ Thomas Wall;
 21st ~ Terry Stubblefield ; 24th ~ Tim Dye; 28th ~ Richard Jennings
 27th ~ Kurt Clayton

Scripture Reading:

Feb. 07 — Paul Ormon
 Feb. 14 — Randy Wall
 Feb. 21 — Phillip Young
 Feb. 28 — Jackson Coggin

Wednesday Prayers:

Feb. 03 — Steve Todd; Olen Clark
 Feb. 10 — Richard Adams; Roger Clayton
 Feb. 17 — Greg Clayton; Larry Cobb
 Feb. 22 — Dane Coggin; Tim Dooley

Usher:

Feb. 07 — Jason Jennings
 Feb. 14 — Mark Jennings
 Feb. 21 — Roger Clayton
 Feb. 28 — Randy Wall

Lock:

Feb. 07 — Greg Clayton
 Feb. 14 — Dan Cobb
 Feb. 21 — T. Stubblefield
 Feb. 28 — Randy Wall

Security:

Feb. 07 — Randy Wall
 Feb. 14 — Jason Jennings
 Feb. 21 — Richard Adams
 Feb. 28 — Dan Cobb

Host Youth Devo: OPEN

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



From the Diary of a Widow

I woke up again this morning feeling old. The house is so quiet. I do not like feeling old. I wanted to stay in bed all day. Nobody would know; nobody would care.

I wanted to call my son and talk to him as we used to do when he was growing up. He used to get up in the morning so happily and couldn't wait to shout "Good Morning!" to everything: Good morning, Mom!, Good morning Dad!, Good morning piano!, Good morning flowers!" Yet, now, for a long time, nobody has said, "Good morning," to me. Last week, I called him to say, "Good morning," but he has his own life to lead now. He doesn't need a lonely old woman bothering him.

My little friend stopped by this afternoon. She brought me a yellow rose. She said that yellow reminded her of my smiles, and she wanted to bring me a smile today. The house was quiet and lonely no more. She sat at the piano and played my favorite song. We sang and sang some more. My old cranky voice sounded tired against her young, pretty voice, but she didn't notice — she just smiled and told me that she loves when we sing together. We may have sat at that old piano for only a half hour, but that was all I needed to get going. It seemed as if this old house was alive again — filled with sunshine.

We talked about God today. When she talks about God, her eyes smile. She made me look at all the nice things around me that God has made and given me. She said that I am never really alone— that God is always with me and that He knows when I am lonely, sad, neglected and hurt. She said that when it felt as if nobody liked me, I need to remember that God knows. She talks as if she is talking about her very best friend. I know that God must love me, because He sent me my new little friend just when I needed her.

In the past few months that I have known my little friend, we really have learned a lot about each other. She doesn't seem to want to put me on a shelf because I'm old. She is someone who is interested in what I have to say. She makes me feel important.

Cast me not off on the time of my old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth". (Ps. 71:9).

*Adapted from a bulletin article by the Westconnett congregation in Jacksonville, FL.

YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; Wed. @ 6:30

PRAYER LIST



Ronnie Miller, father of *Amanda Coggin* is in the Covid Unit of NMMC.

Ricky Adams, father of *Richard Adams* is recovering from sinus surgery.

Andrea Hill, is scheduled to have surgery at UAB in Birmingham, Jan. 26th.

Harold Russell will have surgery Feb. 3rd, at NMMC for an aneurism.

Greg Hicks, nephew of *Betty Young* is recovering from surgery on his neck. He is undergoing therapy.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to *Terry Stubblefield* and family in the death of his father **B.A. (Sonny) Stubblefield** of Ecu. His funeral was held Sunday Jan. 24th, in Ecu.

We express our sympathy to *Richard Adams* in the death of his aunt **Gail Clayton** of Amory, who passed away Feb. 20th. He also lost a great uncle last week.

Continue to Remember:

Chris Bradley, Kathy Clayton, Shelly Clayton, Shane Crotts, Earnestine Dye, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmitt, Madison Hardy, Debra Harville, David Holmes, Alfred Jones, Gloria Jones, Sue Marques, Connie Phagen, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Terri Turner, Charles Ulmer, William Wilson family, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Bill & Grace Lyon, Nancy Petrowski,

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson

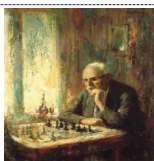
Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Luke Goff, Chase Seals

“And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”
- Deuteronomy 31:8

I've Learned

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." - Chuck Swindoll



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 29.....Alice Ashmore
February 02.....Stephanie Simmons
February 05.....Paige Young
February 06.....Owen Clayton



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

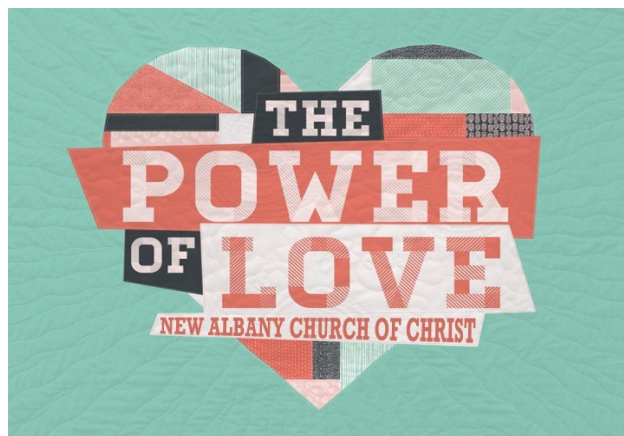
- NAYPE (New Albany Youth Prayer & Evangelism) will begin meeting again Feb. 3rd. They will meet every other Wed night following Bible study.
- There will be an elder's, deacon's, preacher, meeting Sun. morning Feb. 7th.
- The youth are invited to *Greg & Kim Clayton's* home Sun. Feb. 7th, for a Super Bowl Party. The time will be announced later.
- Youth to attend CYC in Pigeon Forge TN, Feb. 26-28th.
- Remember to bring Care Group items.

CLOTHES CLOSET



We have a church clothes closet in the making, and can use your help by providing slightly used clothes and shoes. This work has been approved by the elders and is being overseen by *Madison Griggs* and *Madison Grigsby*. If you have any questions or suggestions please check with these young women.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215
 Shaler Grigsby...Youth/ Assoc.
256-263-9137
 Office.....662-534-4649

ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Tim Dye.....316-2527
 Richard Jennings316-1305
 Troy Robertson316-3163
 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.....T. Stubblefield
 Scripture.....Brian Carpenter
 A.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton
 Closing.....Caleb Jennings
 P.M. Prayer.....
 Closing.....
 Wed Feb. 3rd.... S. Todd/ O. Clark
 Lock.....Matt Jennings
 UsherShane Crotts
 SecurityMark Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....93
 Sunday A.M.....103
 Sunday P.M.....
 Wednesday.....70
 Contribution.....\$3,227.00
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

PANTRY ITEMS



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You Are Not Replaceable

Let's be honest: in many areas of life, you can be replaced. That's not to say that someone else is just like you, but it is to say that many of our roles in life will eventually be filled by someone else.

Don't believe me? Just quit your job and see if they don't hire someone else.

Even Oscar Meyer's Wienermobile driver can be replaced. In fact, they are currently searching for a new "hotdogger" to drive the famous car all over the place.

Knowing that we are replaceable can be depressing. It certainly is a shot to our ego; that's for sure.

But there are other areas of life—in fact, the most important areas—where you are simply not replaceable. Literally, no one else can do what you can do, and it is up to you to fulfill those roles.

For example,

- No one else can be the mother or father to your children that you are.
- No one else can be the spouse that you are.
- No one else can reach and evangelize the people you can.
- No one else can fulfill the exact combination of roles in your local congregation that you can.
- No one else can stand before the Lord in judgment for you.

When we look at things that way, don't you feel not just important, but don't you feel a great weight of responsibility and motivation?

So, why not get out there, do those things that only you can do and do them to the very best of your ability! After all, if you don't, literally no one else will!

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might..." (Eccl. 9:10)