



# THE INFORMER

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## I'm Worried About My Brother

Tim Dooley

A middle-aged man walks into a psychologist's office wearing a dancer's tutu, flippers and a scuba mask. The psychologist, humoring him, asks, "What seems to be the problem?" The man answers, "Well, Doc, I'm worried about my brother." When I first read this it made me laugh and then it got me thinking... Doesn't this epitomize what Jesus said in Matthew 7:1-5?

*"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."*

Have you ever known a brother or sister in Christ who was overly critical? One who was always pointing out the flaws in others? One who thought they were always right and couldn't be convinced the sky is blue? Maybe it is, or has been, true with you or me.

Now I am not saying that we should not be concerned with our brother's error or sin in the church. We are our brother's keeper and we should be ever diligent to convert the sinner from the error of his way and save the soul from death (James 5:20). Some are saved with love and others have to be grabbed by the collar and, as my grandmother used to say, shake the fire out of 'em! (Jude 22-23).

What I am saying is that we need to take some time out and look at ourselves in the mirror of God's Word. We need to be less critical and condemning of each other and more loving and understanding. We need to learn to *"rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep"* (Romans 12:15). We need to heed the admonition given to the church in Galatia, *"brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted"* (Galatians 6:1).

As a minister of the gospel the biggest problem I have seen with converting souls to Christ, church growth, and unity is a lack of humility among the brethren. Be it brethren, preachers, brotherhood publications, schools of preaching, or elderships, many have no edifying quality in them and there is nothing but arrogance and contention. We need to learn again to love one another and the souls of all mankind. *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"* (John 13:35).

So, the next time you or I consider being critical of another, pointing out some fault, or condemning them, maybe we should first look in the mirror and see what we have on. Be Faithful!

## “Would Yellow Roses Cost A Lot, Mister?”



Henry Penn, the Boston florist who originated the slogan, “Say It With Flowers,” told how one morning two boys and a girl came into his florist shop and said, “We’re the flower committee and we would like some nice yellow flowers, sir. Do you have any yellow flowers? He would like them better if they were yellow. He had a yellow sweater.”

“Are they for a funeral?” asked Penn. The children nodded “yes” and kept back the tears. “She’s his sister,” one of the boys explained. “He was a good kid; a truck yesterday—we were playing in the street—we saw it happen.” The other boy added, “Us kids took up a collection. We got eighteen cents—would yellow roses cost a lot, mister? Yellow roses?”

Touched by the story of the tragedy and the loyalty of the kids, Henry Penn replied, “I have some nice yellow roses here that I am selling for eighteen cents a dozen just this morning.” The sympathetic florist accepted the eighteen cents and the committee carried away the flowers they had chosen. Said Penn, “I felt uplifted for days. I had been given the inexpressible privilege of sharing something.

“*We have this treasure in earthen vessels*” (2 Corinthians 4:7). “*We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us:*” (to share the glorious Good News of salvation in Christ), “*we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God*” (2 Corinthians 5:20). We want all to know “*the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding*” (Philippians 4:7). In love and compassion, we share the knowledge of Christ.

~Morris Thurman~

## FILL IN THE BLANK

“Love suffers long and is \_\_\_\_\_; love does not \_\_\_\_\_; love does not \_\_\_\_\_, is not \_\_\_\_\_ up;” (1 Corinthians 13:4)

## Our Christian Example

The story is told of a Christian high school senior who was honored as one of the best and brightest in his community because he provided a forceful demonstration of integrity. When his school team was given the word “auditorium” in a regional spelling bee, he glanced down to ponder his response and noticed that the word was printed on the microphone stand. He called this to the attention of the judges who responded with a more difficult word. The young man did what he knew was right, whether others noticed or not.

We don’t know when our actions may become an example to others—we’re always on display. But, if we live each day to honor Jesus, our behavior will model His righteous life, (Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:5-6) no matter who is watching.

Uprightness and honor should be goals for Christians of every age. As Christians, one of our goals in life should be to change the world around us **for good** while never compromising oneself—one person at a time (Acts 10:38; 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 Timothy 4:16).

~Mike Riley~

## God Be In My Head

*God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;*

*God be in my eyes,  
And in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;*

*God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking;*

*God be at my end,  
And my departing.*



# YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; 1:15 Wed. @ 6:30

## PRAYER LIST



**Scott Owen** has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. This is the brother of Kay Stroud (Sue's daughter-in-law). He is an elder at the Skyline Congregation in Jackson, Tennessee.

**Mitchel Barton** continues to suffer from serious health problems.

### Continue to Remember:

Brian Carpenter, Kathy Clayton, Audrey Clement, Shane Crotts, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmert, Madison Hardy, Caleb Jennings, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Gloria Jones, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Susie Robertson, Bobby Sweat, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Charles Ulmer, Donald Wilson, Donnie Wilson, William Wilson, Sarah Grace Wise

### Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon

### Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals

## CLOTHES CLOSET

The clothes closet is in need of hangers. Please see Madison Grigsby or Madison Griggs if you can help.

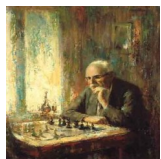
### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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...

To stop seeing sin like cake on a diet, and to start seeing it as the poison it is.

~Tim Dooley



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 19. .... Bobby Marques  
May 22. .... Lea Anne Clark

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 20. .... Bill & Karen Botts



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- **May 23rd** Youth Devo at 5:00pm at the home of Joe and Bonnie Owen.
- **May 26th** NAYPE will meet after services.
- **May 29th** Potts/Young Wedding
- **May 30th** Deacons Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- **June 13th—16th** Vacation Bible School

## YOUTH DEVO

This month's Youth Devo will be at the home of Joe and Bonnie Owen on Sunday night, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.. Their address is: 1008 CR 357, New Albany, MS 38652

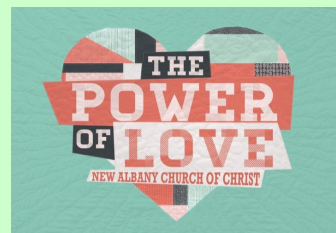
## PEW PACKERS

Parents, please remember our 1:15 p.m. Pew Packers time for the children. Everyone is encouraged to be here to participate, to interact with the children and to be ready for our afternoon service immediately following.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be June 13th-16th. Please mark these dates on your calendar and help us prepare for a great week for our kids and those in our community!

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:30  
Morning Worship.....10:30  
Pew Packers/Afternoon Worship  
.....1:15  
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30

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

## DEACONS

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

## TO SERVE

Communion.....Tim Dye  
Scripture.....Clayton Hill  
A.M. Prayer.....Mark Jennings  
Closing.....Hunter Jennings  
P.M. Prayer.....T. Stubblefield  
Closing.....Mason Simmons  
Greeters...Kim & Greg Clayton  
Lock.....Matt Jennings  
Usher .....Kurt Clayton  
Security .....Richard Adams  
Wed. Open 26th.....R. Adams  
Wed. Close 26th.....Bill Botts

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## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....111  
Sunday A.M.....134  
Sunday P.M.....91  
Wednesday.....91  
Contribution.....\$4,356.00  
Budget.....\$4,219.62

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### QUOTES ON MARRIAGE

- ◇ *“Staying married, therefore, is not mainly about staying in love. It is about keeping covenant. “Till death do us part” or “As long as we both shall live” is a sacred covenant promise—the same kind Jesus made with His bride when He died for her.”*
- ◇ *“Since the marriage relationship is to reflect the relationship between Jesus Christ and His Church, it is imperative that biblical submission and love be practiced in all of its aspects between husband and wife.”*
- ◇ *“When a man and a woman give themselves to each other in an act of marital love, they can know the love of Christ as no one else can know it.”*



*together with their families*

*Blaine and Audrey Anna*

*request the pleasure of your company  
at their wedding*

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 2021 ♦ 4:00 pm

1597 County Road 478 ~ New Albany, MS 38652

*Reception to follow*

Please RSVP to

(731) 487-4770 or (662) 538-8007