



# THE INFORMER

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## YOUR FATHER'S BIBLE

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It was an estate sale in North Central Tennessee. My wife and I have always loved to attend such auctions. She was out of town so I decided to go alone. It was an old farm house chocked full of the accumulated goods of a lifetime. This particular place was very interesting. In the upstairs bedroom were piles of material and a vast array of items associated with quilting and sewing etc. In another room was a collection of decorative plates, the type of which one would hang on a wall. Room after room revealed one glimpse after another of the lives of those whose possessions were now being sold to the highest bidder.

One "box lot" among hundreds that caught my eye was a box full of old paperback books containing southern gospel type songs. Being an avid collector of such, I looked closely at each book. They were published by Stamps/Baxter and Vaughan, two of the largest publishers of gospel songs in America in the early twentieth century. There were 32 of them in all. All of them were worn considerably from many years of obvious use. As I looked through the pages I was taken on an inexpressibly wonderful journey back through my life remembering many occasions where I had heard these old songs. Written in ink on the cover of several of the books was the name of the man to whom they had belonged. I later learned that for many years he and his wife sang in a quartet at their church. These books were the source of their material. As I dug deeper into the box, I found what was to me one of the most beautiful things I had ever seen. It was a black, leather-bound, 1890's version of the King James Bible. The binding was loose and the pages lay disconnected inside the cover which was being held together by a strip of, what was once white, cotton cloth. It was one of the most ragged, worn, well-used books I have ever seen! I determined that I must have this old box of books.

Just as the bidding on "my box" was to begin, the auctioneer's helper picked up a small antique lamp and placed in the top of the box of books. He obviously thought the box was invaluable otherwise and needed something to make the buyers desire it. The bidding began and very quickly went far past what I was willing or able to give. I was disappointed but such is the case at auctions, you set a limit and sometimes you win and sometimes you don't. I watched though, as the lady who had purchased the box removed the lamp, left the box of books sitting where they were and turned as if to leave. I stopped her and asked, "*Are you going to take the books?*" She looked a little annoyed and glanced into the box and replied, "*No, the lamp was my mother's and it's all I really wanted, the rest of the stuff is just my father's old song books and his Bible, **they don't mean anything to me, you can have them if you want.***"

While I was ecstatic about getting the whole box of books for free, I was also a little saddened by her attitude toward something that had obviously been very precious to her father.

I still have those books and that old Bible. Every time I look at them I think of the many hours he must have spent reading his Bible and learning and singing those old songs of praise! I also think about what part of her upbringing had resulted in something that was so precious to her father being of no interest to his daughter.

It has caused me to reflect many times about my own eventual estate sale. I think the guitars will do well at auction if my family chooses to sell them. The cars are all old and have high mileage so they probably won't bring much. The furniture is stuff we have had for years and mostly worn out. The tools and equipment are all of good quality and mostly in pretty good shape. But the things of which I have the most and have enjoyed the most are the hundreds of books that line my shelves and sit in boxes in my office and my home. I have *several* special Bibles that have been worn and tattered from years of preaching. In addition to the collection of song books mentioned above, I have a large collection of my own.

Being a fan of auctions, I have also learned that books don't usually bring much. People don't use books as they once did. We now have computers that have virtually made the printed page obsolete! So, at my estate sale, the books may not bring much nor may they mean much to my surviving family. But my constant prayer is, that my children and grandchildren and all of my future descendants realize that the one book that holds all the answers to life is God's word, the Bible. Whether it is one of my tattered old copies or a brand new one from the store, I hope the time never comes when one of my descendants will say, "*It meant a lot to him, but it means nothing to me!*"



## *Dooley Noted...Be Ye Perfect*

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus commanded His followers to “be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). An impossible task we might think. But this is a command from Christ and therefore an imperative that we certainly can keep.

The psalmist says “*I will behave wisely in a perfect way... I will walk within my house with a perfect heart*” (101:2). One way to accomplish this he says is that he will “*set nothing wicked before my eyes,*” and “*hate the work of them that turn aside*” so that it will not cleave to him (101:3). Never has such advice been more applicable than in this day and age. Wickedness is flaunted in front of us and society no longer blushes.

The only way to accomplish this is for us to submit ourselves to God’s will, and obey Him, so that He can remove our sin. The psalmist says He will take it as far from us *as east is from west* (103:12). How are you walking? Perfection in Christ is achieved in faithfulness to Christ! Be perfect, be faithful.  
~Tim

## **FATHER’S DAY ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021**

### **JUNE EVENTS**

- **Terrific Tuesday** every Tuesday
- **June 18** Senior group lunch
- **June 19** Care Group #2 meeting
- **June 20** Father’s Day
- **June 23** NAYPE after services
- **June 27** Care Group #3 meeting
- **June 27** Quilt of Valor Presentation at 2:30p.m.
- **June 27** Youth Devo at 5:00p.m. Jason & Amy hosting
- **June 30** 5th Wednesday night singing at the fellowship building

### **CARE GROUP LISTS**

Please pick up a Care Group List on the table in the foyer. If you are not on a list we would love to have you be a part of this good work. Please let Shane Crotts or Kurt Clayton know if you would like to be added to a group.

### **CARE GROUP #2 MEETING**

Care Group #2 will meet Saturday, June 19th at 6:00p.m. at the home of Brian and Shelby Carpenter. Please bring finger foods or desserts.

### **SENIOR GROUP LUNCH**



The Senior Group will meet for lunch Friday, June 18th at 11:00a.m. at McAlister’s in New Albany. Reservations are under New Albany church of Christ/ Shane Crotts. We will discuss activities for the summer.

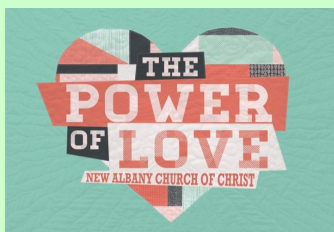
### **CARE GROUP #3 MEETING**

Care Group #3 will meet Sunday, June 27th immediately after the morning service at the fellowship building. Please bring finger foods.

### **QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION**

There will be a Quilt of Valor Presentation for our veterans, Rex Bell, Larry Cobb, Richard Jennings, Bill Lyon and Burrell Walton on Sunday, June 27th at 2:30p.m. at the fellowship building. Please make plans to attend this special event.

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**PRAYER LIST**



**Larry Cobb** fell at home. He is having a lot of problems with his legs.

**Tonya Huffman** has had a recurrence of breast cancer. She is a friend of the Coggins.

**Michele Kimsey**, fiancée of Cody Clemmer, got a good report following surgery for tongue cancer.

**Tim and Colleen Dooley** have not been feeling well.

**Continue to Remember:**

Mitchel Barton, Kathy Clayton, Audrey Clement, Shane Crotts, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmitt, Madison Hardy, Patrick Holmes, Caleb Jennings, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Gloria Jones, Grace Lyon, Sue Marques, Scott Owen, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Novene Robertson, Susie Robertson, Harold Russell, Bella Taylor, Ansley Thompson, 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

**THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the love you have shown me throughout the years I've been here. I appreciate every prayer, gift, call, text...I appreciate it all. I would not be half as ready for my next journey if it were not for you. Believe me, I'm not going anywhere!

*Love, Jodi*

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and for all you did for us during this difficult time. We love you!!

*Helen, Steve, and Pat*

**I've Learned**

Don't worry whether or not the sun will rise; be prepared to enjoy it.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- June 16. . . . . Betty Boren
- June 16. . . . . Lucille Gibson
- June 18. . . . . Madison Griggs
- June 21. . . . . Peggy Miller
- June 22. . . . . Luke Jennings
- June 23. . . . . Andrea Hill
- June 24. . . . . Janice Cobb
- June 24. . . . . Erica Crotts
- June 24. . . . . Sharon Clemmer
- June 26. . . . . Shelby Carpenter

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- June 16. . . . . Richard & Kathy Jennings
- June 17. . . . . Kevin & Stephanie Simmons
- June 20. . . . . Dean & Viva Dillard
- June 25. . . . . Billy Joe & Benita Garner

**RESPONSES**

We had two responses this past Sunday. *LaKisha Harris* responded asking for prayers of the church and encouragement to live a faithful Christian life as she faces daily struggles. *Eudell Wilson* also responded asking for prayers of the church and the strength to live as God would have him. Please pray for them and for each other.

**PLACED MEMBERSHIP**

We are happy to announce the following made it known this past Sunday of their desire to become a part of the New Albany congregation: *Ricky* and *Betty Adams* and *Andy* and *Sharon Clemmer*. We know they will be an asset to the work here. Please welcome them to our church family. Their addresses are: Ricky & Betty Adams, 1032 Serenity Lane, New Albany, MS 38652; Andy & Sharon Clemmer, 616 McArthur Lane, New Albany, MS 38652.

**CHURCH TEXT MESSAGING**

Our old church text service is going out of business. Please join our new service by texting the message "nacoc15s" to 84576.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Pew Packers/Afternoon Worship  
 .....1:15  
 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 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...Richard Jennings  
 Scripture.....Owen Clayton  
 A.M. Prayer.....Shane Crotts  
 Closing.....Larry Cobb  
 P.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
 Closing.....Matt Jennings  
 Greeters.....R & K Jennings  
 Lock.....Kurt Clayton  
 Usher .....Kurt Clayton  
 Security .....Jason Jennings  
 Wed. Open 23rd.....T. Wall  
 Wed. Close 23rd..T. Robertson

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....108  
 Sunday A.M..... 131  
 Sunday P.M.....117  
 Wednesday..... 82  
 Contribution.....\$4,736.00  
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

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### Beware

You tell what you are by the friends you seek,  
 By the very manner in which you speak,  
 By the way you employ your leisure time,  
 By the use you make of dollar and dime.  
 You tell what you are by the things you wear,  
 By the spirit in which your burdens you bear,  
 By the kind of things at which you laugh,  
 By the records you play on the phonograph.  
 You tell what you are by the way you walk,  
 By the things in which you delight to talk,  
 By so simple a thing as how you eat,  
 By the manner in which you bear defeat,  
 By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf,  
 In these ways and more, you tell on yourself.  
 So there really isn't a bit of sense  
 In any effort at false pretense.

~Author Unknown

### 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)



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