



# THE INFORMER

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## It's Good To Know Your Enemy

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About 400 years before the Lord set foot on earth to proclaim the will of God the famous Greek comedy writer Aristophanes wrote, "Men of sense often learn from their enemies. It is from their foes, not their friends, that cities learn the lesson of building high walls and ships of war; and this lesson saves their children, their homes, and their properties."

Today, the sensible child of God will see the necessity of knowing the enemy of our souls and his evil tactics. The one who fails to do so is foolish. You see, Satan wants us for himself, and he will stop at nothing to take control of our lives. Christ warned Peter that, "*Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat*" (Luke 22:31). The wise man will see himself in Luke 22:31.

The apostle Paul assures us that we are not without the ability to understand and defend ourselves when it comes to the devices of Satan (2 Corinthians 2:11). Yet it is painfully obvious that the majority of those alive today are little better than "dead men walking." They have allowed Satan in unaware and he has blinded them to the dire situation they all too quickly will realize they are in. 2 Corinthians 4:4 states that, "*the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*"

What is even more heartrending are brothers and sisters who have failed to watch out and have allowed Satan to turn their hearts away from the light unto darkness. Equally troubling are elders, preachers, and Christians in general who have failed to warn and protect their family members. This is true because, when we fail, we have not been aware of Satan's device of apathy, a lack of love, and compassion for every soul.

Please remember to "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*" (1 Peter 5:8). And "*let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober*" (1 Thessalonians 5:6). There is really only one purpose in this life and that purpose is to make it through the battle into heaven and the loving arms of our Lord. The only thing that stands in our way is Satan and his devices so, be sensible and be wise.

Hear God's warning today, obey his commands while there is time and serve Him with undying loyalty and vigor. Why? Because God loves you and gave His only begotten Son so that you might have hope. Also remember that the New Albany family loves you and is here to help you in your battle against Satan. We will fight with you and for you so that we may make it home together! Be faithful.

## Finding Peace in the Storms of Life

During a terrible storm on the ocean, a small passenger ship rolled precariously in the roaring tempest. The furniture and anything else that could move was tied down, and the passengers were confined to their bunks for their own safety. Many on board thought the vessel was doomed.

Finally, a passenger who was determined to find out if there was any hope for survival, set out to see the one who was in command. Clinging to the walls and handrails, he made his way to the wave-lashed deck, up a ladder, and into the wheelhouse. He noticed that the ship was nearing land and was between some jagged rocks. It became apparent that the captain was trying to reach the safety of a calm bay up ahead. Knowing he could not make himself heard above the roar of the wind and waves, the captain just turned wordlessly to the worried passenger and smiled. Reassured, the man returned to the others and said, "Don't be afraid. All is well. I've seen the captain's face, and he smiled!"



When we are battered by the storms of life, we may be tempted to give in to feelings of hopelessness. But if we will look to our sovereign Captain (Hebrews 2:10) and commit our way to Him (Psalm 37:5), we will find peace even in the midst of great turmoil. We can trust Him to bring us through the storm (Mark 4:36-41).

*“Master, with anguish of spirit I bow in my grief today;  
The depths of my sad heart are troubled;  
O waken and save, I pray!  
Torrents of sin and of anguish  
Sweep o'er my sinking soul!  
And I perish! I perish, dear Master:  
O hasten, and take control.  
The winds and the waves shall obey Thy will; Peace be still!  
Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea, or demons, or men, or whatever it be,  
No water can swallow the ship where lies  
The Master of ocean, and earth, and skies: They all shall sweetly obey Thy will;  
Peace be still!  
Peace be still!  
They all shall sweetly obey Thy will;  
Peace, peace, be still!”*

*~ Palmer~*

thank you!

Dear New Albany Family,

Thank you so much for the many cards you sent to us on the occasion of our 50th anniversary. We have fond memories of living in New Albany and worshipping with you, and your cards just reminded us of how much we love all you folks.

Thank you for helping to make this anniversary one that we will never forget.

Love to all,  
*Ken & Becky Cargile*

## Five Things God Wants You to Remember

- ◇ I Love You
- ◇ I Will Guide You
- ◇ I will Go Before You
- ◇ I Will Answer You
- ◇ I will Bless You





**PRAYER LIST**

**Shane Crofts** had cataract surgery Tuesday in Tupelo.

**Charlie Ormon**, brother of Paul Ormon, has been in a Memphis hospital. He was hoping to be released Tuesday.

**Novene Robertson** has an appointment with a neurologist on June 30th.

**Sue Marques'** knee replacement surgery has been postponed until August 16th.

**Continue to Remember:**

Mitchel Barton, Brian Carpenter, Kathy Clayton, Audrey Clement, Larry Cobb, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Tonya Huffman, Patrick Holmes, Caleb Jennings, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Michele Kimsey, Scott Owen, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, 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



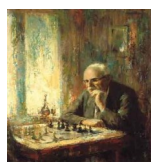
**QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION**

There will be a Quilt of Valor Presentation for our veterans, Ricky Adams, Rex Bell, Larry Cobb, Richard Jennings, Bill Lyon and Burrell Walton on Sunday, June 27th at 2:30pm at the fellowship building. Mike Bennett, Union County Veterans Service Officer will conduct the presentation.

**I've Learned**

Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.

~ Henry Ford



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- June 22. . . . . Luke Jennings
- June 23. . . . . Andrea Hill
- June 24. . . . . Janice Cobb
- June 24. . . . . Erica Crofts
- June 24. . . . . Sharon Clemmer
- June 26. . . . . Shelby Carpenter
- June 27. . . . . J. L. Eaton
- June 29. . . . . Deborah Griffin
- June 29. . . . . Kaye Parks

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- June 25. . . . . Billy Joe & Benita Garner
- June 30. . . . . Ricky & Betty Adams
- June 30. . . . . Phil & Paige Young



**RESPONSE**

Gloria Jones responded to the invitation Sunday, asking for forgiveness and prayers to live a faithful Christian life. Please encourage Gloria and each other as we all strive to live as we should.

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

- **Terrific Tuesday** every Tuesday
- **June 23** NAYPE after services
- **June 27** Care Group #3 meeting
- **June 27** Quilt of Valor Presentation at 2:30pm
- **June 27** Youth Devo at 5:00pm at the fellowship building. Jason & Amy will host.
- **June 30** 5th Wednesday night singing at the fellowship building
- **July 19** Yahoo Group to Tupelo. Details later.
- **September 19-20** Church directory pictures

**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.

**CHURCH TEXT MESSAGING**

Please sign up for our new church text messaging service by texting "nacoc15s" to 84576. Guides are available on the table in the foyer, if needed.

**Visit our website @ <http://www.nacoc.us>**

**Email: [nacoc15s@gmail.com](mailto:nacoc15s@gmail.com)**

## 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.... Shaler Grigsby  
 Scripture.....Jackson Coggin  
 A.M. Prayer.....Tim Dye  
 Closing.....Martin Crotts  
 P.M. Prayer....Kevin Simmons  
 Closing.....Alvin Parks  
 Greeters.....S & L Todd  
 Lock.....Greg Clayton  
 Usher .....Shane Crotts  
 Security .....Mark Jennings  
 Wed. Open 30th....Tim Dooley  
 Wed. Close 30th.....H. Russell

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....110  
 Sunday A.M.....136  
 Sunday P.M.....91  
 Wednesday.....106  
 Contribution.....\$4,917.00  
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

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### Here's Looking at Me

*“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified”* (2 Corinthians 13:5-6). One of the hardest things for us to do is to look at ourselves honestly. We’d like to think that we don’t have too many faults or bad traits. We seem to have an inborn defense mechanism that prevents us from being completely honest with ourselves which all makes self improvement that much more difficult. But in the preceding verse, the Bible says that we are to examine ourselves; that’s honestly looking at the measure of faith that we possess. It also goes on to say that we should test ourselves, give ourselves spiritual challenges which will make us grow and become spiritually stronger. Why is this important? Because Jesus Christ is a part of us and we’re to live for Him everyday. Just as the athlete in the ball game or the race, we want to play by the rules and don’t want to be disqualified from the game (1 Corinthians 9:27). Living a good, busy, faithful, trusting, loving, Christian life will keep us in the running with the Good Lord right by our side. Every day we should look into the mirror of God’s Word, concentrating on our own personal ability (or inability) to look at ourselves and see ourselves just as God sees us.

~ 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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