



# THE INFORMER

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## We Are Dead...Live Like It!

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I have become increasingly more concerned for the spiritual state of our nation, especially with the church in America, and where our hearts are in relation to God and country. I was once listening to a popular radio personality who was muttering on melancholically about his future and it made me think of the numerous social statuses posted by fellow Christians on Facebook and Twitter. Now look, I love our country and I pray for our country. I am concerned about our freedoms and for the economic outlook of our nation. I want there to be an environment that is conducive to achieving success in this life. But I fear many of our brethren, let alone the world, have lost sight of the real goal.

Colossians 3:1-4 has some sobering, yet foundational, thoughts for us to consider:

- 1. If you are a Christian you need to have your eyes on eternity!** Many have forgotten the big picture. We can't see the proverbial forest for the trees. Paul uses the idea of looking at "the upward things" and not on "the lower." In Philippians 4:13 he writes "*I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" Have we forgotten that Jesus said you should, "*lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal*" (Matthew 6:20)? Setting our sights on heaven means striving to put heaven's priorities into daily practice.
- 2. We need to be spiritually minded!** In order to have our eyes set on the upward things we need to remember that it matters what we think about. We are responsible for our thoughts and the instruction here is to keep our thoughts on heaven. Paul is not saying here that we should never think about earthly things but that we not forget to keep those things in perspective!
- 3. We have died!** As Christians we are dead to this world and its worries. Far too many Christians still have some old life left in them! "*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*" (Romans 6:1-2). So we each need to be challenged with the words of Paul to the Colossian brethren to, "*Put to death therefore what is earthly in you.*" (Colossians 3:5).
- 4. We have eternal life in Christ!** Our eternal existence as Christians is (concealed and safe) with God in Christ. "*So we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'*" (Hebrews 13:6). This is the proper frame of mind for those who are dead in Christ. A prerequisite to our verse earlier in Philippians 4:7 is, "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*" (v. 6).

**When Jesus comes, nothing else will matter!** And really isn't that all that matters?

"*Seek first (above all else, especially, unendingly) the kingdom of God*" (Matthew 6:33). Be obedient to the will of the Lord, worship faithfully with the church, study diligently the word, pray unceasingly, live righteously at home, abide godly with your neighbors, work heartily and patiently and you shall be blessed! We are dead...Live like it! Be faithful.

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JULY 2021

**Announcements** ~ Phil Young  
**Sound Room** ~ Richard Adams  
**Usher** ~ Dean Dillard

**Sunday Lead Singing**  
 A.M. ~ Shaler Grigsby  
 P.M. ~ Andy Brown

**Sunday Prayers**  
 July 04  
 A.M. Andy Clemmer  
 Ruston Adams  
 P.M. Roger Clayton  
 David Clayton

**Lord's Supper**  
 July 04 ~ Bill Botts  
 July 11 ~ Mike Brown  
 July 18 ~ Mark Jennings  
 July 25 ~ Joe Owen

**Scripture Reading**  
 July 04 ~ Clayton Hill  
 July 11 ~ Owen Clayton  
 July 18 ~ Steve Hill  
 July 25 ~ Alvin Parks

July 11  
 A.M. Kurt Clayton  
 Olen Clark  
 P.M. Richard Jennings  
 Dillon Clayton

**Wed. Night Lead Singing**  
 July 07 ~ Hunter Jennings  
 July 14 ~ David Clayton  
 July 21 ~ Dillon Clayton  
 July 28 ~ Mike Brown

**Wednesday Prayers**  
 July 07 ~ Greg Clayton; Owen Clayton  
 July 14 ~ Tim Dye; Dane Coggin  
 July 21 ~ Perry Jones; Jason Jennings  
 July 28 ~ T. Robertson; Matt Jennings

July 18  
 A.M. Shane Crotts  
 Martin Crotts  
 P.M. Paul Ormon  
 Larry Cobb  
 July 25  
 A.M. Hunter Jennings  
 Clay Jennings  
 P.M. Kevin Simmons  
 Ronnie Griggs

**Lock**  
 July 04 ~ Mark Jennings  
 July 11 ~ Richard Jennings  
 July 18 ~ Randy Wall  
 July 25 ~ Kurt Clayton

**Security**  
 July 04 ~ Matt Jennings  
 July 11 ~ Randy Wall  
 July 18 ~ Joe Owen  
 July 25 ~ Phillip Young

**Usher**  
 July 04 ~ Mark Jennings  
 July 11 ~ Jason Jennings  
 July 18 ~ Randy Wall  
 July 25 ~ Kurt Clayton

**Host Youth Devo:** Tim & Coleen Dooley

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

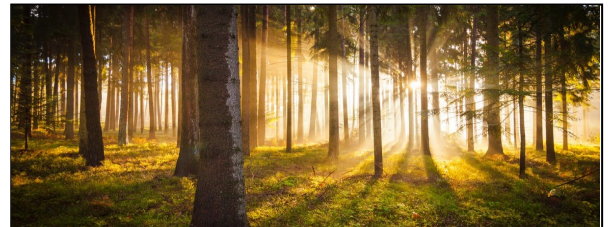


### *On the Lighter Side...*

A couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looks on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbor hangs her wash to dry, the young woman makes the same comments. A month later, the woman is surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and says to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband replies, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows." And, so it is with life...what we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look. Amen!!!  
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### *Good Morning!*

*Cause me to hear  
 Your loving kindness  
 in the morning,  
 For in You do I trust,  
 Cause me to know  
 the way in which  
 I should walk,  
 For I lift up  
 my soul to You.*

*Psalm 143.8*



**PRAYER LIST**

**Novene Robertson** had a neurology appointment today.

**Harold Russell** is dealing with pain in his hip and leg, possibly due to an inflamed nerve in his hip or back.

**Joe Reed** fell last Thursday. He has no broken bones but continues to have problems with his hip.

**Billy Stroupe**, father of Clint, was rushed to the hospital Sunday afternoon. He was severely dehydrated and received fluids. He is recovering at home.

**Susie Robertson**, mother of Steve Hill, is having a difficult time as she suffers from a brain tumor.

**John Haynes**, cousin of Yolanda Stubblefield, was in an auto accident recently and is in serious condition. He remains in a Montgomery, AL hospital awaiting multiple surgeries.

**Benny Scaife**, a co-worker of Shane Crotts is having health issues.

**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, Sue Marques, Scott Owen, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Novene Robertson, Susie Robertson, Harold Russell, Bella Taylor, Ansley Thompson, Charles Ulmer, Donald Wilson Family, 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

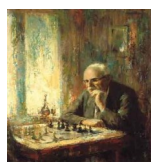
**Military List:**

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals



**I've Learned**

Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- June 29.....Deborah Griffin
- June 29.....Kaye Parks
- July 02.....Karen Botts

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- June 30..... Ricky & Betty Adams
- June 30.....Phil & Paige Young
- July 01..... Steve & Andrea Hill
- July 02.....Darrel & Patricia Crow
- July 07..... Brian & Shelby Carpenter



**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to the family of Christina Baldon, who was a victim of foul play and lost her life. This was Gloria Jones cousin. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

- **June 30** 5th Wed. night singing
- **July 04** 1st Sunday fellowship meal
- **July 11** Care Group #1 meeting
- **July 19** Yahoo Group to Tupelo
- **August 28-29** Widowhood Workshop
- **September 19-20** Church directory pictures

**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.

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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

### 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.....Bill Botts  
 Scripture..... Clayton Hill  
 A.M. Prayer... Andy Clemmer  
 Closing.....Ruston Adams  
 P.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Closing.....David Clayton  
 Greeters.....G & K Clayton  
 Lock.....Mark Jennings  
 Usher .....Mark Jennings  
 Security .....Matt Jennings  
 Wed. Open 7th...Greg Clayton  
 Wed. Close 7th..Owen Clayton

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....113  
 Sunday A.M..... 141  
 Sunday P.M.....93  
 Wednesday.....91  
 Contribution.....\$12,408.00  
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

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### When to Raise a Stink

One summer night a man was awakened by scratching on his tent floor. In the moonlight coming through the tent door, the man could see all too plainly that his visitor was a skunk.



Lying within arm's reach was a slingshot and a handful of marbles that he had been using in target practice with his boys. It would have been a simple matter to dispatch that skunk then and there. He possessed the skill, had the equipment, and it was close range! But on second thought, the man laid still. The man thought, "suppose I do shoot and manage to kill him instantly? In the act of dying he'll ruin my clothes, my tent, my bedding and make me ill for days!"

In a few minutes, Mr. Skunk walked slowly out of the tent and off to new adventures. The man quietly reached up and secured the tent door more firmly and returned to his slumbers, peacefully knowing he had not created a stink in an attempt to defend himself.

It isn't always wise, even though you can, to answer every challenge, or accept every dare thrown your way. Sometimes it's wiser to leave some things alone.

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### "He Opened Not His Mouth"

There is no spectacle in all the Bible so sublime as the silent Savior answering not a word to the men who were maligning Him, and whom He could have laid prostrate at His feet by one look of divine power or one word of fiery rebuke; but He let them say and do their worst, and He stood in the power of stillness, God's holy silent Lamb.

~A.B. Simpson

*"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent" (Isaiah 53:7).*

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