



THE INFORMER

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I Have to Tell the Trash Man Something

Tim Dooley

It happened one day when our son David was little. Convinced that his toys had been thrown away because he wouldn't clean his room, he ran out to the road one Friday afternoon in an attempt to confront the trash man. I yelled for him to return and he began to cry because the trash man had come and taken away his toys with the trash. He later told me that "I had to tell the trash man that the toys were there" and that's why he was so bold to go and confront this stranger in the big white garbage truck.

Obviously, David had a deep love for his toys, just not enough to pick them up and put them away when he was done playing with them. But his love for those toys, and the thought of losing them forever, was all the motivation he needed to run and tell the trash man in hope of their safe return. What a powerful lesson exists in this story for you and me.

Let us ask ourselves a few questions. How much do we love Christ and what He has done for us? How deep is our love for all those souls living around us that are lost and on their way to hell? How much do we love our brothers and sisters who have fallen away from the flock of Christ and are in jeopardy of judgment? Is our love deep enough? Is the message important enough to drop everything and run out to tell them the Good News?

In Acts chapter eight the Angel of the Lord tells Philip to go from Jerusalem to Gaza. It is on this journey that he sees in the distance the Ethiopian Nobleman, sitting in a chariot, reading from the prophet Isaiah. The Holy Spirit told Philip to go and join himself to the carriage and Philip wasted no time. In fact the scriptures say he "*ran thither to him.*" How many times have we seen an opportunity to teach someone, reach out to some wandering brother or do some good deed and ran thither to do the work?

Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 19:14). We have often talked about this verse and how we, like little children, must be innocent, forgiving, and exhibit an unconditional love for Christ and others. But can we learn a lesson from David's love for his toys? His love moved him to face any danger and fear to save that which he loved.

Remember that God loves you and said that if you love Him you will keep His commandments. What does your life say about your love for Him? Oh, and by the way, David's toys didn't go to the dump as he had thought. Mommy was stashing them away and gave them back when he learned to take care of them and keep his room clean. Ain't she mean? Be faithful!

LISTENING EARS

I love this time of year...the vibrant flowers of summer and the green grass on the rolling hills. As I was driving down a highway one morning and as I was noticing the beauty of God's creation, the song "This is My Father's World" came to my mind. The lyrics of this well-known Christian hymn were written by Maltbie D. Babcock, a Presbyterian minister, and published after his death by his wife in 1901. Babcock lived in upstate New York and took frequent walks to enjoy the scenery around Lake Ontario. He would tell his wife he was going out to see the Father's world. In 1915, Franklin Sheppard, a close friend of Babcock, adapted three of the sixteen verses of the poem to music.

As I was singing this song to myself and admiring the beauty of the countryside, the first words of the song stood out like never before: "This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres." For those who have "ears to hear" (Matthew 11:15), all nature around us is singing the praises and glory of our Creator. As Babcock wrote in the 2nd stanza, "The birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere." As it says of God in Psalm 50:12, "*the world is mine, and all its fullness.*" Earlier in that same chapter God said, "*Hear, O my people, and I will speak*" (Psalm 50:7).

I love the song. I love even more the great privilege of having listening ears. Many people were driving down the same road as I was that day who, I am quite certain, didn't have the privilege of hearing what I heard. I don't say that in judgment of them, but in thanksgiving to God that I have been taught and am willing to have listening ears. I am eternally grateful to God for giving me a mother who had listening ears and who taught me to have listening ears. I can still hear my mother singing around the house as she did her chores and as she sat in worship singing praises to God. She taught me to listen to God however he spoke...through scripture, through teachers, through hardships, and yes, through nature.

You may not have had the privilege of being taught to develop listening ears. That's ok, because if you are willing to open your ears to God now, it's not too late. You can begin by training your ears to hear all nature as it sings the glory of God. "*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world*" (Psalm 19:1-4).

But, much more importantly, it is imperative that you open your ears to hear the gospel of Christ. As God said of Jesus in Matthew 17:5, "*Hear Him!*" Open your ears!

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CARE GROUP MEETINGS

- Care Group #1 will meet Sunday, July 11, at the fellowship building after the morning service. Please bring soups, sandwiches and desserts.
- Care Group #2 will have a potluck lunch Sunday, July 18, at the fellowship building after the morning service.

YAHOO GROUP NEWS

The Yahoo Group will travel to the Tupelo Museum at Ballard Park on Monday, July 19th. We will leave the church building at 8:30a.m. Admission is \$3.00 for ages 60 and older. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at Steele's Dive on West Main Street.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- **July 11** Elders, Deacons, Ministers meeting at 8:15a.m.
- **July 11** Care Group #1 meeting
- **July 11** Defend the Faith (7th-12) grades at the Grigsbys
- **July 13** Terrific Tuesday
- **July 14** NAYPE after service
- **July 17** Youth go to Olive Branch VBS
- **July 18** Care Group #2 meeting
- **July 19** Yahoo Group to Tupelo
- **August 28-29** Widowhood Workshop
- **September 19-20** Church directory pictures



PRAYER LIST

Anderson Parks has a ruptured Achilles tendon. He had an appointment on Tuesday with an orthopaedist to assess the damage. Surgery is likely.

Joe Reed continues to suffer from hip pain.

Continue to Remember:

Mitchel Barton, Brian Carpenter, Kathy Clayton, Audrey Clement, Larry Cobb, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmatt, Madison Hardy, John Haynes, Patrick Holmes, Tonya Huffman, Caleb Jennings, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Michele Kimsey, Sue Marques, Scott Owen, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Novene Robertson, Susie Robertson, Harold Russell, Benny Scaife, Bella Taylor, Ansley Thompson, 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



A MESSAGE FROM THE ELDERS

The elders have asked Kevin Simmons to serve as a deacon. Objections may be shared in a meeting with Kevin and the elders.

We will recognize new elders and deacons Sunday, July 18, 2021.

I've Learned

The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 09..... Arianna Golden
July 09..... Kelvin Harris
July 14..... Steve Hill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 07..... Brian & Shelby Carpenter
July 09..... Joe & Bonnie Owen
July 12..... Clint & Dawn Stroupe
July 14..... Perry & Gloria Jones

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Charles Ulmer of Sikeston, Missouri. He was the cousin of Betty Young. Charles and his wife Lorita, visited here often with Terry and Betty and family. His son, Andy, has spoken here on several occasions. Please keep this family in your prayers.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I'm a little late on writing this but Mama wouldn't let me leave on my trip until I did. Anyway, I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and prayers as I prepared to graduate. I would also like to thank everyone but Greg Clayton for helping me be the Christian I am today.

In Christian love, Clay

(We love your humor, Clay!)

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.....662-252-9762
 Tim Dye.....662-316-2527
 Richard Jennings .662-316-1305
 Troy Robertson 662-316-3163
 Phil Young.....662-316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....662-316-6420
 Shane Crotts.....662-266-0195
 Jason Jennings...662-801-3260
 Mark Jennings...731-609-3309
 Randy Wall.....662-316-9255

TO SERVE

Communion.....Mike Brown
 Scripture.....Owen Clayton
 A.M. Prayer.....Kurt Clayton
 Closing.....Olen Clark
 P.M. Prayer...Richard Jennings
 Closing.....Dillon Clayton
 Greeters.....K&S Simmons
 Lock.....Richard Jennings
 UsherJason Jennings
 SecurityRandy Wall
 Wed. Open 14th.....Tim Dye
 Wed. Close 14th.....D. Coggin

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....NC
 Sunday A.M..... 136
 Sunday P.M.....87
 Wednesday.....NC
 Contribution.....\$4,182.00
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

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ALMOST

If you almost attend the worship
 Each time the brethren meet,
 That means that you don't make it,
 Almost leaves a vacant seat.

If you almost greet a brother
 When you meet him on your way,
 He wonders why you never spoke,
 Almost has spoiled his day.

And if, almost, you start to reach out
 To lend a helping hand
 To someone who's in trouble,
 He will fall instead of stand.

And if you almost give your offering
 The way God has prospered you,
 A lot of work will go undone,
 Almost will never do.

Almost does not complete the task
 That each of us must do.
 Had Jesus almost gone to the Cross,
 Just where would that leave you?

By June Camp ~
 (Mother of Janet Drummond)

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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