



THE INFORMER

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NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME

Tim Dooley

In Exodus chapter two Moses, having killed an Egyptian and seeking to escape the wrath of Pharaoh, fled Egypt to live in the land of Midian. It was there that he encountered Jethro's seven daughters who were tending to their father's sheep and were being denied access to the watering troughs by other shepherds. Moses came to their defense and helped them to water their father's sheep. After returning home Jethro asks his daughters why they are back so soon and they tell him of the day's events and how this man had showed such great kindness to them. Jethro then asks, "*And where is he? Why is it that ye have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread*" (Exodus 2:20).

The question Jethro asks is one that needs to be considered today. Many Christians have come to know the kindness and love of the Chief Shepherd only to return to their daily lives without him. "Where is He? Why is it that you have left The Man? Call Him." It never ceases to amaze me how weak, forgetful, and thoughtless we can be when it comes to fidelity to our Lord Jesus who has done SO much for us in saving us from our sins. A problem at work, with our spouse or family, friends, or even the church will cause many to give up and return to a life of sin. Why? Little things that could easily be resolved with a little prayer and effort are elevated to the degree of a natural disaster sure to cause cataclysmic results. It can all become more than mere frustration to the elder, preacher, or caring brother or sister in Christ that are trying to seek and save the lost. So much time and energy is exerted to keep the brethren in good standing that there isn't time to save the lost.

In Acts 20:22-23, Paul was warned that his efforts for the cause of Christ, and his own salvation, would continue to bring bonds and afflictions. No problem, though however large or small, had ever stopped him before. The Jews had plotted to kill him and had even went as far as to lay in wait to execute their evil plan, but Paul escaped and continued to preach Christ boldly (Acts 9). While preaching in Antioch they were persecuted and thrown out of the city (Acts 13). He twice escaped being murdered in Acts 14. Once in Iconium and again in Lystra. He was beaten and imprisoned in Philippi (Acts 16). He told the Corinthians that five times he received "*forty stripes save one.*" Three times he was beaten with rods, once he was stoned, shipwrecked on three different occasions, and suffered the perils of waters, robbers, his own countrymen, the heathen, and among false brethren. Living with pain and exhaustion, hunger and thirst, and in cold and nakedness (2 Corinthians 11:24-28). And you think you got problems?

And just how did Paul respond when told by the Holy Spirit that if he remained faithful he could expect these kinds of things to continue? He answered, "*None of these things move me*" (Acts 20:24). Oh how I wish more brethren felt this way today.

God loved us so much that He gave His Son for our sins and therefore expects each of us to develop this kind of attitude in our lives. He told the church at Smyrna, "*Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life*" (Revelation 2:10).

THE COOKIES



At an airport one night, with several long hours before her next flight, a woman hunted for a book in an airport shop. She also bought a bag of cookies and then found a place to sit.

She was engrossed in her book but noticed out of the corner of her eye that the man sitting next to her boldly grabbed a cookie from the bag between them. She pretended not to notice; after all, she didn't want to cause a scene. So, she munched on the cookies. As the gutsy cookie thief diminished her stock, she found herself getting irritated as the minutes ticked by. "If I wasn't so nice, I would blacken his eye," she thought!

With each cookie she took, he took one too. When only one was left, she wondered what he would do. With a smile on his face and a nervous laugh, he took the last cookie and broke it in half. He offered her half as he ate the other. She snatched it from him and thought, "This guy has some nerve! He's so rude! Why he didn't even bother to say 'Thank you!'" She could not ever remember being so annoyed and sighed with relief when her flight was called. She gathered her belongings and headed to the gate, refusing to look back at the ungrateful thief.

She boarded the plane and sank into her seat. Then she pulled out her book. As she looked in her bag, she gasped in surprise. There was her bag of cookies! "If mine are here," she moaned in dismay, "the others were his! I was eating his cookies!" It was too late to apologize. She was the rude, ungrateful thief!

How often do we act in absolute certainty only to later discover what we assumed to be true was not? Keep an open mind and don't let pride blind you. You just never know...you might be eating someone else's cookies.

~Author Unknown

YAHOO GROUP OUTING

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.

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR

We truly live in the "information age." The vast amount of knowledge we have available at our finger tips is astounding. It would seem that any question we might have can be answered with just a key punch, tap or swipe. In just the past few years recognition technology has advanced such that we don't have to type the question but just ask it out loud and we'll get the answer. But as with any advancement of technology, caution must be used and we must deal wisely with the information we receive.

Misinformation, lies, half-truths, and propaganda are rampant and fill our news feeds and social media platforms. But for the Christian the truth was established long ago and it is our responsibility to "*buy the truth and sell it not*" (Proverbs 23:23). As we make daily decisions about our lives and form opinions on the things we see and hear we must use the Bible as a standard to arrive at "*righteous judgments*" (John 7:24). Don't believe everything you see and hear, especially concerning spiritual matters. We must be like the folks of Acts 17:11 and "*search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so.*" Depending on media sources to determine and set our moral compass is a spiritually dangerous practice. Rather, we must meditate on things "*true, noble, just, pure and lovely*" as prescribed by Philippians 4:8 because the information we get from God's Word is always true and genuine.

~Jay Launius

CHURCH CALENDAR

- **July 14** NAYPE after service
- **July 17** Youth go to Olive Branch VBS
- **July 18** New Elders/Deacons recognition
- **July 18** Care Group #2 meeting
- **July 18-24** Youth to Maywood
- **July 19** Yahoo Group to Tupelo
- **July 25** Youth Devo Tim & Colleen Dooley hosting
- **August 28-29** Widowhood Workshop
- **September 19-20** Church directory pictures



PRAYER LIST

Susie Robertson, mother of Steve Hill, had surgery Tuesday for a brain tumor.

Arelus Dye has a fractured vertebra. A biopsy is scheduled.

April Ponders has been diagnosed with breast cancer. It is a very common, treatable type. She will see a surgeon this week.

Anderson Parks had surgery for a ruptured Achilles tendon. He is in a lot of pain, recovering at home.

Myra Martin is weak and unable to be out. Myra attends our services and is a neighbor of Mike & Janice Brown.

Dixie White has not been feeling well lately.

Tommie Whiteside, a friend of Kurt and Shelly, was burned while canning. She has 2nd and 3rd degree burns. Please pray her burns heal and do not get infected as she is a diabetic.

Mike Whitaker, uncle of Richard Adams, has stage 4 liver cancer. He is at home in Smithville, MS under hospice care.

Continue to Remember:

Kathy Clayton, Larry Cobb, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, John Haynes, Patrick Holmes, Caleb Jennings, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Michele Kimsey, Sue Marques, Scott Owen, Anderson Parks, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Ponders, Joe Reed, Novene 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

CARE GROUP MEETING

Care Group #2 will have a potluck lunch Sunday, July 18, at the fellowship building after the morning service.

I've Learned

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- July 14.Steve Hill
- July 20. Molly Clayton
- July 22.Matt Jennings
- July 22. Hunter Jennings

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- July 14.Perry & Gloria Jones

NEW ELDERS & DEACONS RECOGNITION

We will recognize new elders and deacons Sunday, July 18, 2021. They are: Elders ~ Greg Clayton and Tim Dye. Deacons ~ Kurt Clayton, Mark Jennings and Kevin Simmons.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for the cards you sent to me for graduation. All of the kind words and prayers mean a lot. Also, the money was nice too.

Love, Parker

PINE VALE

The Pine Vale Milk and Meat fund will be depleted after this month. If you would like to contribute, please see one of the deacons.

PARENTS

A GroupMe texting app has been created for parents. If you are not in this group, please see Shaler.

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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.....Mark Jennings
Scripture.....Steve Hill
A.M. Prayer.....Shane Crotts
Closing.....Martin Crotts
P.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon
Closing.....Larry Cobb
Greeters.....P & P Young
Lock.....Randy Wall
UsherRandy Wall
SecurityJoe Owen
Wed. Open 21st.....Perry Jones
Wed. Close 21st.....J. Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....110
Sunday A.M.....128
Sunday P.M.....88
Wednesday.....102
Contribution.....\$5,151.00
Budget.....\$4,219.62

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Show a Little Kindness (NKJV)

1. Showing mercy and kindness to others will make one _____ . (Proverbs 14:21)
2. The virtuous woman extends her hand to the _____ and reaches out to the _____ . (Proverbs 31:20)
3. “And be kind to _____ , _____ , forgiving one another, even as _____ in Christ _____ you.” (Ephesians 4:32)
4. Kindness is listed as a _____ of the _____ . (Galatians 5:22)
5. God has shown His kindness toward us in _____ . (Ephesians 2:7)
6. The natives of Malta showed Paul and the others unusual _____ . (Acts 28:2)

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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