

## THE INFORMER

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#### The Cowardly

Tim Dooley

# After the death of Moses, the children of Israel stood upon the eastern banks of a swollen, rushing Jordan River. The Lord spoke to Joshua and commanded him to address to the people and instruct them in crossing the Jordan and take possession of the Promised Land. Key to the success of this occupation would be strength, resolve, obedience, and faithfulness (Joshua 1:6–7). The Lord here tells Joshua what Moses had told him in Deuteronomy 31:7 and the command is also reiterated here that is found in Deuteronomy 5:32, "Be careful, then, to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. Do not turn aside to the right or to the left:"

We speak often of the importance and applications of obedience and faithfulness to God. But how much emphasis do we place on strength and courage? Not enough I am afraid!

The society we live in has successfully painted us into the corner of passivity and cowardice.

- 1. If we speak out against social and moral issues and call them sins because that is what the Bible, the very Word of God, teaches we are labeled extremists, unloving, and hateful.
- 2. When we speak the truth that Jesus Christ is the only "way," "truth," and "life," and that no one can come to the Father except through Him (John 14:6) we are christened as bigots.
- 3. When we teach and preach the truth about salvation and who will be saved and who will be lost we are condemned as narrow-minded and judgmental. We are scolded and told we should be more inclusive (John 7:24). They miss they irony of their own judgmental nature.
- 4. When we teach the truth about the church, worship, salvation, divorce and remarriage, giving, and a myriad of other Bible subjects we are ridiculed and called radicals and legalists.

So how have we responded? I believe generally Christians have countered in one of two ways. One, some have indeed become extremists and developed an ugly attitude that has led to further isolation and created an environment in which very few are being saved and converted. They claim to be doing what the Bible says in "earnestly contending for the faith" (Jude 3) and being bold (Ephesians 6:20). But they have forgotten to speak the truth "in love" (Ephesians 4:15) and with all "longsuffering and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). Many are more concerned with winning an argument or "nailing someone to the door."

Two, and more prevalent, are those who have allowed themselves to be sat down, shut up, and shut out. They have not developed the strength or the resolve to take a stand for truth and righteousness. They are afraid they will be labeled as hateul and judgmental and cower at the idea of being ridiculed. They fear the rejection and loss of family and friends that care more about themselves and this world than Christ and eternity.

Here is the problem. Revelation 21:8 begins the list of those sinners who will "have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" with the "cowardly!" For many Christians "it is time" to take a stand (Galatians 5:1). "It is time" to "be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:10; 2 Timothy 2:1). "It is time" to wake up and be obedient (Romans 13:11). And "it is time" to be faithful (Revelation 2:10).



#### Dooley noted....

Kurt and I had our first calf born on Tuesday. We really were excited to finally welcome a baby calf; but, quickly began thinking about its health, growth and future. As newborn babes in Christ, we often don't take the same approach. Baptism isn't the end, but the beginning of the new life. Let us all be concerned about our (and others') spiritual health, growth and future. - Tim

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School	. 9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Afternoon Worship	1:15
Wednesday Bible Study	6:30

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#### OUR RECORD

#### 01/16/2022

Sunday School	53
Sunday A.M	
Sunday P.M	
Wednesday. 01/19/	
Contribution	\$2,945.00
Budget	\$4,219.62

#### PRAYER LIST

**Sue Marques,** neurologist exam was indeterminate; therefore, will not put shunt in at this time. Advised knee surgery asap, then reassessment. Has appointment with Orthopedic February 1st.

**Ricky Taylor**, a friend of many in our community, has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Lana Todd** is scheduled to have her 2nd knee surgery on February 21st.

**Covid/FLU:** Randy & Amy English, Mable Erwin, Paula & Maria Ormon, Nancy Petrowski, Kirsten Sloan

#### **Continue to Remember:**

Melvin Adams, Jennie Bell, Bob Clement, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Wayne Dye, Ernestine Dye, Prebble Foster, Nancy Frohn, Eleta Grimmett, Deborah Griffin, Barbara Holt, Carol Hood, Michelle Kimsey, Greg Lawson, Betty & Auzie McNeely, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Tom Pettey, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Billy Stroupe, Roy Sharp, William Wilson

#### **Shut-Ins:**

J. L Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe & Benita Garner, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski.

#### **Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon, Sue Stroud

#### **Military List:**

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals.

#### **SYMPATHY**

We express our deepest sympathy to Sue Marques and family in the deaths of her cousin, Betty Phillips and her husband A. C. Phillips, this past week; after having been diagnosed with covid 3 weeks ago.



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 23 ~ Shane Crotts January 29 ~ Alice Ashmore

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

- Food items for children at Myrtle School (Kurt)
- Supplies for Pine Vale each quarter (Kurt)
- Coloring Books/Crayons for Le Bonheur (Andy/ Vic Brown, Kurt/Shelly)
- Snack bags and activity books for dialysis center (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Food items for children at West Union School (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Provide bags for foster children (Brian, Matt, Shane).
- Provide hygiene products for students.
   January-Ingomar (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Caring for our church family (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Assist our elderly and the sick with yard work (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Run errands for our shut-ins (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Prepare care boxes for our shut-ins (Kevin/

#### AREA EVENTS

- Gospel Meeting January 21-23, 2022 Verona Church of Christ. Guest Speaker: Jeffery King (Daphne, AL)
- Friends and Family Day, Amory Church of Christ, January 30th, 2022. Guest Speaker: Chuck Morris (West Dyersburg, TN)

#### CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- January 23rd Youth Devo hosted by Steve & Andrea Hill at the home of Roger & Kathy Clayton.
- January 30th Deacons Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- **February 11th** Parents Date Night, drop your kids off at the fellowship building 5:00-7:00 for devotional and play with youth group.
- February 13th Area Wide @ Mayfield Church of Christ in Saltillo.
- February 25 27, 2022 CYC, Pigeon Forge, TN

#### **YOU TUBE** ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30, 1:15 & Wed. @ 6:30

#### **AM SERMON OUTLINE**

#### **Courageous Giving**

Mark 12: 38-44

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I.	Da	VID'	s Toward Giving (2 Samuel 24	.)
	A.		vid Sins by Having the People Numbered Samuel 24:1–4; 1 Chronicles 21:1; Psalm 7)	
	B.		vid's Remorse and God's Judgment Samuel 24:10–14)	
	C.	Da	vid's Sacrifice (2 Samuel 24:18–25)	
	D.	Ap	plication (Mark 12:44)	
II.	Тні	Е	Young Man (Matthew 19:16–22)	
	A.	Th	e Desire (vs 16–20)	
	B.	Th	e Condition (v 21)	
	C.	Th	e Response (v 22)	
	D.	Th	e Application (Luke 14:33; Romans 12:1–2)	
III.	Co	URA	GEOUS	
	A.	12:	ying Up in Store (1 Corinthians 16:2; Luke 16–21; 2 Corinthians 12:14; Proverbs 21:20; llachi 3:10)	
	B.	Wł	nere Our Hearts Are (Matthew 6:33)?	
	C.	Wł	nat We Need to Do?	
		1.	Examine Our Priorities (2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 6:4)	
		2.	Plan to Be Better (Luke 14:25–33)	
		3.	Repent and Submit	
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#### PM SERMON OUTLINE

#### Why Have You Come Out of Battle?

I Samuel 17: 1-8

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- I. Like Goliath, Have I Come Out to \_\_\_\_\_?
  A. Goliath and the Philistines Came Out to Combat the People of God!
  B. The People of God Have Always Faced Hostility.
  C. We don't have to be on the side of the enemy to fight God (1 Corinthians 16:1–2; Hebrews 10:24 –26; 3:13; Proverbs 6:19; Matthew 23:13)
- II. Like Israel, Have I Come Out Just to \_\_\_\_\_\_A. Saul and the Israelite army were prepared for
  - battle.
  - B. Throughout Scripture we find those who saw needs but did nothing to satisfy those need (Matthew 25:25; 20:1–16; Acts 1:11; 6:1–7).
  - C. Are we like Israel not willing to do our part (Galatians 6:8–9; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:1; 2 Timothy 2:2; Mark 16:15).
- III. Like David, Have I Come Out to \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. David was sent to take supplies to his brothers and to get battlefront info (1 Samuel 17:17—18).
    - 1. David goes to the battlefield (17:20)
    - 2. He finds a discouraged and seemingly defeated Israelite army (17:21–30).
    - 3. David's response to king Saul (17:31–37).
    - 4. Difference between the army and David was a matter of faith!
  - B. Do we have the kind of faith David had? (Romans 8:31–39; Philippians 4:13; Hebrews 13:6; Matthew 21:21; Malachi 3:10; Ephesians 3:20; Revelation 2:10; 1 John 5:4)

NOTES:

ORDER O	F WORSHIP
SINGING	Mike Brown
SONG	842 A Common Love
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Tim Dye
SONG	440 My Jesus, I love Thee
LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING	Olen Clark, Greg Clayton,
	Shane Crotts, Tim Dooley
	738 We Will Glorify The King
SONG	881 There Is a Balm In Gilead
SCRIPTURE READING	Phil Young
OPENING PRAYER	Perry Jones
SONG	694 To Canaan's Land
SONG	207 Hark! The Gentle Voice
LESSON	.Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG	48 Anywhere with Jesus
CLOSING PRAYER	Clay Jennings
USHER	Steve Hill/Jason Jennings
LOCK	Jason Jennings
SECURITY	Mark Jennings
GREETERS	Greg & Kim Clayton
WORSHIP—SUNDA	Y EVENING —1:15 PM
P.M. SINGING	Andy Brown
P.M. OPENING PRAYER	Perry Jones
LESSON	Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER	Clay Jennings
BIBLE STUDY—WEDN	NESDAY 26th—6:30 P.M.
SINGING	Dillon Clayton
OPENING PRAYER	Kevin Simmons
DEVOTIONAL	Greg Clayton

CLOSING PRAYER.....Phillip Young

Sunday, January 30
GreetersSteve & Lana Todd
Announcements Tim Dye
SingingShaler Grigsby
Lord's Supper
O Clark, G Clayton, S Crotts, T Dooley
Scripture ReadingRichard Adams
Opening PrayerJoe Owen
Closing PrayerMatt Jennings
UsherSteve Hill / Mark Jennings
LockShaler Grigsby
Security Matt Jennings
Sunday P.M.
SingingMike Brown
Opening PrayerRandy Wall
Closing PrayerThomas Wall
Wednesday February 02
Singing
Opening Prayer
DevotionalTim Dooley
Closing Prayer
Sunday, February 06
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Closing Prayer.....

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