

# THE INFORMER

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## God's Generous Care For the Returnees

Mike King



We sometimes doubt the ability of God to care for His people with there being so many. Too, the conditions under which they were traveling would have added to the complexity of God's custodial care for them.

Moses and the Israelites were in the desert and great needs had to be met daily to care for the potential 2 to 3 million people. How do you feed that many people off of a land that was dry and desolate? A Quarter-master General in the Army has done some rough estimates of what would have been required.

The travelers from Egypt to Palestine would have required 1,500 tons of food each day. To bring that much food daily to the table would have necessitated two freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day.

Considering that they were in the desert, firewood would have been required to use for cooking this abundance of food. This would have required 4,000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each also a mile long, just for one day's providing. This had to be repeated each day for forty years!

What about water? That certainly would have been a necessity with it being a desert. If they used it just for drinking and washing a few dishes, it would have taken 11,000,000 gallons of water each day and a freight train of tank cars 1,800 miles long, just for their water.

Crossing the Red Sea at night was no mean task. It is conjectured that if they crossed on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. There had to be a space in the Red Sea, three miles wide so they could walk 5,000 abreast to manage crossing in one night.

Surely this was enough of a challenge for God without having to consider where they would bed down each night. Their place of encampment at the end of the day would have required acreage two-thirds the size of Rhode Island. This would have been the equivalent of 750 square miles long.

Is there anyway that Moses could have figured this out before leaving Egypt? Impossible! The numbers were always changing with births and deaths daily. Simply calculate the necessary acreage for burial of their dead for one day. Almost 15, 000 died in Numbers 16 alone!

Now, if God could meet these challenges, do you not believe that "*...he is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think?*" (Eph. 3:20).



### PRAYER LIST

**Tony Cross**, has been diagnosed with a form of Leukemia. He will have a bone marrow test Tuesday.

**Jerry Gibson**, is at home recovering from outpatient surgery on his ankle and also from broken ribs. Please remember him as he recovers.

**Judy Mills**, daughter of *J.D. & Sue Stroud* will have tests run this week and possible surgery.

**Roger Clayton**, will see a doctor Thurs. in Oxford to determine the best treatment for his back problems.

**Anna Davis**, mother of *Richard Jennings* remains in room 202. Her doctors are running test to determine the cause of her pneumonia.

**Chris Isbell**, grandson of *Ronnie & Linda Griggs*, underwent several surgeries (graft procedures) on his leg this past week. Please pray him.

**Mary Alice Holloway**, friend of the *Marques'* has a mass on her brain. She will see a specialist on Wed.

**Olen Clark**, is recovering at home from a bad virus.

**J.D. Nesbit**, member at Hwy 178, suffered 2 strokes and also has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Bernice Nobles**, friend of *Kay Parks* undergoing chemo treatments.

#### Continual Prayer

**Terry Robbins, Gertrude Cochran, Neal Robertson, Eli Williams, Jack Dunlap, Johnny Davis, Norman Brown, J.D. Stroud, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young**

#### Shut-Ins

**Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest**

#### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

**Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden**

#### Military List:

**David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 02. .... Miriam Styers  
February 05. .... Paige Young  
February 09. .... Marie Beard  
February 09. .... Raymond Vest



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 12. .... Mike & Sheila King  
February 14. .... Andy & Sharon Clemmer  
February 21. .... Price & Claudia Senter

### SYMPATHY



We express our deepest sympathy to *Larry Cobb* and family in the death of his sister, *Jean Brown*. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 28th, at United Funeral Home in New Albany.

### THANK YOU!

We are blessed here at the New Albany congregation with capable men who are willing to help in any way needed. While *Mike* was away on the mission trip to New Zealand, *Andy Clemmer, Harold Crowe* and *Lonnie Weaver* filled the pulpit and *Bill Lyon* kept us updated with the news line each day. We appreciate them so much for all they do!

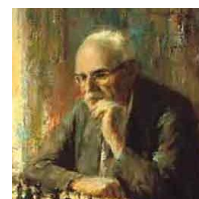
### BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for *Alyce Barton*, bride elect of *Mark Jennings*, Sunday, Feb. 12th at 2:00pm at the fellowship building. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Southern Traditions.



#### "I BELIEVE"

...That a friendly look, a kindly smile, one good act, and life's worthwhile.



## EXAMINE YOURSELVES

2 Corinthians 13:5 *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves....”*

These instructions given by Paul to not only the Corinthians but to all of us as well are most valuable and essential to our spiritual well being. Self examination of our faith is an important precaution to take in order to insure that we are truly what we claim to be, a child of God in whom Christ lives (Gal. 2:20)



Our faith is not put to the test by sitting down in a comfortable easy chair someplace and thinking about it for a few minutes. It is tested and shown by the effect it has had and is having on our daily life.

It is not a matter of what our faith is on Sunday morning as we gather together and find ourselves surrounded by Christians of like faith. What is our faith like the rest of the week when we are out in the midst of an exceedingly wicked world, out where sin and error abound mightily? Is it then that our faith shines like a great beacon of light—Matt. 5:14? In that environment does our light shine in a way that a wicked world sees our good works and is led to glorify God—Matt. 5:16? It really comes down to this: In our everyday life, going about all of our daily activities, is our life an example of the believer in word, life, love, spirit, faith and purity (I Tim. 4:12)?

Is our faith proven to be true in that others see it by what we say and what we do, not just on Sunday but the other six days of the week also (James 2:18; James 3: 10-12; Eph. 4:29-32)?

How does our faith react when adverse conditions such as sickness, hard times, failures, disappointments, burdens of all kind afflict us? Is our faith such then that we just fold up, quit, say it's too hard, can't go on? Do we blame others or perhaps even blame God? Or is our faith under those not so pleasant conditions of life such that it grows stronger as with God's help we overcome them?

Is our faith such that we can endure the disappointments, set backs and distresses of this life without complaining and murmuring (Phil. 2:14; I Cor.10:10; Jude 16)? Or is our faith such that we are led to a conscientious and honest endeavor to rejoice and thank God for his tender, loving care and mercy (Phil. 4:4. 6-7; Heb. 13:5; I Pet.5:7; Heb. 5:16).

Examine your faith. O for a faith that will not shrink though oppress by foes on every hand. David once said, *“Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart”* (Ps. 26:2). I wonder, how many of us would at this very moment dare pray the same prayer? ~ Bible Thought, Charles Hicks 09/12/11

## Plants in the Bible

1. When Aaron put his rod inside the tabernacle, what grew on it? **Figs - Olives - Almonds - Moss**
2. Fill in the blank: In a parable, Christ compared the signs of His coming to the branches of \_\_\_\_\_ tree that show when summer is near. **Olive - Sycamore - Fig - Orange**
3. Fill in the blank: In an allegory, Isaiah prophesied that Israel will become desolate even as that brings forth wild \_\_\_\_\_ will be allowed to be destroyed. **Grapes - Figs - Almonds - Olives**
4. What plant did Rachel beg of her sister Leah because it was said to help with fertility?  
**Mandrakes - Hyssop - Pomegranates - Coriander**
5. Fill in the blank: The Pharisees ridiculed Christ because His disciples plucked and ate \_\_\_\_\_ on the Sabbath. **Plums - Oranges - Figs - Corn**
6. Prior to His crucifixion, what piece of attire was placed on Christ's body to humiliate Him.  
**A crown of thorns - Flaxen manacles - Anklets of rotten fruit - A sash of ivy**
7. Fill in the blank: Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a \_\_\_\_\_ seed, which will grow from the tiniest seed into a huge tree. **Mallow - Pomegranate - Mustard - Mint**
8. Fill in the blank: Christ called Himself the true \_\_\_\_\_ and His apostles the branches.  
**Vine - Bush - Grove - Tree**

\* Mark 13:28; Matt. 12:1; Numbers 17:8; Gen. 30:14; Mk.15:17; Jn. 15:1; Isaiah 5:4; Matt. 13:31

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School ..... 110  
 Sunday A M ..... 147  
 Sunday P.M. .... 92  
 Wednesday ..... 101  
 Contribution ..... \$3,332.75  
 Budget.....\$3,567.55

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Tyler Weaver  
 A.M. Prayer .....Brad Pounders  
 Closing Prayer..... Bill Lyon  
 P.M. Prayer..... Alvin Parks  
 Closing ..... Matt Jennings  
 Wed 2/8 ..... Phillip Young  
 Wed. 2/8 ..... Bill DePriest  
 Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton  
 Greeter .....H & D Crowe



**PANTRY ITEM**

**CORN**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday School ..... 9:30  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00

**ELDERS**

Richard Jennings .....534-6671  
 Troy Robertson ..... 534-3491

**DEACONS**

Bill Botts ..... 316-2422  
 Greg Clayton..... 252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 534-5240  
 Andy Clemmer ..... 816-5887  
 Harold Russell ..... 534-4648  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

**MINISTER**

Mike King ..... 507-0625  
 Home..... 534-6872  
 Office ..... 534-4649

**MONTH: FEBRUARY 2012**

**SOUND**

**ROOM** Matt Jennings

**LEAD**

**SINGING**

*SUN AM:* Dalton Beard  
*SUN PM:* Greg Harrison  
*WED:* R. Jennings

**LORD'S**

**SUPPER**

*N Head:* Randy Wall  
*N Help I:* Greg Clayton  
*N Help II:* J.L. Eaton

**SUNDAY**

**PRAYERS**

**A.M.**

**Opening**

**Closing**

*1ST* Brad Pounders  
*2ND* Harold Russell  
*3RD* Phil Young  
*4TH* Lonnie Weaver  
*5TH*

Bill Lyon  
 Steve Todd  
 Terry Young  
 Burrell Walton

**SUNDAY**

**PRAYERS**

**PM**

**Opening**

**Closing**

*1ST* Alvin Parks  
*2ND* T. Robertson  
*3RD* Gary Turner  
*4TH* Harold Crowe  
*5TH*

Matt Jennings  
 Clay Ormon  
 Bobby White  
 Martin Crotts

**WED**

**Opening**

**Closing**

*1ST* Paul Ormon  
*2ND* Phillip Young  
*3RD* R. Adams  
*4TH* Dalton Beard  
*5TH* Dillon Clayton

Shane Crotts  
 Bill DePriest  
 Ruston Adams  
 Olen Clark  
 Roger Clayton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Andy Clemmer

**USHER** Bobby Marques

**PREPARE COMMUNION** Maria Ormon

*S Head:* Bill Botts

*S Help I:* Greg Harrison

*S Help II:* Bill Frohn

**SCRIPTURE**

**READING**

Tyler Weaver  
 Dan Cobb  
 Dean Dillard  
 Daniel Drummond

**USHER & LOCK**

Greg Clayton  
 Roger Clayton  
 Andy Clemmer  
 Harold Russell

**GREETERS**

H & D Crowe  
 R & K Jennings  
 T & N Robertson  
 B & N Frohn

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