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# Informer



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## I Am A Sinner

This is a difficult thing to say, isn't it? Although, we easily admit to the fact that we all sin, it can still be very difficult to admit to individual sins with which we struggle. Yet, this admission is key to healing, forgiveness and faithfully repenting from sin in a Christian's life. Why is this so difficult? I would like to discuss some reasons in the next few weeks that make an admission of guilt difficult for us.

**I. Pride** - This characteristic keeps many from humbling themselves enough to admit to sin in their lives. Scripture tells us time and again that God hates a proud look Ecclesiastes 6:17, but He extends grace to the humble James 4:6. We must see, admit to, and express our own sinfulness in order to keep our proud, self-serving tendencies to melt into humble admission of our faults.

**II. Perfection Complex** – We are tempted everyday to buy into the idea that everyone else has everything together and so should we. As we succumb to this idea we start to worry more about appearances than about righteousness. We do all we can to keep up a façade of perfection instead of an honest approach to our sinfulness, and this only hurts us. A person must worry more about how God sees them than about how others see them in order to be able to admit their sinfulness. John encouraged the religious people of his day to see themselves as God sees them in order “to bring fruits worthy of repentance.” Matthew 3:8. I believe he would encourage us toward the same thing today as well.

John

## The Pattern

**Philippians 3:17** Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

Patterns are found all around us. There are patterns for making clothing; patterns for building a house and patterns in mathematics. In Scriptures patterns were used in various ways. God gave the plans for the tabernacle as well as the articles within it. David gave the pattern for the new temple to his son Solomon. Have you considered that there are patterns for the church and for Christian living?

Paul declared that he set them an example - that is a pattern. They were to learn from his life how to live theirs. Paul taught men God's word and expected them to teach the same to others. That is setting a pattern. When the pattern is not followed, then an act of rebellion has been committed.

What patterns are there for the church? A study of the book of Acts reveals a pattern for salvation. By studying the conversions, we learn that people heard the word, believed, confessed, repented and were baptized. There was a pattern for organization. The church had elders, deacons and evangelists. Qualifications were given for elders and deacons so that down to this day the pattern continues. The early church was very evangelistic. A pattern was set that should be carried on to this day. The earliest members of the church met to pray, to break bread, to listen to the apostle's teaching and to have fellowship. This set a pattern. We long to practice New Testament Christianity just like the pattern set by the first century Christians. Make note of those following this practice and follow them as they follow the pattern set long before them.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Donna Altobell
- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 313-B
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- Dave Coleman
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- Tal Gray
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- Clayton & Myrna Jett
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- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Patsy Tyree - recovering from surgery at home
- Donald White - recovering from surgery at home
- Elaine Whitehead

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Georgia Cook - mother of Jennifer McNeese, George Ervin - Angie Massey's dad, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Helen Deen - mother of Sharon Davis, Barbara Skelley, mother of Tommy, Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Linda Hanback, friend of the Mobley's - cancer, Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Stacey Brown - niece of Cindy Hargrove double lung transplant, Ricky Harrington - uncle of Kaye Beard's grandson, Jean Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Natalie Kuykendall - undergoing chemo, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8

*Sympathy is extended to the family of Bobby Daniels on the death of his mother, Shirley. Her funeral was held on Saturday.*

*Sympathy is also extended to the family of Angie Massey on the death of her uncles Homer Wilder of Kentucky and Larkin Ervin of Beaverton, Michigan.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 30, 2017**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer.....Trent Hill  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....David Thomas  
     Blair Keeling                      Tracey Wilkins  
     Chris Mobley                      Jason Kelley  
     J. W. Gilliam                      Bill Fuller  
     Tommy Skelley                      Greg Grey  
 Read: Matthew 5:13-16.....Alex Jones  
 Sermon: Shining as Lights in the World.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice  
 Prayer.....Jeremy Britt  
 Read: Philippians 3:12-15.....Jerry Wilson  
 Sermon: Reaching the Goal.....John Thomas  
 Presiding.....Jerry Ballard  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Ryan Grice

Ushers: Larry Nicholson, Jerry Thornton, Brennan McNeese  
 Greeters: Benny & Alice Bolton, Terry & Edith Burgess, Shaun Townsend  
 Visual: Lee Winchester, Jerry Thornton  
 Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Benny Bolton, J. W. Gilliam

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**NURSERY CARE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 6:30 P.M.**

A.M.....Libby Moss, Jan Thomason  
 P.M.....Elizabeth Hargrove

Song Leader: ..... Shaun Townsend  
 Prayer: ..... Alex Jones  
 Speaker:..... Jim Pollard