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# Informer

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**Ezekiel 33:7-9** “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

In the first six verses of this chapter God tells Ezekiel about the responsibility given to a watchman. His job was to warn the people of the land. If the people ignored the warning of the watchman their blood would be on their own head, but if the watchman failed to give the warning he would be help accountable for their death. God used this obvious illustration to lead to a spiritual truth.

He then reveals God’s desire for the house of Israel to be a source of warning for those around them. They were expected to give warning to those around them just as a watchman would warn a city about an upcoming attack. They had a responsibility to warn others about spiritual dangers in this world. If their warnings were ignored they would not be held accountable, but if they failed to give God’s warning then the blood of those who went unwarned would be required at their hand.

What about us? Are we faithfully fulfilling the duty of a watchman to those around us, or are we silently standing by as they are destroyed by sin and Satan’s army. Lets make sure we are faithfully standing guard for those around us.

John

## What Shall We Do?

Matthew 23:3 So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

Often in Jesus' ministry he had stinging words for the Pharisees. The 23rd chapter of Matthew records many of the strong warnings he had for these individuals. In reality, the people of that day looked up to the Pharisees for leadership and religious instruction. There were serious problems in looking to the Pharisees and this is what Jesus was addressing in this chapter. In the future weeks, we will look at the seven woes pronounced by the Lord. The introductory remarks by the Lord are centered on their leadership.

Leadership is to pass on instructions. At the same time, the leadership is to set the example for those they are leading. The Pharisees knew what the Mosaic law taught. They knew the rules and regulations and were willing to pass it on to those around them. Jesus clearly tells the crowds that they were to obey the teachings of the Pharisees. There was a huge problem though. The Pharisees said one thing but did something else. They taught the proper way to observe the Sabbath but did not do so themselves. They taught against stealing but did it in various ways. They talked about honoring God but failed to do so themselves. Jesus said to do what they taught but not to do what they did. They did not practice what they taught.

Do we practice what we preach? Do we do what we teach our children to do? Does the boss do what he expects the employees to do? Do elders and ministers set the example that they ask the members to do? Chapter 23 is for self inspection. How are you starting?

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady - Home
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell - tests
- Dave Coleman - sees oncologist July 5
- JoAnn Coleman - cataract surgery Aug. 1 & Aug 24
- Athaleen Cox
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Barney Roland
- Melissa Stutts - chemo & radiation
- Donald White - radiation
- Elaine Whitehead



**Baby Tea for Sarah Thomason  
It's a Boy!**

**Sunday, July 24, 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Registered at Itty Bitty, Fisher's Pharmacy, Target**

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Darrell Brown - cancer returned, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad - Life Care, Rm. 227-A, Jane Wells, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, Greg Grissom undergoing chemo & radiation, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Tracy Worley, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Joyce Runions, Susan, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Dora Bolton - mother of James, Ginger Chesnut, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Ronnie Springer-leukemia - friend of John & Debbie Massey, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8, Sanai Pettus, 5th grade student at CA - cancer - 8041 Fenwick Lane, Spring Hill, TN 37174.

**WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 17, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tommy Hight  
     John Allen Thomas      David White  
     Jeremy Britt              Barrow Brown  
     Conner Arnett            Bill Fuller  
     Chase Thomason         Ed Hargrove  
 Read: Hebrews 9:11-14.....Kevin Mick  
 Sermon: There is Life in the Blood.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Donnie G. Davis  
 Read: Matthew 7:1-6.....Jerry Ballard  
 Sermon: Judging Others.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Mike Kinzer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

**Working For The Master  
 Sunday, July 17, after Evening Worship  
 Menu - Chicken Strips - Cost \$3 each  
 Bring Desserts if you wish.**

Ushers: Gary Boyd, J. W. Gilliam, Terry Burgess  
 Greeters: Juaneese Perdue, John & Natalie Thomas, Linda Porter  
 Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. David Thomas, Adison Duff P.M. David Thomas, Adison Duff

**If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)  
Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Katie Hixon, Addison Elrod  
 P.M.....Teri Wilkins

**WEDNESDAY JULY 20, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader .....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick  
 Announcements/Sppeaker.....Jim Pollard