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**Joe Macer - Speaker**

# Informer



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## Heritage from the Lord

<sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!

### Psalm 127:3-5

Solomon shares with us a valuable perspective in the 127<sup>th</sup> Psalm. He lets us know children are a blessing from God. They are a heritage! They are a reward and a man is blessed when he has many of them. Children are meant to be a blessing and a reward, but for this to be the case we must give heed to verse four of this Psalm. This verse compares children to arrows in the hand of a warrior. In what way are children to be like arrows in the hand of a warrior? I want to give a few insights for our consideration during the next few weeks.

First of all, a warrior will give close attention to the quality of his arrow. Their quality, or the lack thereof, can be the difference in life or death to a warrior in combat. An arrow that is not straight will curve in flight and miss its target. How does this compare to our children? We must do all we can to make sure our children are raised in such a way that they can fly straight in life according to God's will. This involves so much more than simply bringing them to worship. We must raise them with an emphasis on not turning to the right or the left of what God desires. For a tree to grow straight it must have plenty of light, and so must our children. God's word is to be a lamp to their feet and a light to their path (Psalm 119:105). May we make God's expectations clear to them and make sure they know what it means to walk with Him on the straight and narrow way. See you Sunday!

John

## In Times Of Trouble

Proverbs 24:10 If you falter in times of trouble,  
how small is your strength.

Consider the following paraphrase of this verse: If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place. No one likes adversity, however, if it comes your way, how do you handle it? Joseph faced adversity from his own family and from an immoral woman. Job faced adversity from Satan himself. He lost his children, his livestock and his servants. On top of this he was faced with painful sores covering his whole body. Daniel was faced with adversity. As a prince carried off into captivity, he was asked to do things that he could not do if he wanted to remain faithful to God. The adversity continued to happen when he was thrown into the lion's den. What did all three of these men have in common? Through trying times they all remained faithful. Never did they give up. Life was not easy but persistence paid off. They were strong.

How strong are we? Can a small disturbance drive us away from friends, family or our faith? How do we face illnesses and diseases? This proverb from Solomon states that our strength is small if we falter. If our faith does falter, then it is time to determine how to strengthen it. We should learn from our mistakes and develop a plan to improve weaknesses. While passing through our troubles continue to meditate upon the verse, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Let's grow stronger.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-B
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman-treatments
- JoAnn Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A
- Melba Pollard - NHC Maury Regional, Rm. 1502
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, Rm. 6
- Suzanna White
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- Great grandson of Myrna & Clayton Jett**, born early, weighing 2 lb in Kentucky Hospital
- Bill Harris** - recovering from surgery
- Tracy Bolton**, cousin of Brian Stone
- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason Kelley
- Patricia Vaughn** - aunt of Lisa Kelley
- Rick Heavner** - friend of the Britt's
- Joyce Crowe** - Debbie Massey's mother
- Johnny Andrews** - friend of Kim Fitzgerald
- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- George Ervin** - Angie Massey's dad
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stacey Brown**-niece of Cindy Hargrove-double lung transplant
- Jean Posey** - sister of Jean Sims

**WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 29, 2017**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

- Welcome.....Randy Jones
- Song Leader: .....Nathan Hixson
- Prayer:.....Joe Macer
- Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Blair Keeling
  - John Allen Thomas
  - Boyd Wood
  - Austin Winchester
  - Jim Anderson
  - Jason Kelley
  - Chris Mobley
  - Tommy Skelley
  - Barrow Brown
- Read: Psalm 127.....Byran Farris
- Sermon: The Heart of a Child.....John Thomas
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

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

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Mike Kinzer
- Prayer.....David Thomas
- Read: II Kings 22:18-20.....Patrick Sullivan
- Sermon: The Child King.....John Thomas
- Presiding.....John Massey
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Charlie Willis

Ushers: Cheyenne McNeese, Brennan McNeese, Benny Bolton

Greeters: Jim & Myra Thomas, Blake & Jessica Daniels

Visual: Lee Winchester, Ryan Massey

Security Team: A.M. & P.M. - Greg Lusk, Ryan Grice

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**NURSERY CARE**

- A.M.....Melissa Stutts, Juaneese Perdue
- P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 P.M.**

- Song Leader: .....Trent Thomason
- Prayer:.....Daniel Thomas
- Announcements/Speaker:.....Nathan Hixson