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# Informer

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## Election Day

As I write this our country is deciding on our next president! The best comparison I have heard is “It has been like we have had a 18 month toothache and now we finally get to pull it.” By the end of the day, it will all be over. Some would say the person that is chosen will then be the most powerful person in the world, but the Bible shows us three interesting perspective on ruler.

### **I. The “most powerful person in the world” is nothing more than a pawn in the hand of our God.**

I am sure that the ruler of the Persian Empire thought he was all powerful, but Isaiah showed us God’s thoughts in 44:28. *“It is I who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire... I have often wondered if Cyrus was shown this prophecy calling him by name and stating that he would rebuild Jerusalem decades before he was ever born when he decided to let the Jews return to Jerusalem with supplies to rebuild the Holy Temple. Irregardless, he was simply following God’s plan for him.*

### **II. The President will only be there because of the will of God.**

**Romans 13:1** *Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.* God does not always give what we want, but he does give a country what they deserve.

### **III. We need to pray for them.**

We know God can change the heart of man to move toward His will. In **I Timothy 2:1,2** Paul tells Timothy to pray for those who are in power so we could live quiet lives in all godliness. Our leaders should be covered in the prayers of God’s people. We must ask for Him to guide them to lead us in a way that will allow our country to be a place where righteousness can excel.

John

## The Fruit Of Lips

Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.

The Creator has given us a great gift - the ability to communicate using words. In turn, we are to use our words in order to praise him. The Psalmist wrote words of praise which were primarily sung. Singing songs of praise is a way to offer a sacrifice to God and it is so simple to do. In singing we do confess the name of Jesus; we talk of his salvation and we thank him for his love, mercy and grace. Ephesians 5:19 lets us know that our singing is to come from each individual's heart. We need to believe and to understand what we are singing and the message behind it. Are we praising the Lord in our singing?

A second message from Ephesians 5:19 is that we are speaking to one another as we sing songs. Our praise is going up to God but it is also going out to the people in the audience as well. This can build up faith and provide encouragement to one another. This helps us to find unity and harmony with one another as well. A question that I would like for you to consider is: What does it say if I refuse to sing? Would people know that I want to praise God and his Son? Would people know that I am so thankful for salvation and want to have a heavenly home? Would the people in the room receive any encouragement from me? Singing is a valuable form of communication. I ask all that read this to make the decision to sing from the depths of your heart with great enthusiasm and much meaning. May God be glorified by what we do!

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Barney Roland
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

*Sympathy is extended to Melba Lee and family on the death of her mother, Carrie Sanders, whose funeral was Sunday.*

*Sympathy is also extended to the Clyde Farris family in the death of his niece, Patricia Farris Johnson, who passed away unexpectedly on Monday.*

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Walker Woods, grandson of Marna McAdams, Jeff Porter - grandfather of Natalie Thomas, Jeanne Nicholson - niece of Helen Lusk, JoAnn Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, 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, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, 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, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - NHC Columbia Rm. 106, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

**WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Greg Lusk  
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Charlie Willis  
     Blair Keeling                      James Bolton  
     Jim Pollard                         Terry Burgess  
     Gary Boyd                         Blake Daniels  
     Dustin Stutts                      Bobby Daniels  
 Read: Romans 13:1-7.....Richard Farris  
 Sermon: Now What?.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Mike Kinzer  
 Prayer.....Jerry Ballard  
 Read: Matthew 26:39-46.....Kevin Mick  
 Sermon: Why Did He Say No?.....John Thomas  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Mike Lyle  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Byran Farris

*We commend Edith Burgess and Angela Mobley for coming forth Sunday asking for prayers.*

Ushers: Sonny Hargrove, Danny Lasater, Barrow Brown  
 Greeters: Donnie & Sharon Davis, Lorene Hickman, Teri Hill  
 Visual: Lee Winchester, Jimmy Quirk

Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—Benny Bolton, Tracey Wilkins

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**NURSERY CARE**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.**

A.M.....Reba Jones, Teresa Lyle  
 P.M.....Angie Massey

Song Leader .....Trent Thomason  
 Prayer.....Jerry Ballard  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Trent Hill