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# Informer



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## Better Gifts

Christmas is a great time of making memories, and the excitement of our children is off the charts. In the malls and online every parent is frantically searching for gifts for their children. We all have a desire to give them something they will love and enjoy, and because of this we spend a great deal of time and energy finding the perfect gift. However, we also have limitations on how much we can spend based on our budget. We also have to consider at times about how much a child should receive. Giving our children good gifts takes a great deal of effort and wisdom.

I want to suggest to each one of us a wonderful gift we can offer to our children. It can't be bought in a store, but it is priceless. If received properly, it won't end up in a toy bin or the attic. Our children will never outgrow it, and it will bless them all the days of their life. The gift every parent needs to give their child is the gift of godly instruction. Solomon said in **Proverbs 1:8,9** *Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching; 'Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck.* He wanted to make sure his children received and carried positive teachings with them everywhere they went. Their teaching would be a crown on their head and a way to beautifully adorn their neck. In Proverbs chapter 2 he continues to explain everything that following his godly teaching will do for their lives. This was a priority for him and it should be for us. Every day we are giving our children instruction by what we say and what we do. They will carry these lessons with them throughout their life and into eternity. My encouragement to each one of us is to make sure we spend time, energy, and a great deal of thought to how we give this all important gift to our children. See you Sunday.

John

## An Apostle's Conscience

Romans 9:3 *For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel.*

How deep is your love for the lost? Paul was a Jewish man who had a deep love for his Jewish brothers. They were in his thoughts and on his mind. The message of Jesus Christ had been discovered and understood by Paul. Paul knew this presented the gift of salvation. To be lost and then to learn of eternal life was thrilling. Paul desired that all Jewish people would share in this same gift from God. Sadly many if not most rejected Jesus and his gospel. Paul tried his best to convince them but with not nearly the success that he wanted. His heart was so torn that he decided he was willing to become cursed and cut off from Christ for those with the same nationality. Simply put he was willing to go to hell in order to save others.

What would you do to save others? Members of our own family that have not obeyed the gospel bring about sadness. Paul called this great sorrow and unceasing anguish. Are we presenting the gospel to those who have not obeyed it? Trading hell for the salvation of others is not a possibility nevertheless we need a heart that wants to bring about the salvation of those around us. Let's turn this sadness into actions that present the gospel. Let's not be afraid to tell the story of Jesus and the plan of salvation. These deep feelings that motivated Paul can do the same for us and result in the salvation of other. How deep is your love for the lost?

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
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- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
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- Helen Lusk - treatments
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- Bill Harris** - NHC room 2400
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- JoAnn Posey** - sister of Jean Sims

**WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 10, 2017**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

- Welcome.....Randy Jones  
 Song Leader: .....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer:.....David Thomas  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Gary Boyd  
     Brennan McNeese      Terry Burgess  
     Cheyenne McNeese     Eli Cadle  
     David White           James Cadle  
     Boyd Wood             Bobby Daniels  
 Read: Luke 1: 26-38.....Blake Daniels  
 Sermon: The Call.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

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

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Blair Keeling  
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley  
 Read: Jeremiah 18: 1-6.....Eric Hixson  
 Sermon: The Heritage.....John Thomas  
 Presiding.....Jeremy Britt  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Joe Macer

Ushers: Ed Hargove, Barrow Brown, John Massey  
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- A.M.....Katherine Nicholson, Jackie Hargrove  
 P.M.....Juaneese Perdue

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 6:30 P.M.**

- Song Leader: .....Conner Arnett  
 Prayer:.....Chris Mobley  
 Announcements/Spoker:.....Blair Keeling