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## Informer



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### God Knows

**Psalm 1:6** *For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish*

The first Psalm ends with a simple yet profound thought. The Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. God knows your way. Let that sink in...God knows your way! When you are happy, God knows. When you are succeeding in every way, God knows. When you are sad, broken and struggling to make it, God knows. We serve a God who is knows what we deal with each morning, and what breaks our heart each night. He isn't absent and unconcerned. He knows us and cares for us. He knows we have cares and He wants us to cast them onto him. God knows our hardships, and He also knows how they can help to bless our lives. He knows our trials can bless us because through pain, and struggles we can become refined into His image in a greater way. The way of the righteous is a blessed way because God is with us. There is nothing that can separate us from His love, and His presence will provide the blessings we need as we travel on to our home with Him.

However, the way of the wicked will perish. We must never be fooled by this world to think wickedness will bring anything more than destruction into our lives. It is never ok to do the wrong thing. The end of wickedness is predictable and sure. They will perish. This fact should drive us away from wickedness in our lives, and it should motivate us to Go into the world to warn of the consequences of wicked choices. It is a message that needs to be heard, and one we are called to deliver with love. It is imperative because we know God allows individuals to move from the way of wickedness to righteousness. This change is the way to a blessed life. May we all do our part to help others find it.

John

### Lawsuits Among Believers

**I Corinthians 6:7** *The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?*

An often ignored Biblical subject is found in I Corinthians 6 in verses one through eight. Apparently at this congregation individuals had disputes with each other so severe that lawsuits were taken before the governing authorities. Paul is very displeased with this behavior. First, Christians should be able to resolve differences with one another and second, it looks very bad to have Christians arguing publicly with each other before the court system. Paul counsels for disputes to be settled in the local congregation. Sadly down through the years this instruction has not been followed. This has lead to the church not looking so good. Paul was greatly concerned about the influence that individuals had on the church. Are we doing anything to make the church look bad? If so, then it needs to be stopped immediately.

Why were lawsuits happening in the church? A dispute occurs when two people disagree and are unwilling to budge. Two individuals have to have their way. Jesus Christ set the example for putting himself last and others first. Paul tells the participants in the lawsuit to let it go. This is so contrary to today's thinking. The brothers were told to work it out in the local congregation and if in the end you feel cheated or wronged to accept it. This is far better than the church's influence being harmed. I suspect if the two Christians involved had the attitude of Christ then the trouble in Corinth would have never occurred. Are we following the teaching within Scriptures?

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
OUR MEMBERS**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 8, 2018**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Jim Pollard  
 Song Leader: .....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer:.....Trent Hill  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Boyd Wood  
     Tracey Wilkins                      Bobby Daniels  
     Austin Winchester                 JW Gilliam  
     Benny Bolton                         Tommy Hight  
     Blake Daniels                         Chris Lewis

Read: .....Jerry Ballard  
 Sermon: .....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

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

Welcome/Song Leader.....Lenny Davis  
 Prayer.....Daniel Thomas  
 Read: .....John Massey  
 Sermon: .....Young Men  
 Presiding.....Corey Smith  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Ryan Grice

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**WEDNESDAY JULY 11, 6:30 P.M.**

A.M.....Jackie Hargrove

**VBS**

**Speaker - Randy Jones**