



# The Informer

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*Love God Supremely, Love Others as Yourself, Share the Gospel of Jesus*

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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

#### **Sunday, 2/23**

Sunday School ..... 10:00am  
Morning Worship..... 11:00am  
Children's Activities.....5:00pm  
Discipleship Training ..... 5:00pm  
Praise Band Practice ..... 5:00pm  
Evening Worship.....6:00pm

#### **Monday, 2/24**

Young at Heart.....6:00pm  
Handbells ..... 7:00pm

#### **Tuesday, 2/25**

Ensemble..... 6:00pm

#### **Wednesday, 2/26**

Children's Choir.....6:30pm  
Prayer & Bible Study.....6:30pm  
Youth Bible Study.....6:30pm  
RA'S & GA'S.....7:00pm  
Adult Choir Practice.....7:30pm

### SERVANTS - February 23, 2020

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Linda Kearse

#### USHERS

Neal Shramek, Jan Thomas  
Victor Googe, Ken Ready

#### NURSERY

Ruthie Wall

#### GREETERS

Stan & Nettie Sibley

#### TELLERS

Joel Williams, Jan Thomas

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Victory House:** 2461 Sidney's Rd., Walterboro, S.C. 29488 Clyde Furman Room 151-B

**JEH Nursing Home:** Jean Ferguson, Catherine Loadholt, Hazel Mathis, Celia Jones, Annie Manuel

**Briana's Residential Care:** Hilda Rahn, Claudine Mitchell

**St Matthews Convalescence Center:** Omma Lee Folk, Box 157, 601 Dantzler St., 29135

**Encompass Health Hospital :** Taylor at Marion St. Columbia SC. 29220 Jenny Graham

**At Home:** Louise Cook, Sara Cook, Jo Anna Crosby, Peggy Loadholt, Peggy Long, Dale Robinson, Susan Royster, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, Patti Sullivan, David Wiley, Myrna Wilson, Linda Kearse, Katie Champagne, Oranne Brunson, Donnie Jones, June Thomas,, Lorine Speck is at 621 Tribeca Ct., Charleston, SC 29414

**Friends & Family:** Ginger Altman, Andy Anderson, Raymond Bennett, Thomas Benton, Peggy Bolman, Willis Bowers, David Brabham, Peggy Brabham, Sara Jo Brown, Jimmy Burbage, Clara Coath, Holly Coker, Larry Cribb (Carol Ann's Nephew), James Deer, Jeff Dole, Linda Dyches (Cecelia's sister-in law), Laney Futch (niece of Lynn, Faye Gooding, Carrie Grubbs (Virginia's granddaughter), Todd Grubbs, Brenda Harden, Abigail Hiers, David Horn, Betty Hutto, Marie Lee, Gabriel Litchfield, Margaret Long, Annelle McCaskey, Lexie Monroe, Resa Monts, Betty Overstreet, Frankie Padgett, Azilee Polk, Reid Porter, Jr., Shirley & Penny Robinson, Cliff Rogers, Megan Sharpe, Howard Simmons, Elizabeth Smith, Mark Smith, Sharon Snider, Rachel Stanford, David Walls, Eric Scoggins, Nellie Sullivan, Patti Sullivan,, Tim Tomlinson, Teresa Tyler (Carol Ann's Niece), Rachel Wiggins, W. K. & Elese Windham, Blanche Winstead, Dennis Wright, Mike Thomas-Gloria's brother

**OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:** John Mark Cook, Major Lindi Kirkland, US Air Force, Lt. Joseph Dyches, Rebecca Leonard PFC

## **Sermon: Exodus 23:20-23 "My Angel"**

### **Torah Portion: Exodus: 21-24**

#### **Discipleship: Grace vs. Law**

*Now these are the ordinances which you are to set before them .(Exodus 21:1)*

The laws and commandments found in the Torah are God's instructions for how he wants His people to live. The Torah is like a user's manual for life.

This Torah portion contains a lot of laws. Exodus 21-23 reads like an ancient legal code. Of the 613 commandments that the sages traditionally derive from the Torah, more that fifty of them are found in this portion.

The Grace vs. Law concept is derived from the writings of Paul. In his epistles, it seems that Paul pits the two in opposition to each other. He often says things like "Before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law" (Gal. 3:23) and "If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law" (Gal. 5:18). One might misunderstand these statements to mean that Christians do not need to keep God's rules. Of course, that would be absurd. Paul realized that some people might misunderstand his teachings, so he cautioned us not to suppose that grace gives free license to sin against God:

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? (Romans 6:1-2)*

If Paul was not teaching believers that they did not have to keep God rules, what was he talking about? In Paul's day, many of the Jewish believers taught that before Gentiles could be part of the kingdom, they needed to become Jewish. The idea that a Gentile must become Jewish before being saved is what Paul calls being "under the law." As we have seen earlier in our studies,

Paul believed that Gentiles became sons of Abraham and part of the people of God through faith in Messiah. They did not need to earn that status by becoming legally Jewish. They did not need to first come "under the law" in order to enter the kingdom.

The Bible does not actually teach the idea of Grace vs. Law. Grace is God's free gift of salvation for those who believe in His Son. Law is His loving instruction for how his people should live. Grace vs. Law is false dichotomy. They are not opposed to each other. They are meant to work hand in hand.

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

for **January** is a small flashlight with batteries and for **February** it is a bar of soap with a covered travel holder. Thank you for your help.

**Men's Wild Game Banquet:** Saturday, March 14th, at 6:00 PM at the Old Door Plant in Varnville. Tickets are available at the church office for \$10. If you invite a neighbor or friend who needs to hear the message, you can get a free ticket for them at the office. **John Godwin from Duck Dynasty will be the speaker.**

**VBS Dates for 2020:** VBS this year will be Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31st. We will meet in the mornings from 9 to 12. If you would like to help with lunches or any other activities please let Pastor David know.

**New Sunday School Class:** A new class for parents of children and youth will begin on Sunday, March 1st, in the upstairs library room. We would love to have you!

**Bulletin Boards.** We have a need for a volunteer to update our bulletin boards in the church hallways. Please see Pastor David if you are interested.

## **Schedule for watching security monitors:**

Feb 23 Butch March 1 Stan

## **Schedule for DVD'S Delivery:**

Feb 25 Betty Coker  
Jan & Glory Thomas  
Mar 2 David & Marsha Ann

## **OUR RECORD SPEAKS 02/16/2020**

**SS Enrollment/Attendance..... 116/56**  
**SS Visitors/New Members..... 03/00**  
**Morning Worship..... 69**  
**Mission Fund..... 185.00**  
**Bible Sticks.....40.00**  
**Budget Offering..... 3330.00**  
**Budget Needs (weekly)..... 3798.00**



*In Our Prayers*