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## Informer



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### Don't Underestimate Their Potential

**Ecclesiastes 12:1** *Remember now you creator in the days of your youth....*

I enjoyed watching the national championship game last night. It was kind of nice not really having a “dog in the hunt” as to caring who won or not (Auburn had already beat both of them;) This allowed me to just relax and watch the game, and it was quite the experience. I was shocked by the fact that Alabama came out at halftime and benched their QB who had led them to two consecutive national championship games for a 19 year old who had not started a single college game. I was amazed at his moxie as he stepped onto the largest stage in college football. He played at a high level and achieved a great comeback victory by throwing 3 TDs in the second half and overtime. He reminded everyone who watched that young people have great potential and can accomplish great things when given the opportunity.

As parents, I believe it is easy to underestimate the potential of our children. Because we have raised them from a time when they were totally dependent on us, it is easy to overlook their growing abilities to make a difference in this world. As a church, it is often said that children are the church of tomorrow, but we must realize their potential for the church today. Young people can show us emotion, zeal, purity, trust, and so many things that are needed in the church today. They can show us the importance of relationships, and they can also do great things for the Lord when given the chance. As parents, let's do our best to encourage our children to be active in the work of the church. As a congregation, we must try to give them every opportunity we can to be an active part of the Lord's work. When we do, I believe we can see great things happen through the Lord's work in their lives as well. See you Sunday.

John

### No Other Gods Before Me

**Exodus 20:3** *You shall have no other gods before me.*

An October 2017 survey was conducted in Britain about the relevance of the Ten Commandments. Our society often mimics their results either concurrently or within a very short time. The result shows that God is out in today's society. How many agree with "you shall not kill"? How many agree with "you shall not steal"? Both questions have 93% agreement. Eighty-seven percent agreed that bearing false witness was wrong while 73% agreed adultery was wrong. A high percentage also believed in honoring your father and mother. What about the first four of the Ten Commandments? These are the ones about man's relationship with God. Only 20% agreed that we should have no other gods before God. Only 23% thought you had to be careful in the way you use God's name. Thirty-one percent believed it was wrong to worship idols. Sadly, God is being removed from people's lives.

What makes murder, stealing or adultery wrong? These are commands that came from God and yet people are ignoring him to a large extent today. God taught us how we should relate to our fellowman as well as to him. How strange that we would ignore the giver of the law and the one who has given us life. The survey was also broken down into Christian and non-religious categories. Only 46% of Christians said idolatry was wrong. Only 36% of Christians agreed with the verse of today. God is being removed! Will we strive to give him his place of honor? Will we stand on his side? Will we proclaim the Biblical evidence of his power and might and authority? Let's do all we can to turn people back to the true and living God who has given us opportunity for salvation.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-B
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- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
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- Corrine Goetz
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- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
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- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk
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- Jimmy Quirk
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- Suzanna White
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead
- Ed Johnson - Knee replacement surgery
- Patsy Tyree

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- Bill Harris** - NHC Walnut Lane. Room 129
- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason 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
- JoAnn Posey** - sister of Jean Sims
- Knox Waggoner** - DeWayne & Cindy Hickman's grandson.

**WORSHIP LEADERS JANUARY 14, 2018**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

- Welcome.....Greg Lusk  
 Song Leader: .....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer:.....Blair Keeling  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Byran Farris  
     Daniel Thomas           Barry Cross  
     Tommy Hight             Trent Hill  
     Chase Thomason         Mike Kinzer  
     Terry Burgess           Danny Lasater  
 Read: Romans 12:4-8.....Donnie G. Davis  
 Sermon: A Firm Foundation.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

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

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Blake Daniels  
 Read: Hebrews 11:1-4.....Mike Lyle  
 Sermon: Abel - Let's Go Worship!.....John Thomas  
 Presiding.....Jason Kelley  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Joe Macer

Ushers: Tom McBee, Brennan McNeese & Cheyenne McNeese  
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**NURSERY CARE**

- A.M.....Elizabeth Hargrove & Teri Hill  
 P.M.....Kim Morgan

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17, 6:30 P.M.**

- Song Leader: .....Shaun Townsend  
 Prayer:.....Jim Pollard  
 Announcements/Speaker:.....Nathan Hixson