

# The Oologah Informer

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### What a Strange World We Live In!

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#### Service Times

##### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

#### Preacher:

Russ Earl

#### AM Sermon:

Are You Falling? (Galatians 1:3-4)

#### PM Sermon:

What does the Bible say about

Assurance? (John 10:27-29)

#### Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

#### Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

#### In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47

Sunday mornings at 7:30am

In a posting on Feb. 28, 2011, it was reported that a man killed his girlfriend's puppy. He has been charged with aggravated cruelty and harassment. He is now in court waiting on this judgment and sentence. In another posting dated April 28, 2011, a 19 year old man was accused of intentionally running over some baby ducks in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has been charged with killing/torturing animals, which is a four years felony.

While we would never advocate cruelty to animals or try to justify such intentional acts as the two above have been charged with, does anyone else see a bigger problem here? It is not that those who would do such things may have warped minds or little, if any, moral values. Yes, that would be a problem, but look even deeper! Look at what a strange world we live in!

A person intentionally kills a puppy and could go to prison. A person intentionally kills some ducks and could have a felony on his record that will affect him for

years to come. Both of these cases have caused others to be angered and disgusted with those who could possibly commit such acts. Too many people, these young men, if guilty, deserve whatever punishment they get.

Yet, if the stories mentioned were talking about two young ladies who decided to intentionally kill their unborn babies, little, if any, outrage would be raised, and most people would praise their "choice". And, if anyone raised a question about it, the rights of these young ladies to have an abortion would be defended, and those who would oppose such would be portrayed as those who do not care about the lives of these young ladies.

A society that punishes people for killing dogs and ducks, yet legalizes the killing of babies, is certainly a society that has its moral values turned upside down. It is also a society that cares little for God and has failed to understand that God calls the shedding of innocent blood an abomination (Proverbs 6:17).

It is definitely a strange world we live in when animals get more respect than precious babies. It is also a strange world we live in when we shed no tears over these precious souls whose lives are snatched away from them because of parents who care only for themselves!

#### **"Selling Out"**

One of the leaders of the early church was Polycarp. He was brought to trial by the authorities and told he must renounce his Christian faith. He replied, "Fourscore and six years have I served Him, and He never did me wrong: how then can I revile my King, my Savior?" They took him out and put him to death. Later when the Christians wrote their history of that period they said, "Polycarp

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was martyred, Statius Quadratus being proconsul of Asia, and Jesus Christ being King forever!”

Today many are “selling out” - renouncing their faith, and becoming a servant of the god of this world. What wrong has our Lord done to mankind that they would treat Him so? Beloved, Jesus has given us the greatest gift of all - His own life, that we might have eternal life with Him. What are we willing to sacrifice for our Lord - our lives, our money, our time? The words of John still ring true, “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

\*Taken from “The Preachers PC” by Tom Moore \*

## Announcements

### Food Pantry

Thank you to those who helped with the food pantry yesterday. We are thankful to be able to have this good work.

### Men’s Meeting

Our next men’s meeting will be on Oct 6th after evening services.

### Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – is having problems recovering from her knee surgery.

Barbara Coats – is recovering from surgery on her arm.

Kenny (Patty Payne’s husband) – is waiting to hear about the results from his biopsy on Thursday.

Darla’s sister Ruth is recovering from surgery on her legs.

Steve Lay’s mother - fell and is in the hospital recovering.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

### Please keep the following in the prayers:

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla Smith’s sisters)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown