



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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Please Join Us
Sunday, February 26th for:

“Friends and Family Day”



at the

New Albany Church of Christ



Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:25am

Noon Meal

Evening Worship: 1:15pm





PRAYER LIST

Sheila Beasley, is in room 230 of the local hospital with breathing problems.

Audrey Anna Young, will see her doctor Tues. to schedule her knee surgery.

Jerry & Eleta Grimmert, are not feeling well.

Wadie Lepard, will have a stress test Wed. Her cataract surgery was postponed until a later date.

Pat Reed, will have a nerve block on her neck Thurs.

Mable Erwin, had a MRI on her back Monday.

Clay Jennings, will have tubes put in his ears Friday.

Bill Frohn, having tests run this week.

Bill Lyon, is receiving shots for a pinched nerve in his neck.

Roger Clayton, is receiving shots for a pinched nerve in his back.

Continual Prayer

Bill Lyon, Roger Clayton, Tony Cross, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Mary Alice Holloway, Terry Robbins, Bernice Nobles, J.D. Nesbit, Eli Williams, Jack Dunlap, Johnny Davis, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmert, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

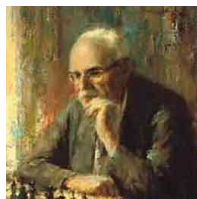
Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

"I BELIEVE"

**...That money will buy a fine dog,
but only kindness will make him
wag his tail.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- February 15. Greg Clayton
- February 17. April Pounders
- February 22. Jennie Bell
- February 22. Nancy Frohn
- February 25. Carlisle Smithey



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- February 21. Price & Claudia Senter

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

'Friends and Family Day' will be Sunday, February 26th. We would like to have a large crowd that day. Please begin inviting your neighbors, friends and family members to join us that day. Sunday School will begin at 9:30; Worship at 10:30; Lunch at 11:30; and Evening services will be at 1:15.



ASKED FOR PRAYERS

Gloria Jones responded Sunday confessing wrongs in her life and asking for the prayers of the church on her behalf. We are so proud of her and her decision to please God. Let us all encourage her.

YOUTH NEWS

- Senior Bible Bowl Sun. Feb. 19th, at Hillcrest.
- Youth Devo Sun. Feb. 19th following services. The *Frohns* will be hosting. The girls are asked to bring corn chips and the boys drinks.
- Area Wide Bible School, Sat. Feb. 25th, from 10am-2pm at the Mayfield church of Christ.
- Congratulations to *Daniel Drummond* for being Valedictorian (2012) at N.A. High School.
- Congratulations to *Phillip Young* for being selected Star Student and Valedictorian (2012) at Myrtle Attendance Center.

Making Evangelism Personal

Evangelism is the lifeblood of the church! If the saved fail to share, sinners will remain separated from the Lord. It is each Christian's responsibility and blessed privilege to share the Gospel with those we meet (Mk. 16:15-16). While most Christians understand the Lord's directive, some are guilty by failing to make this directive personal. If evangelism is to be successful, it must be personal! **"Go ye, means go me!"** Yet, how can the "average" child of God make evangelism personal?

Firstly, evangelism must be a **priority**. It is quite interesting to note that just prior to our Lord's ascension and exaltation, He made evangelism a priority for His followers. Teach, baptize and teach some more (Matt. 28:18-20) was the Lord's plea. This edict was to become their daily priority and ours as well. For evangelism to be our priority, it must extend past the wall of the meetinghouse! Although congregational evangelism efforts are great and needed (Gospel meetings, door-knocking, supporting missionaries, et al), they are no substitute for personal, individual evangelism. Have you made evangelism personal? Is it an individual priority for you? We must change the often present mentality of "let someone else do it" when it comes to spreading the Lord's message. Evangelism must be a priority!

Secondly, Evangelism requires a **person**. While the world is certainly our "target" for evangelism (Mk 16:15), it begins with an individual person. Jesus saw individuals (Matt. 4:18). Both Philip and Ananias were directed to individuals (Acts 8:a26-28; 9:17ff). Interestingly, God counts by ones; one sheep (Lk. 15:3-7), one coin (Lk. 15:8-10), and one boy (Lk. 15:11-32)! If our Lord was to return today and ask you the name of the person you are actively seeking for His cause, could you honestly name a person? Making evangelism personal requires a person!

Thirdly, evangelism necessitates a **plan**. Success in any area of life requires a strategy or plan. Technique is extremely important when it comes to sharing the message of salvation. This plan involves inspection. Inspect and evaluate where the person is religiously that you desire to evangelize (Acts 8:30a). This plan also must include inquiry. Questions are powerful tools in the evangelist's arsenal (Acts 8:30b). This plan must also include instruction. Sadly, this is where some stop. We often know where our friends and family are religiously through inspection, and we even engage in religious conversations and inquiry with these same ones, but sadly, some fail to complete the process by instructing. Instruction is the final key to evangelism (Acts 8:35).

Could it be that many have neglected the Lord's directive for evangelism? The Lord's church will never reach her full capacity until each and every member accepts his/her responsibility in evangelism. Evangelism must be personal! Personal evangelism that pleases the Lord is evangelism that involves a plan. May it be said of each Christian that which was said of our Master, He came to "seek and save the lost" (cf. Lk. 19:10). **Who are we seeking?**

~ by: Rodney Nulph

A SECOND GLANCE



After a bit of reflection on my Sunday AM lesson, I would like to make a bit more clarification to insure that no one drew a wrong conclusion.

You may remember the illustration from the book *Jungle Pilot* by *Nate Saint*, a denominational missionary who befriended a cannibal tribe in South America. After dropping gifts in a bucket from his airplane and receiving gifts from them, he eventually landed on a sandbar and was killed by the natives. His wife went back years later with other workers and taught them.

I was not inferring that they represented the truth nor would I be supportive of their denominational ways or teachings. The story was simply told to illustrate the courage of some who thought and behaved unselfishly and put the needs of others ahead of self. Another such person was *Mary Slessor* in Cameroun, West Africa who combated primitive living, cannibalism and deadly disease in the late 1800's for a cause in which she believed.

Those others to whom I made reference: *David Lipscomb*, *T. B. Larimore*, *A. G. Freed* and *N. B. Hardeman* were preachers of the gospel and did spread the Word of God in its purest form. We applaud their faith and efforts to both preach and live the truth. We can only admire the unselfishness of others in history who were courageous people, who though unfortunately did not embrace New Testament Christianity.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	118
Sunday A M	138
Sunday P.M.	84
Wednesday	96
Contribution	\$3,898.70
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Dean Dillard
A.M. Prayer.....	Phil Young
Closing Prayer.....	Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....	Gary Turner
Closing	Bobby White
Wed 2/22	Dalton Beard
Wed. 2/22	Olen Clark
Usher & Lock....	Andy Clemmer
Greeter.....	T & N Robertson



PANTRY ITEM

Pantry is low

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

Feel Left Out?

When it is announced at the assembly **that someone is sick**, do you: Send them a card, or offer to help? Organize help for them if necessary? Visit them at the hospital or at home? Get irritated with announcements about folks you don't know? When a **work day is planned**, do you: Arrange your plans so you can be there? Look for ways you can contribute to the work needed? Always manage to be: "too busy" because it is your "day off"?

When **new souls** are added or **new folks** place membership with the congregation, do you introduce yourself and welcome them? Visit and encourage them? Ignore them and hurry away as soon as possible? Head out the door before the final "Amen"?

When you think there isn't **enough activity** going on in the church, do you: Invite groups of Christians into your home for fellowship and periods of Bible study? Do **you** plan and carry out activities for adults and children? Do you offer to supply transportation for those who are unable to get to worship or the grocery store? Or do you sit back and grumble about what **they** are doing?

When there is a **gospel meeting**, do you: Help advertise the meeting? Go out and invite folks to come with you to the meeting? Support the effort with your attendance?

When someone is **absent from the assembly**, do you: Give them a call to find out why? Let them know you missed them and offer to help?

Now, from just which of the above activities do you feel you have been excluded?

~ Selected



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