



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 21, 2017



You're invited to our

Friends and Family Day

**Please be our guest for this great day
of worship and fellowship!**

Where: New Albany Church of Christ

511 Hwy 15 South, New Albany, MS

Time: Sunday School ~ 9:30am

Morning Worship ~ 10:30am

Potluck meal after morning services

Evening Worship ~ 6:00pm

Date: Sunday, February 26th, 2017

Come as our guest and leave as our friend!



Don't Quit, Persevere!

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines perseverance as "continues effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failures, or opposition." I would imagine that most of us have struggled with continuing to persevere at times in our lives. Let's be honest. There are circumstances that arise, whether as a child or as an adult, where quitting something is a very attractive option. However, far more often than not, quitting or giving up is the wrong decision, Here are some reasons why:

When I quit, I'm not affecting just me. Most every decision we make has consequences, whether good or bad. When you make a commitment to an event, activity, team, etc. you have made a decision to participate. Sometimes that decision is based on how fun or satisfying we think something might be, how many of our friends are involved, what we think we will get out of it, and so forth and so on. Of course it's not unusual for us to be brought back into reality and find out that in order to achieve what we want, it may take more effort and time than we originally thought, or it isn't as enjoyable as imagined. Yet, if I decide to up and quit, my decision affects others, whether they be teachers, coaches, friends, etc. This also makes them more wary of trusting me the next time I say I am going to do something; why should they believe me if I have let them down before?

Quitting in the "small things" is a stepping stone to failing to persevere in the "bigger things." What do I mean by that? Well, if I am not cultivating a perseverant attitude early on, it is much more likely that I will not see things through in regards to work, relationships, marriage, and living for God. Each one of these requires great effort on my part; each one of these is going to involve me failing or hitting some rough patches. If I have developed a "quitting" attitude, I'll be looking for another job the first time something doesn't go the way I want. I'll be looking for other friends when our relationships hit a wall, I'll be looking to get out of my marriage when the hard times come. I'll be like the seed that has fallen on the wayside, on the rocky ground, or the weeds (Matt. 13). When my faith is challenged or the care of the world make living the Christian life tough, I'll easily allow Satan to lure me back into his ways. I must develop the characteristic of perseverance in order to be who God calls me to be.

So, what's it going to be? Whether you are a child, teenager, young adult, or adult, perseverance needs to be a major part of your life as a Christian. Are you willing to pay the price, to face challenges, to see things through the difficult times? I pray that you are, and I ask that each of us helps one another persevere as we journey through life.

~ Lee Hickerson

Family & Friends

We all have a cherished garden we tend-
It is planted with love of family and friends.
The memories and dreams we treasure and share
Are like beautiful roses found blooming there.
The comfort and care on which we depend
Is given with love between family and friends.
The sunshine of laughter and rain of a tear
Only make our love grow with each passing year.
We may all be ourselves with no need to pretend
Because of the love of family and friends;
They notice the rainbows and weather the showers.
They overlook weeds and praise our flowers.
The most valuable thing is the time that we spend
Tending this garden with family and friends.
When counting our blessings, we know from the start
That family and friends come first in our heart.

~ Jill Wolf ~



BIBLE QUIZ

1. Many people in the Bible were close to God, but this one is actually named as a friend of God. Who is it? _____ James 2:23.
2. Whom did God talk to as a Friend? _____ Exodus 33:11
3. The Bible does not call these women friends, but they behaved like friends. When one was returning to her homeland, the other refused to let her go alone. Who were these two women? _____ Ruth 1: 16,17
4. This man was so excited about being told what to do to be more pleasing to God that he invited his family and friends in to be present at the anticipated visit from God's messenger. Who was he? _____ Acts 10:24
5. James warns not to be friends with this. Who or what is it? _____ James 4:4
6. According to Matthew 13:55,56, Jesus had 4 brothers, James, Joseph, Simon and Judus. How many sisters did he have? _____



PRAYER LIST



Jerry Grimmett was to have his heart shocked back into rhythm Mon., at the Tupelo Hospital. He has been suffering from pneumonia as well as some heart issues.

Linda Griggs is at home recovering from gallbladder surgery and complications from the surgery.

J.L. Eaton will go to Campbell's Clinic in Memphis Wednesday, for a spinal nerve block.

Robert Mooney brother-in-law of *Brian & Shelby Carpenter* is suffering with kidney problems.

Bob Clement, brother-in-law of *Richard and Kathy Jennings* is having heart problems.

Betty Young had tests run this past week on her lungs. She is being treated for a lung infection.

Carl Smith continues to have problems with his legs and not able to be up and about.

Continue to Remember:

Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Jacqueline Golden, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Laura Hollowell, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Taylor Kirk, Dean Long, Neal Robertson, Cliff Sanders, Kayla Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Genice Collett, Wanda DeLoach, Jean Drummond, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mary Frances Reid, Price & Claudia Senter, Ione Wall

Military List:

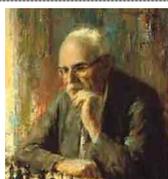
Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley & Chase Seals

THANK YOU NOTES

A thank you note from **Carter Ashby**, the student from Freed-Hardeman University, that spoke Sun. Feb. 12th, is posted on the bulletin board. Also there is a thank you note to the church from **John Tompkins** and family posted on the bulletin board.

I've Learned...

We have no one to blame but ourselves when our enthusiasm and zeal are gone, if we have failed to feed them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 25.Carlisle Smithey

February 27.Justin Dewberry

February 28.Brian Carpenter



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome *Richard* and *Melissa Conquest* as new members of the New Albany congregation! *Richard, Melissa,* and their children, *Pam* and *Zac* have been attending here for several months and wish to place membership with us. They come to us from the Columbus area. Please make them welcome. Their address is 1119 Bratton Road, Apt. 711, New Albany, MS 38652

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY, SUNDAY!

Our annual Friends and Family Day is just a few days away. If you have not already invited someone to join you please do so. We will have a meal following our morning worship. Please remember to bring extra for all our guest. We look forward to a great day. The adult one class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the fellowship building.



NEW ADDRESSES

Several of our members are now living in nursing homes or assisted living. The following have new addresses. Please add them to your directory and send them notes of encouragement from time to time.



- Jean Drummond c/o Harbor View Nursing and Rehab Center, 1513 North 2nd St. Memphis, TN 38107
- Mary Frances Reid c/o Dogwood Plantation of New Albany, Room 16, 250 Fairfield Dr. New Albany, MS 38652
- Price & Claudia Senter c/o Magnolia Manor, 1514 CR 41, Tupelo, MS 38801

OUR DREAM:

To become better friends with God in 2017!

Visit our website @ <http://www.nacoc.us>

Email: nacoc15s@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Dean Dillard
A.M. Prayer.....Perry Jones
Closing Prayer.....Steve Todd
P.M. Prayer.....Mark Jennings
ClosingAlvin Parks
Wed.2/22.....Harold Russell
Wed.2/22.....Tyler Weaver
Usher & Lock.....Greg Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....105
Sunday A.M.....137
Sunday P. M.....102
Wednesday.....104
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Budget.....\$4,385.16



PANTRY ITEMS

Instant Potatoes

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**RULES FOR MAKING EVERY VISITOR
FEEL WELCOME**

The Thirty Second Rule

Most guests will make a judgment about us during the first thirty seconds after they enter the building. Greet others with a handshake and a friendly smile as soon as you see them.

The Front-Door Rule

Help people find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they have trouble, they may not return.



The Ten-Foot Rule

Greet anyone with whom you are not familiar who comes within ten feet of you. Make eye contact. Be friendly.

The Five-Minute Rule

Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Encourage them to return and thank them for being here. After you have greeted our guests, you will still have opportunity to talk to your friends.

Our attitude will often determine if visitors return. Do your part to make sure they really feel WELCOME & APPRECIATED.

~ The Forest Hills News 1/17/12 ~