



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 21, 2012



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

Teresa Clark, is in room 238 of the local hospital with flu like symptoms and **Olen Clark** is at home sick.

Eleta Grimmert, is in room 214 of the local hospital, but may be moved to the Tupelo, Tues. **Jerry Grimmert** is also sick at home. *Jerry's* niece **Lisa**, is in ICU at a Jackson, MS hospital in serious condition.

Wadie Lepard, will have cataract surgery Wed. in Tupelo.

Matt Jennings, will have shoulder surgery Wed. at the surgery center in Oxford.

Bobby White, is at home sick with a cold.

Mary Alice Holloway, has brain surgery scheduled for March 7th and her husband **Bill** has pneumonia. His prognoses is not good. They are friends of the *Marques*.

James (Bear) McDonald, has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is the friend of *Perrin Drummond*.

Jean Drummond, had tests run in Memphis, Mon.

Tony Cross, will return to his doctor Tues. for a diagnoses of his condition and treatment options.

Continual Prayer

Shelia Beasley, Audrey Anna Young, Clay Jennings, Roger Clayton, Tony Cross, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Mary Alice Holloway, Eli Williams, Jack Dunlap, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 25.....Carlisle Smithey
February 27.....Justin Dewberry
February 28..... Brian Carpenter

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to *Sue Stroud* in the death of her brother *Donald Burk*, who passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15. Funeral services were held this past week in New York.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

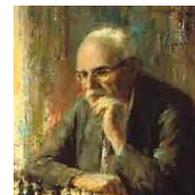
'Friends and Family Day' will be Sunday, February 26th. We would like to have a large crowd that day. Please invite your neighbors, friends and family members to join us. Sunday School will begin at 9:30; Worship at 10:30; Lunch at 11:30; and Evening services will be at 1:15.



YOUTH NEWS

- Area Wide Bible School, Sat. Feb. 25th, from 10am-2pm at the Mayfield church of Christ.
- CORRECTION! Congratulations to *Daniel Drummond* for being selected **Star Student** at N.A. High School. N. A. High School has not yet selected the valedictorian for 2012.
- Thanks so much to *Nancy & Bill Frohn* for hosting the Youth Devo Sunday night. We appreciate them!
- Congratulations to our Senior Bible Bowl group. They placed second at the Bible Bowl Sunday!

"I BELIEVE"
...That a friendly look, a kindly smile, one good act, and life's worthwhile.



The Penitent Spirit

Penitence is a sad and humble realization and regret of sin. It is the gut-wrenching feeling that you get inside when you want to do right, but you know you've done wrong. It was a penitent spirit that caused David, after his sin with Bathsheba, to say, "*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*" (Psalm 51:2-3.) And it was Paul's penitent spirit, which motivated him to say, "*For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*" (I Corinthians 15:9.)



Anyone who has a fervent desire to do what's right surely mourns his or her sin. It is this remorse, which brings about repentance. Now, it is possible to realize and regret sin without true repentance. Paul said in II Corinthians 7:10, "*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*" So true, godly penitence brings about true repentance. And true repentance bears fruit worthy of repentance. (Matthew 3:8.) True repentance doesn't stop at mere sorrow and regret, it moves in the opposite direction of sin.

When we maintain our penitent spirits in conjunction with repentance, the Lord will remain ready and willing to forgive us. However, if we allow sin to remain in our lives it can harden our consciences and snuff out any trace of godly sorrow. Sin that is tolerated in one's life can scar the conscience as if it had been seared with a hot iron, taking away from the heart its ability to mourn. (I Timothy 4:2) It then leaves a fleshly body that "*cannot cease from sin,*" and that is bound for an eternity in hell. (II Peter 2:14.)

Anywhere there is a desire to get to heaven, there must also be a penitent spirit. One which drives us to do what we should, refrain from doing what we shouldn't, and return to the sheepfold when we go astray.

~ by: Darrell Powell

An Invitation

Little things make big differences. Every Christian wants to be able to win other people to Christ. We often feel guilty for our failures to reach as many as we think we should. One reason we have so much difficulty in winning others for the Lord is the fact we tend to look for some big thing we can do which will turn others completely around.



Remember Paul's statement to the Corinthians, "*I have planted. Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.*" Often the job which is needed isn't planting the seed of the gospel into a person's life, but watering the seeds which have been planted. It may even be the preparing of the ground for the seed to be planted into a person's heart.

A simple invitation for a person to visit our services to worship with us seems like such a little thing. How could it really make a difference in anyone's life?

They might come and worship on that one day you invite them to be there. On that day, they may hear the very gospel message they need to touch their hearts for the Lord. Quite often the seed won't grow immediately. It may even be years before the real need is felt in their lives for them to turn to the Lord. But if we are able to get people to come and hear the gospel of Christ, when the time comes, they know their hurts and will cry out for help. They may remember the words they heard and the spirit of worship they were able to be a part of and come back.

Having a time like "Friends and Family Day" offers a special opportunity to invite others to come and worship with us. Why not sit down tonight and make a list of people you can invite to come? Then send them a card with a special note saying how much you would appreciate them being your guest on that day of worship. The more you invite, the more likely you are to have someone come and be your guest.

Don't miss this opportunity to offer a friend or family member the chance to hear God's word and worship with His people.

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OUR RECORD

Sunday School	108
Sunday A M	122
Sunday P.M.	104
Wednesday	96
Contribution	\$3,074.00
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Daniel Drummond
A.M. Prayer.....	Lonnie Weaver
Closing Prayer.....	Burrell Walton
P.M. Prayer.....	Harold Crowe
Closing	Martin Crotts
Wed 2/29	Dillon Clayton
Wed. 2/29	Roger Clayton
Usher & Lock....	Andy Clemmer
Greeter.....	B & N Frohn



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

A Soul Winning Church

A soul winning church is one who is convinced that all of those who are outside of Jesus and His church are lost.

A soul winnings church is one who uses all of its available resources to seek those who are lost and give them every possible opportunity to know the saving grace of heaven.

A soul winning church is one where all the members are involved in the overall work and life of the church and dedicated to its growth and development.

A soul winning church is one whose members are devoted to Christ to the extent that they will sacrifice everything else to honor their commitment.

A soul winning church is one who will not tolerate sin as the life style of the believers but reprovess, rebukes and exhorts them to faithfulness and commitment.

A soul winning church is led by men who have devoted their lives to God and His people and who are setting an example of godliness so that all who follow will be secure in their steps.

A soul winning church is not satisfied with temporary successes nor frustrated by momentary failures, rather, she corrects her mistakes and gives God all of the glory for her growth. ~ selected



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