

# THE INFORMER

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**HEAR**

**~ BILL IRBY ~**

**Minister for the Hobbs St. Church of Christ in Athens, AL**

**NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ GOSPEL MEETING SPEAKER**

**APRIL 2 - 5, 2016**



We are honored by Bill Irby's acceptance of our invite to speak for our Gospel Meeting. He will help us with developing our theme for this year "Our Dream - Becoming better friends with God in 2017 ." Service times are; Sunday school at 9:30am; worship at 10:30am, and Sunday evening at 6:00pm. Monday-Wednesday evening we will meet at 7:00pm. A meal will be hosted by our adult classes Monday- Wednesday evening at 5:45. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of all activities.

Bill was born in Altavista, VA having lived in North Carolina and Virginia. He is married to Ginger and they have two sons, Will and Tom. Will and Meagan have their only grandchild, Lucy.

Our speaker attended Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond; Holds a BA in Bible & Communication from Freed-Hardeman Univ.; Attended Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis; MA in Religion from Southern Christian Univ. in Montgomery and an MA in History from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Prior to becoming a Christian, Bill worked in the pharmacy and furniture businesses. He now works as the minister for the West Hobbs Street congregation in Athens, AL. since 1990. He is also a part-time instructor for the Calhoun Community College in Decatur, AL. Prior to his work in Athens, he preached in his first full-time work from 1977-1982 for the Atwood Church of Christ in Atwood, TN. From 1982-1990, he preached for the Broad Street Church of Christ in LaGrange, GA.

I have known and worked in the vicinity with Bill for over 30 years. I have spoken numerous times for the West Hobbs congregation. He is with a great congregation and is a talented and sound gospel preacher. He has been mentored by some of the best and served under Windfred Clarke, the father of Jimmy Clarke who has held a Gospel Meeting for us before. You will be glad that you had an opportunity to be instructed by our brother Irby.

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017

**Announcements:** Andy Clemmer  
**Sound Room:** Jim Gann  
**Usher:** Will Bowlin

**Lead Singing:** Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings  
Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison  
Wed.: Phillip, Ruston, Jim

### Sunday Prayers:

April 02:  
A.M. Randy Wall  
Phil Young  
P.M. Richard Adams  
Olen Clark

April 09:  
A.M. Jason Jennings  
Perry Jones  
P.M. David Clayton  
Tim Dye

April 16:  
A.M. Roger Clayton  
Phillip Young  
P.M. Shane Crotts  
Ronnie Griggs

April 23:  
A.M. Lonnie Weaver  
Jerry Grimmett  
P.M. Thomas Wall  
Bobby Marques

April 30:  
A.M. Troy Robertson  
Terry Young  
P.M. Youth  
Youth

### Lord's Supper:

North Head: Steve Todd  
North Helper I: Ruston Adams  
North Helper II: Caleb Jennings

South Head: Mark Jennings  
South Helper I: Alvin Parks  
South Helper II: Hunter Jennings

### Scripture Reading:

April 02 — Tyler Weaver  
April 09 — Dillon Clayton  
April 16 — Martin Crotts  
April 23 — Dean Dillard  
April 30 — Michael Crotts

### Wednesday Prayers:

April 05 — Greg Clayton; Harold Crowe  
April 12 — Dan Cobb; Matt Jennings  
April 19 — Richard Jennings; Bill Lyon  
April 26 — Paul Ormon; Harold Russell

### Prepare Communion:

Roger Clayton

### Host Youth Devo:

Phil & Paige Young

### Usher & Lock:

April 02— Roger Clayton  
April 09 — Randy Wall  
April 16 — Harold Russell  
April 23 — Lonnie Weaver  
April 30 — Greg Clayton

**\* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let Randy Wall know before service time.**

## Do You Disagree?

It is inevitable that in the course of dealing with other people certain disagreements will arise. It happens in business, among friends, in the home, at school, and it certainly happens in the church. So, the question is not: Will we disagree with other Christians from time to time? Of course we will. The real question is: How will we handle these disagreements? Here are some suggestions.

First, analyze the problem. Do you disagree with some decision the elders have made? Is it something that the preacher taught that has you concerned? Have you had some problem with a particular Bible class teacher? Is there some brother or sister in the congregation with whom you have a difference? No matter who it may be, take care to be sure that you are being fully objective in the matter. Too often we allow our own prejudices and preconceived ideas to interfere with our evaluation of a given matter.

Next, ask yourself if the difference is a matter that relates to scriptural soundness. If so, yield not an inch. When false teachers were involved, Paul *"gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour"* (Gal. 2:5). We should imitate his example. But, be honest enough to admit it if your problem is not a scriptural one, but rather simply a matter of judgment. Perhaps you would not have made the same judgment, but no sin has occurred. If this is the case, then we urge you to *"be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"* (Eph. 4:32). Far too many church problems have gotten completely out of hand because brethren were willing to fight when they should have been longsuffering with one another. In matters of judgment. *"let each esteem other better than themselves"* (Phil. 2:3).

If you determine that this disagreement must be pursued, then be sure that you follow the proper procedure as outlined in God's word (Matt. 18:15-17). Do not compound the problem by backbiting, rumor spreading, or gossip. **Go directly** to the parties involved and work tirelessly for a resolution of the disagreement. If you are unwilling to do this, you are violating God's law and you have no right to even open your mouth. In other words, do what's right or keep quiet!

Finally, pray that God will give you wisdom to do the right thing (James 1:5). If all Christians will follow these Biblical principles, there is no problem that cannot be resolved according to God's will. Let's have enough faith to follow His plan.

~ Greg Gwin

**PRAYER LIST**



**William Bailey**, father of *Paige Young* is having health problems.


**Johnny Lee**, 4 year old great-nephew of *Mike & Sheila King*, has begun chemo treatments for leukemia.


**Nancy Petrowski**, daughter of *Harold & Deloris Crowe*, will return to Vanderbilt for some extensive tests next week.

**Barbara Raines**, sister of *Linda Palmer*, is under Hospice Care and not doing well.

**Terry & Betty Young** continue to have struggles with their health. They are having good and bad days.

**Sympathy:**

 We express our sympathy to the family of **Gene Shocklee** who passed away Sat. March 25th, at his home. Funeral services were held Mon., March 27th, at the Sherman Church of Christ. Burial was in AR.

 We extend sympathy to the family of **Fern Gaines** of the Enterprise congregation, who passed away last week. Her funeral was Fri., Mar. 25th at United. She was the aunt of *Richard Jennings*.

**Continue to Remember:**

Wade Chism, Todd Coleman, Liz Collins, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Preeble Foster, Ray Franks, Jacqueline Golden, Linda Griggs, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Laura Hollowell, Shane Hutton, Taylor Kirk, Dean Long, Cliff Sanders, Kayla Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, 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

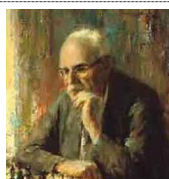
**Military List:**

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley & Chase Seals



**I've Learned...**

Before you put someone in their place, make certain you are in your place.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- April 03. ....Shelley Adams
- April 04. ....Dex Crotts(1st)
- April 08. ....Rebecca Dewberry

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- April 02. .... Paul & Maria Ormon
- April 07. .... Randy & Christy Wall



**THANK YOU**

New Albany Church of Christ,

Your thoughtfulness certainly made a difference. Thank you all for the prayers, calls, and concerns.

Love, Perry Jones

**AREA EVENTS**

- The ladies of the Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc invite you to their Ladies Day, Sat. April 1st. The guest speaker will be *Brooke McNutt*. Registration begins at 9:00 and the program at 9:30. Lunch will be provided.
- Ladies' Day is scheduled for Sat. March 25th, at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Baldwin. The guest speaker will be *Jamie Grissom*. Registration begins at 9:30. Lunch will be provided.
- Christian Chapel Church of Christ invites you to their Ladies Day April 29th. The guest speaker will be *Cynthia Dianne Guy* and *Judi Davis Dean*.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting at the Gloster St. Church of Christ date has been changed from April 9th to the 2nd. Faith Basics Youth Rally will be held from 3:30pm-8:00pm. The speakers will be *Josh McCrary*, *Chase Surrrell* & *Chad Ramsey*. Leading the singing will be *Neil Segars*. A meal will be served at 7:30pm.
- New Albany Church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Bill Irby, April 2nd-5th. Everyone Invited!

**OUR DREAM:**

**To become better friends with God in 2017!**

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## 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 Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163

## DEACONS

Greg Clayton .....252-9762  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver .....801-8448

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....Tyler Weaver  
 A.M. Prayer.....Randy Wall  
 Closing Prayer.....Phil Young  
 P.M. Prayer.....Richard Adams  
 Closing .....Olen Clark  
 Wed.4/5.....Greg Clayton  
 Wed.4/5.....Harold Crowe  
 Usher & Lock.....Roger Clayton

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....97  
 Sunday A.M.....138  
 Sunday P. M.....92  
 Wednesday.....100  
 Contribution.....\$3,718.00  
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## PANTRY ITEMS

Tea Bags

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## Ten Ways to Help Our Gospel Meeting

1. "Remember its purpose." The main purpose is to preach the gospel so that those who are lost might be saved (Mark 16:15-16).
2. "Invite others." It should be our aim to have as many lost souls present as possible. Another purpose is for saints to be edified. (1Cor. 14:26)
3. "Pray diligently." Peter said, "*For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers...*" (1 Pet 3:12).
4. "Attend faithfully" (1 Pet. 3:12). If the meeting is not important enough for the members to support, why should anyone else come?
5. "Arrive early." When we are late, we can disrupt the worship. When we are early, we can greet visitors.
6. "Help prepare the building" Each one can help out by picking up paper, putting song books in the rack, etc.
7. "Sing fervently." We are told, "*Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...*" (Eph. 5:19). Good singing helps to make a good meeting.
8. "Welcome visitors." Visitors may well determine whether they will return or not based on how they are received.
9. "Sit up front." We realize that some need to sit in the back for health reasons. But when most of the members sit in the back of the building it sends a negative message. Leave the back pews for visitors or late comers.
10. "Listen Carefully." *Remember that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.* (Rom. 10:17) Be a good example how to pay attention to the preaching. ~ copied & edited