



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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March 16, 2021

## New Albany Church of Christ

### Friends and Family Day

Sunday, March 21, 2021  
9:30, 10:30, Lunch, and 1:15

&

### Gospel Meeting

March 21st—24th, 2021  
Mon.—Wed. 6:30 p.m.



**DAVID L. LIPE**

David L. Lipe holds an A.A. degree and third year certificate from Freed-Hardeman University; a B.A. from Harding University, an M.A. from Harding School of Theology, a Ph.D. from The University of Tennessee, and an M.S. from The University of Memphis. Lipe has been preaching since 1967 in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama and been involved in mission campaigns in five foreign countries. He holds a number of gospel meetings each year and gives lectures on other occasions.

He is author of *Values in Thought and Action and Religious Versus Secular Ethics—A Religious Response to Some Contemporary Secular Views of Ethics*. He is co-author of the *Lipe-Lewis Debate and Instrumental Music--Faith or Opinion*. His 2-volume commentary in the *Truth for Today Commentary Series, The Gospel of John* is available for purchase from him or through Resource Publications. He has been the editor of the following lectureship books: *Magnolia Bible College – 2 books; International Bible College – 1 book; Southeast Institute of Bible Studies – 7 books; Freed-Hardeman University – 22 books*.

From 1990 to 2010 he was a professor of Bible and Philosophy at Freed-Hardeman University and continued to serve as the Director of the Annual Bible Lectureship through the 2015 lectureship. In 2012 Lipe became the Director of the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (formerly East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions) in Knoxville, TN; he retired as director in December 2014 but continues to teach and work in fund raising and development for the school. Lipe and his wife, Linda, reside in Baxter, Tennessee; he preaches for the Cherry Creek Church of Christ in Sparta, Tennessee.

# SPRING IS HERE

By Tim Dooley



Dare I say it? Spring is here and officially begins this coming Saturday! In the past week or so we have laid in bed and listened to the first thunderstorm of the year along with the soothing sounds of the spring tornado sirens.

We've heard birds singing and chirping while sitting on our front porch. Colleen and I have been working around our new house and have been excited to examine all the flowers and plants beginning to bud. I've purchased an edger and a new weed eater and the thought crossed my mind that I need to get the lawn mower running. In Song of Solomon 2:11-12 we read, *"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."* Okay, so I haven't heard any turtles but yes, spring is here!

So here are some thoughts as we shake off the cold days of winter:

**1. SPRING IS A HIDDEN FORCE:** It is hard to believe anything in nature can live again after winter withdraws the ice and snow of its deadly hand. For you and I it may be hard to imagine that a cold, icy heart can harbor any life. But each person has a soul that cannot perish from existence. In every soul there is a hidden life that will come forth from the ground when Jesus returns *"some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt"* (Daniel 12:2).

**2. SPRING REVEALS THE LIFE-GIVING POWER OF GOD:** There is no other way to explain the phenomenon of springtime than the omnipotence of God. Those who claim there is no God ignore the clear and overpowering evidence that exists in creation (Romans 1:20). *"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God"* (Psalm 14:1). The same remarkable power of God was seen in the resurrection of Jesus and is the only hope we have for an eternal life with Him in heaven.

**3. SPRING IS A TYPE OF OUR RESURRECTION:** The same Lord who promised the yearly return of the birds, flowers, and warm summer breezes also promises a resurrection of the dead of those who die in Him (1 Thessalonians 4:14). Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live"* (John 11:25). The great and mighty power of God will be displayed that one last time when Jesus comes again.

I think everyone I talk to after a long winter says that they are ready for and eagerly anticipating spring. How I wish everyone had the same enthusiasm and earnest expectation for the coming of Christ. Are you ready for the eternal spring that Jesus will bring with Him on that last day? Prepare today by repenting of your sins (Luke 5:32), confessing Jesus as God's only begotten son (Matthew 10:32-33), and being baptized for the remission of all your past sins and be added to the body of Christ (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:47). Then be faithful and prepared to enjoy the Son for all eternity.

*"For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations."* Isaiah 61:11

# YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; Wed. @ 6:30

## PRAYER LIST



**Larry Cobb** has an appointment at the VA Hospital on Friday to get results from his recent tests. He is also dealing with back pain.

**Luke Jennings** CT was rescheduled for this week.

**Betty Boren** is scheduled for a stress test Friday.

**Susie Robertson** brain tumor has grown. She is the mother of *Steve Hill*.

### Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, Kathy Clayton, Shelly Clayton, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmert, Madison Hardy, Luke Jennings, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Charles Ulmer, Sarah Grace Wise

### Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Bill & Grace Lyon, Nancy Petrowski, Joe Reed

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson

### Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- March 17..... Patricia Crow
- March 19..... Dan Cobb
- March 19..... Clay Jennings
- March 20..... Kyland Morgan
- March 21..... Bill Botts
- March 21..... Maggie Garrett
- March 23..... Isabella McMillen
- March 27..... Mary Martin Crotts

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- March 17..... Mark and Alyce Jennings



## BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a come and go bridal shower for *Audrey Anna Young*, bride elect of *Blaine Potts*, Sunday, March 28th from 1:30-3:00 at the fellowship building. Men are welcome. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, Target and Amazon.



## WORK DAY

A work day has been planned for Saturday, March 20th at 8:00 a.m. in preparation for our Friends and Family Day and Gospel Meeting. Your help is appreciated!



## FACEBOOK UPDATE

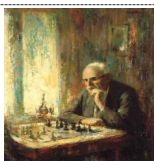
On January 17th, we began airing and advertising Tim's Two Minutes on Facebook and YouTube. Since that time, 24,340 people within 15 miles of the church address have been reached. We are evaluating the expansion of this platform in order to reach those in our community. When talking with your friends, mention Tim's Two Minutes. Share our Facebook page (NChurchofchrist) and ask them to follow us.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- NAYPE (New Albany Youth Prayer & Evangelism) will meet March 24th.
- Men's work day Sat. March 20th.
- A Guys and Girls Night has been planned for March 20th at 5:30 at *Shaler's and Madison's* home.
- Friends & Family Day March 21st; Gospel Meeting with *David Lipe* March 21st—24th. There will be a potluck meal following morning service, followed by a 1:15 p.m. service. Services Mon.-Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
- Deacons will meet Sun., March 28th at 8:30.
- There will be a Youth Devo Sun. night March 28th at the fellowship building. *Dane* and *Amanda Coggin* will host.

### I've Learned

You can tell how much a man cares by what he is willing to do.



### 2021 THEME

*"The Power of Love"*

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215  
 Shaler Grigsby...Youth/ Assoc.  
 .....256-263-9137  
 Office.....662-534-4649

## ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Tim Dye.....316-2527  
 Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163  
 Phil Young.....316-2059

## DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195  
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260  
 Mark Jennings....731-609-3309  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

## TO SERVE

Communion.. ..Jason Jennings  
 Scripture.....Kurt Clayton  
 A.M. Prayer.....Tim Dye  
 Closing.....Joe Owen  
 P.M. Prayer.....TBA  
 Closing.....TBA  
 Greeters..... R & K Jennings  
 Lock.....Randy Wall  
 Usher .....Shane Crotts  
 Security .....Phillip Young  
 Wed. Open.....K. Simmons  
 Wed. Close.....R. Adams

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....109  
 Sunday A.M.....125  
 Sunday P.M.....  
 Wednesday.....85  
 Contribution.....\$4,960.00  
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

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## SOMETHING GOOD

Wouldn't this old world be better  
 If the folks we meet would say,  
 "I know something good about you."  
 And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy  
 If each handclasp warm and true  
 Carried with it this assurance  
 I know something good about you?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
 If the good that's in us all  
 Were the only thing about us  
 That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
 If we praised the good we see?  
 For there's such a lot of goodness  
 In the worse of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
 That fine way of thinking, too?  
 You know something good about me  
 I know something good about you.