



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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## Memorial Day

Tim Dooley



I believe there should be more than one “Memorial Day” each year. It seems that to most Americans it’s just another “Official Holiday,” the “unofficial start of summer,” the end of the school year, a cookout. Sure, there is the passing mention of those who have fallen in defense of our country. There are stories on news programs and in the newspaper and more flags than usual might be seen. But it doesn’t seem like it is enough or that the majority of us really, truly consider its depth of meaning.

I also believe the same thing is true with regard to the greatest sacrifice ever made so long ago...the death of Jesus of Nazareth on the Cross of Calvary. The vast majority of people may claim to remember; yet they fail to celebrate and meditate on its importance. The first century church came together on a weekly basis to commemorate this great event with a memorial supper. Far too many who claim to be Christians today fail to continue to observe this memorial.

I’ve watched on as the graduates from the United States Naval Academy received their diplomas. During the ceremony, the members of the graduating class were sworn into the Navy as Ensigns or into the Marine Corps as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants. The new 1<sup>st</sup> Class Midshipmen then lead three cheers for "those who are about to leave us," and the graduates, led by the class president, responded with three cheers "for those we leave behind." On the last "hooray" of this cheer, the graduates tossed their midshipman caps into the air, to be recovered by spectators as mementos of the occasion.

Over the past few weeks we’ve watched and celebrated as four of our young folks graduated from High School. I was particularly touched by the images of so many young people that I’ve known for many years graduate from Freed Hardeman and other colleges. Congratulations to all of our graduates! All of these things have reminded me that as a Christian there are a few things we need to always keep fresh in our minds.

1. **Love**: The love of family, friends, country and most of all Christ and what He has done, is doing, and yet will accomplish our lives.
2. **Thanksgiving**: for all of the above.
3. **Memorial**: For those who have gone on before and those we leave behind but most of all for the love of God and the greatest sacrifice man has known (or ever will).
4. **Commitment**: To be faithful! To family, the church, and country. It is hard work...but it surely is and will be worth it all!

## THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021

**Announcements** ~ Terry Stubblefield  
**Sound Room** ~ Dean Dillard  
**Usher** ~ Steve Hill

**Sunday Lead Singing**  
 A.M. ~ Phillip Young  
 P.M. ~ Mark Jennings

**Sunday Prayers**  
 June 06  
 A.M. Dillon Clayton  
 David Clayton  
 P.M. Jason Jennings  
 Dane Coggin

**Lord's Supper**  
 June 06 ~ Olen Clark  
 June 13 ~ Roger Clayton  
 June 20 ~ Richard Jennings  
 June 27 ~ Shaler Grigsby

**Scripture Reading**  
 June 06 ~ Brian Carpenter  
 June 13 ~ James Carter  
 June 20 ~ Owen Clayton  
 June 27 ~ Jackson Coggin

June 13  
 A.M. Greg Clayton  
 Kurt Clayton  
 P.M. Perry Jones  
 Hunter Jennings

**Wed. Night Lead Singing**  
 June 02 ~ David Clayton  
 June 09 ~ Dillon Clayton  
 June 16 ~ Mike Brown  
 June 23 ~ Shaler Grigsby  
 June 30 ~ 5th Wed. Singing

**Wednesday Prayers**  
 June 02 ~ Mark Jennings, Ronnie Griggs  
 June 09 ~ Mason Simmons, Clay Jennings  
 June 16 ~ Steve Todd, Joe Owen  
 June 23 ~ Thomas Wall, Troy Robertson  
 June 30 ~ Tim Dooley, Harold Russell

June 20  
 A.M. Shane Crotts  
 Larry Cobb  
 P.M. Paul Ormon  
 Matt Jennings

June 27  
 A.M. Tim Dye  
 Martin Crotts  
 P.M. Kevin Simmons  
 Alvin Parks

**Lock:**  
 June 06 ~ Jason Jennings  
 June 13 ~ Matt Jennings  
 June 20 ~ Kurt Clayton  
 June 27 ~ Greg Clayton

**Security:**  
 June 06 ~ Dan Cobb  
 June 13 ~ Dane Coggin  
 June 20 ~ Jason Jennings  
 June 27 ~ Mark Jennings

**Usher:**  
 June 06 ~ Jason Jennings  
 June 13 ~ Randy Wall  
 June 20 ~ Kurt Clayton  
 June 27 ~ Shane Crotts

**Host Youth Devo:** Jason & Amy Jennings

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

### Traveling Notes



Last week I had to take a short trip out to the West Coast for my secular job. I don't particularly like to travel but this trip went very smoothly with no problems at the airports and we didn't have any trouble finding our destinations within the city we were visiting. But every time I leave our community, I'm reminded of just how many people there are in our country. The airports are full of every conceivable type of person and it makes you realize that we sometimes forget about the vast world that exists outside our small community. From a spiritual perspective, it also makes you realize that there are thousands upon thousands of people who need Christ in their lives. It's no wonder that Jesus said "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*" (Mark 16:15). It's a commission for us to share the "Good News" about Christ and the forgiveness and salvation found in Him. We may not be able to reach the thousands, but we can certainly reach out to our friends, family and neighbors who live right here in our little part of the world.

I want to encourage you today to share Jesus with someone and in doing so, you will bring continued blessings to your community and to the church of Jesus Christ.

~Jay Launius

### The Family Bible

Old Brother Higgins built a shelf for the family bible to rest itself, lest a sticky finger or grimy thumb might injure the delicate pages some. He cautioned his children to touch it not, and it rested there with never a blot, though the Higgins tribe were a troublesome lot.

His neighbor Miggins, built a shelf. "Come children," he said, "and help yourself." His book is old and ragged and worn, with some of the choicest pages torn where children have fingered and thumbbed and read. But of the Miggins tribe I've heard it said, each carried a bible in his head.



~copied

**PRAYER LIST**



**Patrick Holmes** has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. This is the father of Steve Hill's co-worker.

**Sue Marques** continues to struggle with health issues. Please keep Sue in your prayers as she is unable to be out.

**Continue to Remember:**

Mitchel Barton, Brian Carpenter, Kathy Clayton, Audrey Clement, Shane Crofts, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Caleb Jennings, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Gloria Jones, Sue Marques, Scott Owen, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Susie Robertson, Bobby Sweat, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Charles Ulmer, Donald Wilson, Donnie Wilson, William Wilson, Sarah Grace Wise

**Shut-Ins:**

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon

**Military List:**

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals



**CARE GROUPS**

A Care Group list will be posted on the back wall of the auditorium, beginning next week. Copies will also be available on the table in the foyer.

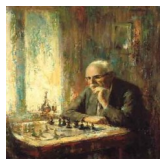
**TEACHERS NEEDED**



Teachers are needed for 1st-3rd grades and 4th-6th grades for the upcoming quarter, which begins June 6th. If you are willing to teach one of these classes, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.

**I've Learned**

Wise men are not always silent, but know when to be.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- May 27.....Olen Clark
- May 30.....Larry Cobb
- June 01.....Grace Lyon
- June 02.....Patience Golden

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- June 03.....Ronnie & Linda Griggs
- June 04.....Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield



**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

- **May 26th** NAYPE will meet after services.
- **May 29th** Potts/Young Wedding at 4p.m. at the home of Phil & Paige. A reception will follow. The address is 1597 CR 478, New Albany, MS.
- **May 30th** Senior group will meet following services to discuss possible activities. No age requirement.

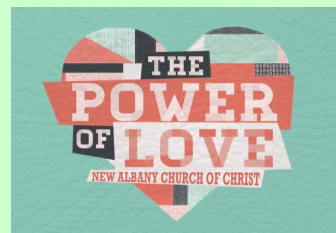
**TERRIFIC TUESDAY**

Beginning June 1, every Tuesday will be a "Terrific Tuesday" for 6th grade and under! Please see Shaler for more information.

**VBS HELPERS NEEDED**

Vacation Bible School will be June 13th-16th. If you are willing to help in any way, please sign the list on the table in the foyer. We want this to be a great week for our kids and those in our community!

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday School..... 9:30  
Morning Worship.....10:30  
Pew Packers/Afternoon Worship  
.....1:15  
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  
Shane Crotts.....266-0195  
Jason Jennings.....801-3260  
Mark Jennings...731-609-3309  
Randy Wall.....316-9255

**TO SERVE**

Communion...Kevin Simmons  
Scripture.....Mike Brown  
A.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
Closing.....Matt Jennings  
P.M. Prayer.....T. Stubblefield  
Closing.....Mason Simmons  
Greeters.....K & S Simmons  
Lock.....Steve Todd  
Usher .....Shane Crotts  
Security .....Greg Clayton  
Wed. Open 2nd.Mark Jennings  
Wed. Close 2nd.....R. Grigsby

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....103  
Sunday A.M.....147  
Sunday P.M.....99  
Wednesday.....84  
Contribution.....\$5,256.00  
Budget.....\$4,219.62

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*Marriage Prayer*

*Lord, help us to remember*

*When we first met and*

*The strong love*



*That grew between us. Help us love in*

*Practical ways*

*So that nothing can divide us. May our*

*Words be kind*

*And our thoughts gracious.*

*May we remain humble enough to ask for*

*Forgiveness*

*And wise enough*

*To freely give.*

*together with their families*

*Blaine and Audrey Anna*

*request the pleasure of your company  
at their wedding*

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 2021 ♦ 4:00 pm

1597 County Road 478 ~ New Albany, MS 38652

*Reception to follow*

Please RSVP to

(731) 487-4770 or (662) 538-8007

