



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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## Labor Day

Tim Dooley

According to the United States Department of Labor, Labor Day, “is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.” Simply put, it is intended to be a day of rest and recognition to the American workforce.

Christians too have a Labor Day. One in which we will receive a rest and recognition for the faithful work we have done. When God completed his grand creation, he rested on the seventh day and blessed and sanctified it as a day of rest. Hebrews tells us that there remains a rest for the children of God. *“For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest...”* (Hebrews 4:10-11a).

Jesus calls us to this rest! *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”* (Matthew 11:28-29). But the ultimate rest here has reference to the eternal “Labor Day” of God’s children in His home. Sure, Jesus took time to rest and relax while here on earth, but never was it for a protracted period. In fact, he said, *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work”* (John 9:4).

Notice what the voice from heaven said to John, *“Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’”* *“Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them”* (Revelation 14:13). But also pay close attention to the qualifying statement here *“...who die in the Lord...”* Those outside of Christ when death comes will not enter His rest nor will they ever know rest, no not for eternity!

So how is this to be accomplished? You must hear the word of God for *“faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17). We must be willing to repent of a sinful life because God *“...now commands all men everywhere to repent* (Acts 17:30). We must be willing to confess that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God (Matthew 10:32-33). But none of these things have yet to say, nor do they ever say, that they put us into Christ. We read in Galatians 3:27, *“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”*

If you’ve not yet done these things? Why not now? God loves you and sent His Son to die for you so that you might have this opportunity. He wants you to rest with Him. And for those of us who are in Christ and long for that day of rest...Be Faithful!



## ***Dooley Noted...***

This Sunday, September 12, I will be conducting a Gospel Meeting in Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. We were there for a meeting in 2017 and Colleen and I are excited to see our friends there but we are going to miss being with y'all this week.

In my absence brother Andy Clemmer is going to be filling in teaching the adult auditorium classes on Sunday and Wednesday. I hope you will be in attendance and support him. I know you will be blessed by him. Shaler will be preaching the morning sermon and my friend Kaleb Norwood will be preaching the afternoon sermon.

Kaleb is a native of Winchester, Tenn. and is a junior Bible major at Freed-Hardeman University. Kaleb served as my summer intern in 2020 in Hebron, Ky and currently works as the youth minister at the church in Stantonville, Tenn. Y'all will love Kaleb! Have a great week. Pray for us and be faithful.

~ Tim

### **Take a Minute to Refresh and Remember**

Do the latest news reports have you worried about what's going on? Are the stresses of your job becoming more unbearable? Is there family tension that is causing you to feel increased levels of anxiety? Are your personal finances not enough to meet increased expenses? Are you stressed, anxious, worried, overwhelmed, maybe even a bit panicked?

For 60 seconds, take a pause. Take two deep breaths. Shut out everything. Shut off everything. Think of two ways that God has blessed you just today. Think of two simple (30-second) ways you could make a positive difference in someone else's day (who may be experiencing similar life issues). Talk to the Lord in simple terms, "Lord, I need You. Please, help me." Remember that with the Lord, there is relief, mercy, favor, good, gladness, peace and safety (Psalm 4).

Is everything still going to be "going wrong" after these 60 seconds? Perhaps. But, "*put your trust in the Lord*" (Psalm 4:5) and He will "*lift up the light of His face upon you*" (Psalm 4:6).

~ David Sproule

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

- **September 12** Care Team #3 will meet at the fellowship bldg. after the morning service.
- **September 12** Kaleb Norwood will present afternoon lesson
- **September 12** Area-Wide Youth Meeting is at Verona at 5:00p.m.
- **September 15** NAYPE will meet .
- **September 19-20** Church directory pictures
- **September 25** Care Group #1 (Kurt's & Dane's group) will host a Spaghetti Supper for the Yah-hoo Group at 4:00 p.m. at the fellowship building. Sign-up sheet is in foyer.
- **November 14** Coloring books or donations are due for Le Bonheur. Please see Andy/Victoria Brown or Kurt/Shelly Clayton.



# YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; 1:15 Wed. @ 6:30



## PRAYER LIST

**Larry Cobb** is at home doing better.

**Kim Trimble**, sister of *Amanda Coggin*, is home doing better.

**Don Hobson**, from the Beech Hill congregation, has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

Please remember those with Covid.

### Continue to Remember:

Lynda Ball, Mitchel Barton, Kathy Clayton, Larry Cobb, Shane Crotts, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmitt, Madison Hardy, John Haynes, Luke Jennings, Michele Kimsey, Anderson Parks, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Joanna Ross, Harold Russell, Bobby Sweat, Bella Taylor, Ansley Thompson, Dixie White, Tommie Whiteside, Sarah Grace Wise, Betty Young

### Shut-Ins:

Helen DePriest, J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe & Benita Garner, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon

### Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals



## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of *Don Golden*, who passed away Thursday, September 2. The funeral service will be held Saturday, September 11, at 2:00p.m. at the New Albany church of Christ. Viewing will be one hour prior to service time.

The immediate family will gather at Kelvin & LaKisha's house after the service. If you would like to provide a dish, it may be taken to their house at 788 CR 113, New Albany.

*The Elders want to remind us that The Mississippi Department of Health is urging everyone to wear a mask in all public indoor settings.*

### I've Learned...

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 09. . . . . Austin Petrowski  
September 13. . . . . Gloria Jones  
September 16. . . . . Ryleigh Garrett

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 15. . . . . Jerry & Eleta Grimmitt  
September 17. . . . . Steve & Lana Todd

## DIRECTORY PICTURES



If you have not signed up for directory pictures, please do so as soon as possible. Pictures will be made next Sunday, the 19th and Monday, the 20th. There is a link on our church website or, for those without internet service, we are happy to help. Please see Troy Robertson, Mike Brown or Lana Todd.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for everything you have done for us this week. We appreciate all the calls, texts, cards, and love shown to us this week. Larry is home and doing better. Thank you especially for your prayers. Please continue to pray for him.

Love, Larry & Janice

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to *Clay & Ja Lyn Ormon* on the birth of their son, *Vincent (Vince) Clay Ormon*. He was born Tuesday, September 7th weighing 7lbs 13 oz and measured 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well. Welcoming *Vince* is big sister *Genesis*, proud grandparents *Paul & Maria Ormon* and great-grandmother *Mable Erwin*.

## YAH-HOO GROUP

There is interest in getting a group together to visit the Ark in Williamstown, KY. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please sign up if you are interested.

## 2021 THEME

*"The Power of Love"*

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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.....662-252-9762  
Tim Dye.....662-316-2527  
Richard Jennings .662-316-1305  
Phil Young.....662-316-2059

## DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....662-316-6420  
Shane Crotts.....662-266-0195  
Jason Jennings.....662-801-3260  
Mark Jennings.....731-609-3309  
Kevin Simmons.. 662-512-8451  
Randy Wall.....662-316-9255

## TO SERVE

Communion.....Clint Stroupe  
Scripture.....Owen Clayton  
A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young  
Closing.....Ricky Adams  
P.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
Closing.....Olen Clark  
Lock.....Greg Clayton  
Usher.....Shane Crotts  
Security.....Matt Jennings  
Wed Open 15th.....J Jennings  
Wed Close 15th.....Perry Jones

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....86  
Sunday A.M.....117  
Sunday P.M.....70  
Wednesday.....75  
Contribution.....\$4,375.00  
Budget.....\$4,219.62

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### AT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

- ◆ At Sunday School they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife!"
- ◆ A Sunday School teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping!"
- ◆ A teacher was walking around observing her class while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

*"The soul is healed by being with children."*

~copied

### Opportunities to Serve

- Food items for children at Myrtle School (Kurt)
- Supplies for Pine Vale each quarter (Kurt)
- Coloring Books/Crayons for Le Bonheur (Andy/Vic Brown, Kurt/Shelly)
- Snack bags and activity books for dialysis center (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Food items for children at West Union School (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Provide bags for foster children (Brian, Matt, Shane).
- Provide hygiene products for students. August-West Union; September-New Albany High School; October-Myrtle; November-New Albany Middle and NAES; December-East Union; January-Ingomar (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Caring for our church family (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Assist our elderly and the sick with yard work (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Run errands for our shut-ins (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Prepare care boxes for our shut-ins (Kevin/Stephanie)

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