



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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## The Good Confession

Tim Dooley

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Afternoon Worship.....1:15  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30

### MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215  
 Shaler Grigsby.....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

In Acts chapter eight Philip is riding along in a chariot with the Ethiopian Nobleman and along their journey Philip taught him of the things concerning the Christ. And, “...as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?” (vs. 36). To this question Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (v. 37).

Some have concluded that confession is not a necessary step toward salvation because verse 37 does not appear in some ancient manuscripts. Some English Bibles place brackets around this verse, while others have demoted it to a footnote. Some have left this verse out altogether. The question is then, “is confession necessary for salvation?”

The inclusion or exclusion of this verse is really a moot point and has no bearing on the argument. What we need to do is consider the overabundance of evidence in scripture and the true definition of confession to see that it is indeed a very important and necessary step in being reconciled to God. When we consider Romans 10:9-10 it is apparent that confession is indeed a prerequisite to salvation in Christ, for Paul says, “That if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and will believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

This verse clearly states that an oral confession of faith precedes salvation. So, regardless of whether or not Acts 8:37 belongs in the text, the Eunuch had to have made a confession of faith in Christ prior to baptism. Since baptism is the point in which we receive salvation (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21), and confession is made unto it, the inference is clear.

In 1 John 4:15 we read, “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.” So, without a doubt confession is indeed essential for our salvation. But confession is not solely an oral statement made prior to baptism. Jesus said, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (vs. 32-33). Clearly, we must live a life of confession with our words and our actions professing our faith in Christ.

## 2021 THEME

“The Power of Love”



### OUR RECORD

9/26/2021

Sunday School.....98  
 Sunday A.M.....140  
 Sunday P.M..... 82  
 Wednesday.....70  
 Contribution.....\$4,273.75



**Dooley noted...**

Wednesday night’s singing was such an encouragement! What a great way to both worship and praise our Lord and also get to spend time together to love and encourage one another. If you missed it you missed a lot! Where were you Wednesday night? Be faithful friends.



## PRAYER LIST

**Amanda Coggin**-began a new infusion for her rheumatoid arthritis. Please pray for success.

**Jerry Grimmatt**-awaiting test results.

**Luke Jennings**-returned to the doctor on Thursday. His pneumonia is better.

**Dixie White**-will have heart tests on October 5th.

**Betty McNeely**-is in the Oxford hospital following mini-strokes. She will be going to rehab soon. She is the sister of Richard Jennings.

### Continue to Remember:

Lynda Ball, Mitchel Barton, Larry Cobb, Shane Crotts, Don Hobson, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmatt, Madison Hardy, John Haynes, Barbara Holt, Luke Jennings, Perry Jones, Michelle Kimsey, Sue Marques, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Joanna Ross, Harold Russell, Gene Sloan, Bobby Sweat, Bella Taylor, Ansley Thompson, Tommie White-side, Sarah Grace Wise

### 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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



October 4 ~ Tara Sparks

October 12 ~ Greg Harrison

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 12 ~ Kurt & Shelly Clayton

## 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)

## MEMORIAL DONATION

New Albany Church of Christ,

I would like to make a memorial donation to the New Albany Church of Christ in memory of Dorothy Russell. This congregation has been my church family for all of my adult life and has a special place in my heart. My request is that these funds be used for the building fund.

I love you all, Harold Russell

## CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- Today is our First Sunday fellowship meal. Visitors, we would love for you to join us.
- Please bring your non-perishable items for Pine Vale by this afternoon. They will be picked up tomorrow.
- Care Group #3 (Kevin Simmons' Group) is planning a blood drive. If you are willing to participate, please sign the list on the table in the foyer. A date will be announced at a later time.
- There is a basket in the foyer for diapers for Titan Golden, son of Patience Golden and grandson of LaKisha Harris. He currently wears a size 2. Please bring diapers by Sunday, October 17th.
- There will be a Youth (7th-12) and Yah-hoo lunch at the fellowship building next Sunday, October 10th immediately following morning worship.
- The 6th grade and under will go to the Pumpkin Patch next Sunday, October 10th. See Shaler for details.
- A teacher is needed for the Pre-K/Kindergarten class on Wednesday nights. Please let Jason know if you can help with this. Also, there is a list on the table in the foyer for those willing to fill in when teachers can't make it to children's classes.
- Congratulations to Christy Phillips for being on the 2021 New Albany High School Homecoming Court!

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Love in the Church**

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

- I. Seek Love and \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Let all things be done for \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor. 14:26; Romans 14:19)
  - B. Let all others keep \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor. 4:27-30)
  - C. Let all be \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor. 14:31-33; Colossians 2:1-3; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)
- II. Seek \_\_\_\_\_ and Propriety
  - A. Keep \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:11-12; Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18; Genesis 3:16)
  - B. Ask their husbands at home  
(1 Cor. 14:35a)
  - C. Shameful (1 Cor. 14:35b)
- III. Seek Law and \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ of the rule of law (1 Cor. 14:36-37; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:3)
  - B. Ignorance of the law is a \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor. 14:38; Ephesians 4:18; Romans 1:19-20; Proverbs 22:3; Acts 17:30-31)
  - C. Structure of the law (1 Cor. 14:39-40)

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**New Every Morning**

Lamentations 3:21-24

- I. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Psalm 100:5; 139:8)
- II. GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ CONTINUE
  - A. Physical (Matthew 5:45; Acts 14:17)
  - B. Spiritual (Ephesians 1:3)
- III. OLD THINGS ARE \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 1:7-10; Philippians 3:13-14; Colossians 3:10)
- IV. GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ ARE SURE  
(Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; 10:23; Romans 8:11)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Mark Jennings  
SONG .....9 A Wonderful Savior  
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Andy Clemmer  
SONG.....12 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?  
LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING....Deacons  
SONG.....11 Above the Bright Blue  
SONG.....129 Each Step I Take  
SCRIPTURE READING.....Mason Simmons  
OPENING PRAYER.....Paul Ormon  
SONG.....647 The Love of God  
LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
INVITATION SONG.....356 Jesus is Tenderly Calling  
CLOSING SONG.....756 When We All Get to Heaven  
CLOSING PRAYER.....Alvin Parks  
USHER.....Matt Jennings & Randy Wall  
LOCK.....Steve Todd  
SECURITY.....Richard Adams  
GREETERS.....Shaler & Madison Grigsby  
  
P.M. SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby  
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Terry Stubblefield  
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Troy Robertson

*~Remember to silence your cell phone~*

## THOSE TO SERVE

Week of October 10, 2021

### Sunday A.M.

Greeters.....R & C Wall  
Announcements.....Andy Clemmer  
Singing.....Richard Jennings  
Lord's Supper.....Deacons  
Scripture Reading.....James Carter  
Opening Prayer.....Phil Young  
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Simmons

### Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mark Jennings  
Opening prayer.....Dillon Clayton  
Closing prayer.....Phillip Young

### Wednesday (13th)

Singing .....Clay Jennings  
Opening Prayer.....Clint Stroupe  
Closing Prayer.....Ricky Adams  
Usher.....Matt Jennings/R Wall  
Lock.....Kevin Simmons  
Security.....Brian Carpenter

## THOSE TO SERVE

Week of October 17, 2021

### Sunday A.M.

Greeters.....K & S Clayton  
Announcements.....Andy Clemmer  
Singing.....Phillip Young  
Lord's Supper.....Deacons  
Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton  
Opening Prayer.....Bill Botts  
Closing Prayer.....Thomas Wall

### Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Richard Jennings  
Opening Prayer.....Greg Clayton  
Closing Prayer.....Kurt Clayton

### Wednesday (20th)

Singing.....Hunter Jennings  
Opening Prayer.....Mike Brown  
Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark  
Usher.....Matt Jennings/K Clayton  
Lock.....Kurt Clayton  
Security.....Greg Clayton

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