



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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## The Open Book Test

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

## 2021 THEME

*“The Power of Love”*



### OUR RECORD

10/03/2021

Sunday School.....89  
 Sunday A.M.....120  
 Sunday P.M..... 72  
 Wednesday.....88  
 Contribution.....\$3,837.05

Let me ask, which would you prefer, an “Open Book Test” or a test where the teacher unfairly and in oppressing fashion requires you to answer questions without access to the material? Don’t answer too quickly! There is a time limit on both tests. And, consider that you haven’t sat through every lecture, you haven’t taken any notes, and you haven’t studied the material or even read and familiarized yourself with the text. Now I’ll ask another question; will it matter? The truth is you will fail such a test regardless!

The fact is we are all being tested and tried in this life (*James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:7*). And our lives will be graded on the Day of Judgment (*John 12:48; Acts 10:42; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5*). We are being tested right now! The problem and tragedy is so many are failing the test. And there is no need to...it is an “Open Book Test.” Consider carefully the following points:

**The textbook is inspired, inerrant, and available.** It isn’t out of print, out of stock, or outdated (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*). But how many folks are studying the text, searching it daily, and committing it to memory (*Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15*)? The “Open Book Test” doesn’t do me a bit of good if I do not know where to find the answers. God’s word is meant to be studied, searched, memorized, analyzed, scrutinized, and internalized.

**There are lectures given every week.** In the average lifetime a person attending every Bible Class and Worship Service will hear at least 16,000 lessons from the textbook. This does not include Gospel Meetings, seminars, devotionals, lectureships and other public assemblies. In contrast, the person who attends only once per week will hear only about 4,000. How much are you going to miss if you do not attend all the “lectures?”

**Personal Study Time.** Standard recommendations for a college student are two hours of personal study for every one-hour of classroom time. For the Christian who attends all three Sunday services and Wednesday evening Bible Class, that would mean ten hours per week of personal study time. That may include private studies with others, daily personal devotionals and readings, and family devotional time. Yet many Christians, even those who attend every service, go home, set their Bibles down, and don’t pick it up again till the next “class.”

**Application!** This is real world stuff we are talking about and eternity hangs in the balance. It has been said that, “He who learns but does not think, is lost.” And, “He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger.” John said, “*Bring forth fruits meet for repentance*” (*Matthew 3:8*). The work is being put in for the hope that we will change our lives for the better and for eternity.

**There is a time limit on the test!** *1 Peter 1:24-25; James 4:14*. Friends, we need to be active in the Biblical education and the advancement of spiritual growth in our lives. God hasn’t left us without the necessary information or adequate opportunities for instruction. But as is true with any test, the person responsible for passing or failing is the person taking the test. Not the teacher, not the material, not the pencil in your hand... You!



## PRAYER LIST

**Nora Stroupe**-was taken to the ER Thursday evening. She is at home, recovering from Covid.

**Sue Stroud**-is in local hospital following mini-strokes. She is not doing well.

**Linda Griggs**-is at home, progressing slowly after being hospitalized with Sepsis.

**Janice Cobb**-is better after being diagnosed with an upper respiratory infection.

**Perry Jones**-got a good report and can return to work tomorrow.

**Dixie White**-received good news from her test. No procedure necessary.

### Continue to Remember:

Larry Cobb, Amanda Coggin, Shane Crotts, Don Hobson, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Becky Harville, Barbara Holt, Luke Jennings, Michelle Kimsey, Sue Marques, Betty McNeely, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Ansley Thompson, 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 12 ~ Greg Harrison

October 16 ~ Jodi Parks

October 18 ~ Rex Bell

October 21 ~ Betty Adams

October 22 ~ Preston Garrett

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 12 ~ Kurt & Shelly Clayton

October 17 ~ Tim & Kathy Dye

## 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)
- Blood Drive date TBA (Kevin/Stephanie)

*They found a little courage that  
Simmered in the sun.*



*They blended it with patience  
And just a spice of fun.*

*They poured in hope and laughter  
And with a sudden twist—*

*They stirred it all together  
And made an OPTIMIST!*

## CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- The Youth & Yah-Hoo lunch is today at the fellowship building, immediately following morning worship.
- The 6th Grade & Under will go to the Pumpkin Patch today. See Shaler for details.
- The Area-Wide Youth Meeting will be held at Antioch today at 5:00p.m.
- NAYPE will meet this week after the Wednesday night service.
- There will be a meeting next Sunday, October 17th for those interested in participating in Lads to Leaders. Please meet in Room 12, immediately following morning worship.
- The 7th Grade & Up Youth will meet at the Grigsbys for Defend the Faith & pumpkin carving next Sunday, October 17th. See Shaler for details.
- 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.
- 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.
- If you are interested in going to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.
- If you are willing to serve as a substitute teacher in the event a teacher can't make it to the children's classes, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**My New Normal**

Ephesians 4:17-24

- I. Faithful in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 6:33; James 4:17)
- II. Spending Time with the \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 1:2)
- III. Constant in \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11; Luke 18:1; 21:36;  
Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2)
- IV. Generous in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor.9:7)
- V. More \_\_\_\_\_ and speaking \_\_\_\_\_  
(John 13:35; Romans 12:10)
- VI. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 5:5-6)
- VII. Life of \_\_\_\_\_  
(James 5:16; Acts 8:18-24)
- VIII. Being a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21;  
Romans 6:3-6)

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Christian Contractors**

Matthew 7:24-29

- I. HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NEW  
TESTAMENT CHURCH.
  - A. The church is not a denomination
  - B. The church is a divine institution
  - C. The church has one Head  
(Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18)
- II. HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE  
GREAT ARCHITECT AND OWNER.
  - A. The church originated in the mind of God
  - B. The church was built by Jesus  
(Matthew 16:18)
  - C. The church was purchased with His blood  
(Acts 20:28)
- III. HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE  
BLUEPRINT.
  - A. The word is of divine origin  
(Galatians 1:6-12)
  - B. The word is sufficient  
(2 Timothy 3:14-17)
  - C. The word doesn't need to be changed  
(Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6;  
Revelation 22:18-19)
- IV. BUILD \_\_\_\_\_ TILL THE END OF  
LIFE'S JOURNEY.
  - A. There is no retirement while life is still in us  
(Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:7-8)
  - B. We must be steadfast (1 Corinthians 15:58)
  - C. We must not grow weary (Galatians 6:9)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Richard Jennings  
SONG .....891 **This Is the Day That the Lord  
Hath Made**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Andy Clemmer  
SONG.....511 **Oft We Come Together**  
LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING....Deacons  
SONG.....595 **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**  
SONG.....707 **To Christ Be Loyal and Be True**  
SCRIPTURE READING.....James Carter  
OPENING PRAYER.....Phil Young  
SONG.....711 **True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted**  
LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
INVITATION SONG.....389 **Let Him Have His Way with  
Thee**  
CLOSING SONG.....436 **Nearer, Still Nearer**  
CLOSING PRAYER.....Kevin Simmons  
USHER.....Matt Jennings & Kurt Clayton  
LOCK.....Kevin Simmons  
SECURITY.....Brian Carpenter  
GREETERS.....Randy & Christy Wall  
  
P.M. SINGING.....Andy Brown  
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Dillon Clayton  
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Phillip Young

*~Remember to silence your cell phone~*

## 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  
Usher.....Matt Jennings/K. Simmons  
Lock.....Kurt Clayton  
Security.....Greg Clayton

### 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

## THOSE TO SERVE

Week of October 24, 2021

### Sunday A.M.

Greeters.....J & A Jennings  
Announcements.....Andy Clemmer  
Singing.....Andy Brown  
Lord's Supper.....Deacons  
Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Dye  
Closing Prayer.....David Clayton  
Usher.....Matt Jennings/S. Crotts  
Lock.....Shane Crotts  
Security.....Dan Cobb

### Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Phillip Young  
Opening Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
Closing Prayer.....Dane Coggin

### Wednesday (27th)

Singing.....Thomas Wall  
Opening Prayer.....Shane Crotts  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Dooley

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