



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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October 31, 2021

## Miserable Comforters

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 Crofts.....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

10/24/2021

Sunday School.....111  
Sunday A.M.....145  
Sunday P.M..... 96  
Wednesday.....95  
Contribution.....\$5,485.00

We often think of patience when it comes to Job. We think of all the trouble that happened to him by the hands of Satan and think “What a patient man!” But, not only was Job a patient man, he was also a troubled, sorrowful, and confused man. As often is the case, in times of trial, some folks will come along and attempt to give some measure of comfort. Sadly, many of us fail miserably at doing so. Job’s friends were no different. In Job 16:2 Job replies to his friends saying, “I have heard many such things;” but then said, “Miserable comforters are you all!”

In contrast, Jesus looks upon the horde of souls that followed Him and was “moved with compassion” (Matthew 14:14). So, he fed them and healed their sicknesses. Unlike Job’s friends, Jesus was not accusatory toward the masses. He did not suggest that their sicknesses were punitive for some sin. He did not suggest they had been negligent in preparation and send them away hungry. He did not throw their past up in their faces.

We too need to be comforted from time to time. None of us is so strong and untouchable that we will not feel the need for compassion. But what I do appreciate about Job’s friends is at least they were there! They may not have done it right, and they may have been miserable comforters, but they were there for him. Unfortunately, we are often too busy with our own lives to stop and just be there for a friend in need. So, what can we learn from Jesus about doing it right?

**Don’t Look Away!** When Jesus looked upon the multitude He could have just as easily looked the other way and ignored their suffering. He could have been like the Priest and Levite in Luke 10 who looked and then “passed by on the other side.” In John 4:35 Jesus tells His disciples to “lift up your eyes and look” and we need to do the same. There are people all around us who are suffering; physically, mentally, financially, emotionally, and most importantly, spiritually.

**Open Our Hearts!** Jesus was genuinely sorry and was filled with sympathy for the hungry, the sick, the sorrowful, and the sinful. He has looked upon all of us and has borne our grief and carried away our sorrow (Isaiah 53:4). Jesus cares! And in order for us to be like Him we must have the same kind of compassion for others (Colossians 2:1–5; Colossians 3:12–14).

**Do Something About the Need!** In Matthew 14 Jesus ordered His disciples to give the people something to eat. He surveyed the available resources and systematically distributed the food. Not only did He fill them, He was also a good steward and gathered up the leftovers. There is always something we can do. There is always a hand to hold, a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, a directional instruction, or a word fitly spoken.

What are we doing to be more like Christ? Obey Him, be compassionate, and be faithful.



### *Dooley noted...*

The first of last week I made a quick trip to Florida to see my father and some other family members. Dad wanted to give me some tools of his and I came home with a truckload of stuff. Some great things and some junk! But as I have gone through everything, I have uncovered a few personal treasures. More than any monetary value are the memories it brought back of working with my father and grandfather growing up. I’m thankful for those memories and for the memories we are creating together here in New Albany.



## PRAYER LIST

**Alyce Jennings**-is recovering from Covid.

**Carol Hood**-has been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic and liver cancer.

**Sue Marques**-has an appointment with a neurologist tomorrow at Semmes Murphey Clinic in Memphis.

**Larry Cobb**-is at home under hospice care. Visitors are welcome.

**Betty McNeely**-sister of Richard Jennings, is at home now, still struggling as she recovers from mini-strokes.

**Greg Lawson**-brother of the Dooley's friend, David, is in an Atlanta hospital in critical condition due to diabetes complications.

**Sympathy:** We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Helen DePriest, who passed away early Tuesday morning. The funeral service was held yesterday. She had been a faithful member of the New Albany Congregation for many years. Please keep Steve & Pat and their families in your prayers.

### **Continue to Remember:**

James Carter, Amanda Coggin, Kyle Crotts, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Don Hobson, Prebble Foster, Nancy Frohn, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Becky Harville, Barbara Holt, Luke Jennings, Michele Kimsey, Duke Loden, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Victoria Rutherford, Roy Sharp, Sue Stroud, Ansley Thompson, Sarah Grace Wise

### **Shut-Ins:**

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 31 ~ Steve Todd

November 3 ~ Paul Ormon

November 6 ~ Janice Griffin

November 8 ~ Madison Clint Stroupe

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 3 ~ Bill & Grace Lyon

## 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)
- Newborn baby items (diapers, wipes, blankets, bibs) for twin girls due in January are needed—friend of Madison Griggs.

## AREA MEETINGS

- **Gloster Street Church of Christ** Gospel Meeting with David Powell is November 7th-10th . Sunday night 6p.m.; Monday-Wednesday 7:00p.m.
- **The New Albany Church of Christ** will host the Area Wide Youth Meeting November 14th at 5:00p.m. The speaker is Tim Dooley.



## PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are so happy that Carol Hood and Randy & Amy English made it known to the Elders they desire to become part of the New Albany Congregation. We know they will be an asset to the work here at New Albany. Please welcome them to our church family. Their addresses are: Carol Hood, 368 Northridge Drive, Pontotoc, MS 38863; Randy & Amy English, 51 Boatwright Circle, Pontotoc, MS 38863.

## CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- Lads to Leaders forms must be turned in today.
- Trunk R Treat will be at the Youngs' Tractor Shed this afternoon at 5:00p.m. Chili and hot dogs are on the menu. Bring your lawn chairs and your favorite 2-liter drink. Dress warmly. All are welcome.
- The Yah-Hoo Group will to go Simmer on Down in Dumas Friday November 5th. For those who want to meet at the church building and ride together, we'll leave at 4:30. All are invited to come.
- Our First Sunday Fellowship Meal is next Sunday. Please make plans to join us for good food and fellowship.
- A Veteran's Day Celebration will be held at West Union School Nov. 11th with breakfast 8:30a.m.-9:00a.m. and the program at 9:00a.m. Please RSVP to (662) 534-6745 if you are a Veteran who will be attending.
- There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for desserts and canned drinks for the Area Wide Youth Meeting.
- There are several sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer. Please check those as you go out.
- **Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night, November 6th.**

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

Ephesians 5:15–20

- I. THE LORD WILL HAVE HIS WAY \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Pharaoh (Exodus 5:1-2; 12:41)
  - B. Jonah (Jonah 1:2–3; 3:1-3)
  - C. Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7-9)
  
- II. THE KIND OF \_\_\_\_\_ WE SHOULD HAVE
  - A. Peter (Matthew 17:4–5)
  - B. James (James 4:13–15)
  - C. Disciples (Acts 21:14)
  - D. Jesus (John 6:38; Matthew 26:39)
  
- III. THE AREAS OF \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Christian \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:11–14)
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:23-24; Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2; 2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23–29; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:16; 1 Corinthians 1:21)
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 16:15–16; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19)

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Ezra Prepared His Heart**

Ezra 7:10

- I. Ezra Was Determined to \_\_\_\_\_ the Will of God
  - A. We are commanded to study (2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15)
  - B. Saving faith depends on our understanding (Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12; Psalm 119:105; Acts 17:11)
  - C. All of us need a system of study
  
- II. Ezra Was Determined to \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - A. It doesn't matter what we know unless we do what God commands (John 13:17; James 1:22-27)
  - B. To know to do good and not do it is sin (James 4:17; Matthew 25:1–46)
  
- III. Ezra Desired to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God (Nehemiah 8:6-8)
  - A. Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20)
  - B. Early Christians were not hindered by a church building (Acts 1:8; 8:4)
  - C. Opportunities are everywhere (Hebrews 5:12–14)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Mike Brown  
SONG .....847 **Bind Us Together**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Andy Clemmer  
SONG.....359 **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**  
LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING....Deacons  
SONG.....889 **There's Something about That Name**  
SONG.....271 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**  
SCRIPTURE READING.....Brian Carpenter  
OPENING PRAYER.....Shaler Grigsby  
SONG.....205 **Hand in Hand with Jesus**  
LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
INVITATION SONG.....293 **I'll Live for Him**  
CLOSING SONG.....76 **Blest Be the Tie**  
CLOSING PRAYER.....Martin Crotts  
USHER.....Matt Jennings & Jason Jennings  
LOCK.....Jason Jennings  
SECURITY.....Dane Coggin  
GREETERS.....M & A Jennings  
P.M. SINGING.....Andy Brown  
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Randy Wall  
LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Ronnie Griggs  
  
WEDNESDAY (Nov. 3rd)  
Singing.....Dillon Clayton  
Opening Prayer.....Ricky Adams  
Closing Prayer.....Jerry Grimmett

## THOSE TO SERVE

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

### Sunday A.M.

Greeters.....R & K Jennings  
Announcements.....Steve Hill  
Singing.....Shaler Grigsby  
Lord's Supper.....Deacons  
Scripture Reading.....Clayton Hill  
Opening Prayer.....Jason Jennings  
Closing Prayer.....Caleb Jennings  
Usher.....Dean Dillard/Mark Jennings  
Lock.....Kevin Simmons  
Security.....Dane Coggin

### Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mike Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Perry Jones  
Closing Prayer.....Harold Russell

### Wednesday (10th)

Singing.....Clay Jennings  
Opening Prayer.....Olen Clark  
Closing Prayer.....Thomas Wall

## THOSE TO SERVE

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

### Sunday A.M.

Greeters.....G & K Clayton  
Announcements.....Steve Hill  
Singing.....Mark Jennings  
Lord's Supper.....Deacons  
Scripture Reading.....Clay Jennings  
Opening Prayer.....Richard Jennings  
Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson  
Usher.....Dean Dillard/Randy Wall  
Lock.....Randy Wall  
Security.....Jason Jennings

### Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Shaler Grigsby  
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Simmons  
Closing Prayer.....Mark Jennings

### Wednesday (17th)

Singing.....Hunter Jennings  
Opening Prayer.....Dillon Clayton  
Closing Prayer.....Greg Clayton

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