



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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December 26, 2021

## THE LAMB'S BRIDE

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

12/19/2021

Sunday School.....115  
Sunday A.M.....146  
Sunday P.M..... 88  
Wednesday, 12/22.....92  
Contribution.....\$6,292.20

Jesus came into this world to do one thing. Luke 19:10 says, *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."* From the beginning of time the Father had a plan that would save mankind from death and offer redemption to all who would submit themselves to His Son (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2). Jesus came to enact that plan (John 4:34).

Part of that great plan was the establishment of the kingdom. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, *"You Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* In order to accomplish this Jesus had to shed His blood and give His life. Arising victorious over death He accomplished what He had prophesied. In doing so He purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28).

The Hebrew writer tells us, *"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us"* (9:12). Also, *"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate"* (13:12). And John wrote, *"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood"* (Revelation 1:5).

Now, with these things in mind, let me ask what I believe to be a most pertinent question, "What do we owe Him?" Some would say nothing at all and most live that way, but the truth is we owe Him everything! That is why we are told time and again to live faithful lives. He demands fidelity from each of us individually and from every local congregation.

God's Word refers to the church of His dear Son as a bride (Revelation 21:9). Sadly, so many, too many, are committing spiritual adultery. Individually, many who once were joined to the Son through the act of baptism have left Him for another. Be it the world or a denomination (which are not part of His church).

Many congregations have likewise run off with another man's wife. Some of them, like the physical adulterer, don't realize what they are doing. Others, unfortunately, know and just don't care. Innovations that have no biblical authority drive men into Satan's arms. Even those who do not hold to or teach some new or false thing can be guilty of spiritual unfaithfulness if they fail to do those things which are commanded.

I wonder how God feels when those He loves and gave His life for, who promised to love Him and be faithful, leave Him for another. If another has ever betrayed you, then you know how He feels. Why would we do that to Him who loves us so much?



***Dooley noted...***

*"For the life of the flesh is in the blood..."* (Leviticus 17:11). Thanks to everyone who participated in our inaugural blood drive last week. This is a great service to our community and we are hoping to make this at least an annual event. – Tim

## PRAYER LIST

**Melvin Adams** is due to have surgery December 30th, please keep Melvin & Shelly in your prayers.

**Tim Dye** tested positive for covid, says he feels fine.

**Clay Jennings** has the flu.

**Kathy Clayton** has been sick this week.

### Continue to Remember:

Bob Clement, Shane Crotts, Linda Crumpton, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Nancy Frohn, Jerry & Eleta Grimmitt, Deborah Griffin, Becky Harville, Barbara Holt, Carol Hood, Michelle Kimsey, Greg Lawson, Betty & Auzie McNeely, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Billy Stroupe, Lana Todd, Roy Sharp, William Wilson.

### 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, Sue Stroud

### Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 28 ~ Jenna Carpenter

December 29 ~ Dean Dillard

December 29 ~ Mable Erwin

December 29 ~ Carol Hood

December 30 ~ Terry Stubblefield

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 26 ~ Troy & Novene Robertson

## 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.  
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)

## THANK YOU

To My Family in Christ,

Being a part of this congregation is one of the greatest blessings of my life. I am always humbled by the warmth and constancy of your love.

Thank you for your care and concern for me these last few months. You have been such an encouragement through your prayers; calls, cards and texts; delicious food and visits. I'll never forget all you've done for me and for Steve.

My recovery is going well and I look forward to seeing you soon.

I love you all,

Steve & Lana Todd

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

We cannot thank you enough for the kind words, calls, cards and texts during my illness and the death of my uncle. This is truly a wonderful family to be a part of.

Love....

Mark, Alyce, Anna & Lillie Jennings

## CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- **December 29th** - 5th Wednesday night singing at the fellowship building.
- **December 31st** - **8th Annual New Year's Eve Singing, Plainview Church of Christ, Fulton, MS (flyers on the table in the foyer)**
- **January 2, 2022** - First Sunday Fellowship meal.
- **January 23, 2022** - Youth Devo hosted by Steve & Andrea Hill at the home of Roger & Kathy Clayton.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**BETTER THAN GOLD**

**Luke 12:16–21**

- I. A Good \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. What man says about a good name.
  - B. What God says (Proverb 22:1; Eccl. 7:1)
- II. God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Happiness is found in hope and peace (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Titus 1:2; 2 Peter 1:3; Proverbs 23:23)
  - B. It's valuable because of what it will do (1 Peter 1:22–25; John 8:32; Acts 20:32)
- III. A Good \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. A guilty mind leads to destruction (Matthew 27:3–5)
  - B. The function (Romans 2:14–15)
  - C. It must be educated (Acts 23:1)
  - D. We must do all God requires to have it (1 Peter 3:21)
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. What is your soul worth (Mark 8:36-37; Luke 18:22–23)
  - B. What is so great about this world's possessions?
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven (Matthew 6:19–20; Luke 16:22–23; John 14:1–3)

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**WILL A MAN ROB GOD?**

**Malachi 3:7-12**

- I. Will a Man Rob God of His \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. All glory is due unto God (Psalm 29:2; 96:8)
  - B. All worship belongs to God and no other (Luke 4:8; Acts 14:12–15; Revelation 19:10; 22:9; Acts 17:29; Acts 14:12–15; Romans 1:25)
  - C. How we rob God (Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 6:33; John 4:23–24; Luke 21:2–4; 1 Corinthians 11:29).
- II. Will a Man Rob God of His \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. Time is short (Psalm 90:10, 12; James 4:14; 1 Peter 1:24)
  - B. We will stand before God in judgment and answer for how we have used the time He has given us (John 9:4; Eph. 5:15–16)
- III. Will a Man Rob God of His \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. God is love (1 John 4:8)
  - B. God loved us and gave His Son to die for us (John 3:16)
  - C. God expects us to love Him with every fiber of our being (Luke 10:27; 1 John 2:15–17; 5:3)
  - D. We cannot share of our love with any other. To do so is to commit spiritual adultery (Luke 16:13; Romans 13:8)
- IV. Will a Man Rob God of His \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. The soul belongs to God and is entrusted to our care (Genesis 1:26; Eccl. 12:7)
  - B. Will you ensure that your soul, and the souls of those who have been assigned to your care, returns to be with God where they belong?

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**SINGING**..... Mark Jennings  
**SONG** .....

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....Terry Stubblefield  
**SONG**.....

**LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING**....**Kurt Clayton, Roger Clayton,  
Andy Clemmer, Dane Coggin**

**SONG**.....  
**SONG**.....

**SCRIPTURE READING**.....James Carter  
**OPENING PRAYER**.....Paul Ormon  
**SONG**.....  
**SONG**.....

**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**INVITATION SONG**.....

**CLOSING PRAYER**.....Perry Jones  
**USHER**.....Brian Carpenter & Kevin Simmons  
**LOCK**.....Matt Jennings  
**SECURITY**.....Richard Adams  
**GREETERS**.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton

**P.M. SINGING**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**P.M. OPENING PRAYER**.....Clint Stroupe  
**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**P.M. CLOSING PRAYER**.....Randy Wall

*~Remember to silence your cell phone~*

**THOSE TO SERVE**

**Sunday, January 02, 2022**

**Sunday A.M.**  
Greeters.....  
Announcements.....  
Singing.....  
Lord’s Supper.....  
Scripture Reading.....  
Opening Prayer.....  
Closing Prayer.....  
Usher.....  
Lock.....  
Security.....

**Sunday P.M.**  
Singing.....  
Opening Prayer.....  
Closing Prayer.....

**Wednesday (**  
Singing.....  
Opening Prayer.....  
Closing Prayer.....

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Singing.....  
Opening Prayer.....  
Closing Prayer.....

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