



THE INFORMER

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Is the Old Testament Still Relevant Today?

Tim Dooley

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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2022 THEME

BETTER

OUR RECORD

01/23/2022

Sunday School.....98
 Sunday A.M..... 112
 Sunday P.M.....68
 Wednesday. 01/26/22.....80
 Contribution.....\$7,169.35
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

Wednesday night Shaler asked me to teach the Teenage Class on the subject “What Is the Point of the Old Testament.” I was happy to teach on this because most of us have heard the criticism, “You don’t believe in the Old Testament!” Maybe this comes from a simple lack of knowledge as to the makeup and purpose of the Old Testament or a deeper, misplaced understanding about the difference between the Old and New Laws and the fact that the Old Law was fulfilled in Christ. Some religious folks argue the point in an attempt to go back to the Old Testament to try to justify certain activities today. The truth is we do spend, as New Testament Christians, a great deal of our time in the New Testament and it is possible that we appear to be, and may be at times, ambivalent toward the Old Testament Scriptures. That being said, the Old Testament is certainly relevant and essential to the New Testament Christian today for us to understand God, His nature, salvation, and the questions that have plagued mankind from the beginning of time (i.e. where did we come from? What are we doing here? Where are we going?).

We believe in Genesis 1:1 and without it nothing else matters! Genesis 1:1-2:4 tells us about God as Creator and how He gives order to and cares for the creation. We believe that we are spiritual beings created in the very image of God (Genesis 1:26). We also learn how sin came into the world and how that sin separated us from God. It tells us about His love, mercy, grace, patience, forgiveness, wisdom and foresight. We are also instructed in the knowledge of God’s wrath and justice. In the “Flood Story” we see that God is patient and judges reluctantly. In Genesis 12:1-3 God enters into a covenant relationship with Abraham that even affects us today. In that covenant we see the themes of God’s righteousness (Genesis 15:6), His justice (18:25), as well as testing and fear (12:1; 22:12).

We learn of the creation of a nation and their deliverance from bondage and oppression. We learn that God is in control and is a God of both goodness and severity. We learn of the Law that was given to the children of Israel (Exodus 20-23) and the covenant God made with them, making them His own special people. The laws that were given were both apodictic and casuistic. We also learn that Moses is a partner with the Lord (Exodus 14:31): He faces the rejection of his own people (5:20-23; 14:10-12), and he mediates God’s power (14:15-16). Church leaders need to read and study these things often.

In the relationship between God and the children of Israel we learn a lot about the relationship we share with God as His people today. The Israelites murmured and complained when they should have been grateful and content. They failed to carry out the commandments of God, to be faithful and trusting. Through the Judges we learn how the people forgot about God and did evil, serving other gods. God’s anger is kindled and He hands the Israelites over to their enemies. The Jews serve other nations when God, in His mercy and grace, raises up a judge to deliver them. The Spirit of God comes upon that man and he leads the people of God and delivers them out of the hand of their enemies. The land once again is at peace, the judge dies, and the cycle starts all over again. Ultimately the children lose their inheritance altogether, but a faithful remnant always remains.

In the poetry we learn of acceptable and unacceptable attitudes of worship, service, and devotion to God (Psalms). We learn of His wisdom (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes). The prophets tell us of godly sorrow, humility, repentance, judgment, and mercy. We learn of God’s will in caring for the lowly, poor, sick, and needy.

The Old Testament tells us where we came from and it tells us why we are here (Ecclesiastes 12:13) and it tells us where we are going. Galatians three says, “Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor” (24-25). That Old Law, that was given to the Jews, was taken out of the way and nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14) and in Christ he has made out of two (Jew and Gentile) one special people, the Christian (Ephesians 2:15). Do we believe that the Old Testament is still relevant today? Absolutely! Every word of it!



Dooley noted....

I was in a fender bender Monday afternoon turning east onto Bankhead from Rt 30. It reminded me that spiritually we need to keep our head on a swivel. While something may be sneaking upon us from behind or in our blind side it’s important for us to make sure the guy in front of us hasn’t stopped! – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Shane Crotts had a procedure Friday, January 28, to correct atrial fibrillation

Wayne Dye, Uncle of Tim Dye, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

Brenda Jones, mother of Kathy Dye, who fell, will be moved to rehab in Martin, TN when a bed is available.

Gloria Jones was scheduled for a doctor appointment Monday, January 24th.

Nat Jones, grandson of Perry & Gloria Jones, has been diagnosed with strep & covid.

Peggy Miller saw a neurologist this week for back pain due to arteritis & disc. Surgery is not possible, will have injections for disc. To see orthopedic for knee problem.

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of Deloris Crowe, is scheduled for two different heart procedures next Wednesday, February 2nd at Oxford to determine treatment for a heart valve problem. Nancy is also dealing with diabetes and kidney failure.

COVID/FLU: Chris & Sissy Bullock, Eleta Grimmett, Kathy Clayton

Continue to Remember:

Melvin Adams, Jennie Bell, Bob Clement, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Wayne Dye, Ernestine Dye, Prebble Foster, Nancy Frohn, Eleta Grimmett, Deborah Griffin, Barbara Holt, Carol Hood, Michelle Kimsey, Greg Lawson, Betty & Auzie McNeely, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Tom Pettey, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Roy Sharp, Ricky Taylor, 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.

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Clint & Nora Stroupe and family in the death of Clint's father, Billy Stroupe on January 23, 2022. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 26th in Ripley, MS.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 02 ~ Stephanie Simmons

February 05 ~ Paige Young

February 06 ~ Owen Clayton

HAPPY ANIVERSARY

February 14 ~ Andy & Sharon Clemmer

February 16 ~ Kelvin & Lakisha Harris

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

LADIES , we have rescheduled & renamed our Coffee & Conversation to "Lunch with Sisters." All women are invited to have lunch and discuss the women's ministry on February 20th. Lunch will be at the fellowship building. No preparation and no cooking; come and enjoy!

CHURCH NOTICE

If anyone needs to reserve the fellowship building for any reason, please contact Mark Jennings (662-316-1606) or Janice Griffin (662-507-5362). Thank you.

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. January-Ingomar (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Caring for our church family (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Assist our elderly and the sick with yard work (Kevin/Stephanie)

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- **February 11th** - Parents Date Night, drop your kids off at the fellowship building 5:00-9:00
- **February 13th** - Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meet @ 8:15 AM
- **February 13th** - 1st Sunday Fellowship Meal. Please join us for great food and fellowship.
- **February 13th** - Area Wide @ Mayfield Church of Christ in Saltillo.
- **February 20th** - Elders & Ministers Meet.
- **February 20th** - Youth Devo hosted by Phil and Paige Young.
- **February 25 - 27, 2022** - CYC, Pigeon Forge, TN

AM SERMON OUTLINE

Called by God

John 15: 9-17

- I. To _____ God (Ephesians 3:21)
 - A. By Our _____ (John 4:23–24; Matthew 4:10)
 - B. By Our _____ (Hebrews 12:28–29)
 - C. By Our _____ (1 John 3:20-24; John 14:15)

- II. To _____ the Gospel
 - A. The Gospel is _____ and _____ (2 Timothy 3:16–17; Romans 1:16)
 - B. We Are Commanded to _____ (Matthew 28:19; 2 Timothy 4:1–4; 2:2)
 - C. The Gospel Must Be _____ (2 Thessalonians 1:6–9; Hebrews 5:8–9)

- III. To _____ the Church (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

- IV. To Be _____ (Acts 2:44–46; 4:24-25; 11:29; Galatians 6:10)

- V. To _____ Christ.
 - A. The _____ of the Church (Ephesians 1:22–23; Colossians 1:18; Matthew 16:18)
 - B. The _____ of the Body (Ephesians 5:23)
 - C. The Ultimate _____ (Matthew 28:18–20; Colossians 3:17)
 - D. The Final _____ (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10; John 12:48)

NOTES

PM SERMON OUTLINE

No Substitute for Victory

I Samuel 15: 10-23

- I. _____ IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY.
 - A. Jesus wouldn't have been victorious (Matthew 4:1–11)
 - B. The church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:14–22)

- II. AN _____ OF VICTORY IS NOT VICTORY.
 - A. Feelings of victory can be deceiving (Matthew 7:21-23)
 - B. Claiming victory does not mean victory (1 Samuel 15:13)

- III. _____ DEFEAT IS NOT VICTORY.
 - A. Adam blamed Eve and God (Genesis 3:12)
 - B. Saul blames the people (1 Samuel 15:21)
 - C. Aaron blamed the gold (Exodus 32:24)

- IV. _____ VICTORIES ARE NOT THE _____ VICTORY.
 - A. Withstanding temptation once in a lifetime doesn't guarantee final victory (1 Corinthians 9:27; Revelation 2:10)
 - B. We need to remember that past failure won't prevent a final victory (Philippians 3:12; 1 Timothy 1:15)

NOTES:

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby
SONG**000** Here I Am To Worship
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Tim Dye
SONG.....**203** Hallelujah! What a Savior!
LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Olen Clark, Greg Clayton,
Shane Crotts, Tim Dooley
SONG.....**312** I’ll Be a Friend to Jesus
SONG.....**680** There’s Not a Friend
SCRIPTURE READING.....Richard Adams
OPENING PRAYER.....Joe Owen
SONG.....**523** Our God, He Is Alive
SONG.....**382** Kneel at the Cross
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....**561** Savior, Grant Me Rest and Peace
CLOSING PRAYER.....Matt Jennings
USHER.....Steve Hill/Mark Jennings
LOCK.....Shaler Grigsby
SECURITY.....Matt Jennings
GREETERS.....Steve & Lana Todd

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Mike Brown
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Randy Wall
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Thomas Wall

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY February 02 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Hunter Jennings
OPENING PRAYER Shane Crotts
DEVOTIONAL.....Tim Dooley
CLOSING PRAYER.....Owen Clayton

Sunday, February 06

Greeters.....Phil & Paige Young
Announcements.....Phil Young
Singing.....Mark Jennings
Lord’s Supper..... Ricky Adams,
Bill Botts, Mike Brown, Tim Dye
Scripture Reading.....Brian Carpenter
Opening Prayer.....Greg Clayton
Closing Prayer..... Olen Clark
Usher.....Dean Dillard/Kevin Simmons
Lock.....Tim Dye
Security.....Randy Wall

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
Opening Prayer.....Dillon Clayton
Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Griggs

Wednesday February 09

Singing.....Clay Jennings
Opening Prayer.....Jason Jennings
DevotionalShaler Grigsby
Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson

Sunday, February 13

Greeters.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons
Announcements.....Phil Young
Singing.....Richard Jennings
Lord’s Supper..... Ricky Adams,
Bill Botts, Mike Brown, Tim Dye
Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin
Opening Prayer.....Kurt Clayton
Closing Prayer.....David Clayton
Usher.....Dean Dillard/Randy Wall
Lock.....Mark Jennings
Security.....Phillip Young

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mark Jennings
Opening Prayer.....Rodger Clayton
Closing Prayer.....Tim Dooley

Wednesday February 16

Singing.....Thomas Wall
Opening Prayer.....Paul Ormon
DevotionalMark Jennings
Closing Prayer.....Clay Jennings

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