



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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May 01, 2022

PREPARATION

Tim Dooley

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTERS

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DEACONS

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 Mark Jennings.....731-609-3309
 Kevin Simmons.....662-512-8451
 Randy Wall.....662-316-9255

2022 THEME

BETTER

OUR RECORD

04/24/2022

Sunday School.....110
 Sunday A.M..... 148
 Sunday P.M..... 92
 Wednesday 04/27/22 96
 Contribution.....\$4,547.00
 Budget..... \$4,750.00

My Aunt Carol passed away ten years ago and while I have a number of memories of her, it is one of the final acts of her life that has stuck with me most. I had seen her the week before her death and prayed with her family and all were comforted by the fact that she was an obedient, faithful Christian. But it was her preparation for death that had the greatest impact on many of her family and friends. When she was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor just three months earlier she began her preparation. The funeral service, what she would wear, who the pallbearers would be, the family dinner, who would prepare the food; she planned everything just the way she wanted it. She even made a list for Uncle Russell so he would know what to buy for their grandchildren for Christmas next year. She even planned for her husband to marry her best friend, Meredith, and a few years later I officiated a private marriage ceremony for them on the back deck of our home.

The greatest preparation she made though was how she had prepared herself spiritually; beginning with her baptism many years ago and followed by many years of faithful service to God, the church, her family, neighbors, and friends. In Hebrews 9:27 we read, "...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." We are all destined to an eternal, spiritual life after physical death. The question is, "Are we prepared?"

In Amos 4:12 the prophet says Israel had not repented of their evil deeds and returned to God in faithfulness. He warns, "*Therefore... O Israel: ... prepare to meet thy God.*" The Bible is filled with warnings concerning our need for preparation. In Matthew 25 the five foolish virgins not only failed to remain alert and watchful but they were also unprepared. We are told that those who were *ready* were allowed to enter in (verse 10). In chapter 24 Jesus said, "*Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh*" (verse 44).

In Acts 21 Paul and his companions come to Caesarea and stayed with Philip the evangelist. A prophet, named Agabus, came to see them and took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "... *the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this belt, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.*" When his companions heard these things they begged him not to go up to Jerusalem. Paul answered, "*What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus*" (verses 8-13). Paul was prepared! In fact, just prior to his death he wrote to Timothy and said, "*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand*" (2 Timothy 4:6).

No wise man ever goes on a journey without preparing for it first. Jesus went on before us to prepare a place for us in eternity (John 14:2-3). Are we prepared? Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Hell is a prepared place for an unprepared people. Prepare to meet thy God. Understand the will of God (Ephesians 5:17), repent of your sins and turn to Christ (Acts 17:30-31), confess the sweet name of Jesus with your words and with your life (Matthew 10:32-33), be buried with him in baptism to wash away your sins and be transported out of darkness and into the body of Christ (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 1:13. Serve Him and be prepared.



Dooley noted....

We are so glad you chose to join us today for our Friends and Family Day. The New Albany church family is indeed a place of friends and family, and what a blessing it is to be a part of it. But, even greater is the blessing of knowing that we have a friend in Jesus and that through Him we can be family. – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Kathy Clayton, lost 3 cousins within six days this past week. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Martin Hurd, brother of Betty Adams, who has Parkinson's disease, has been placed on hospice at home in Fulton.

Alfred Jones, brother of Perry Jones, has pancreatic cancer.

Brenda Jones, mother of Kathy Dye, is scheduled for neck surgery on May 10th in Nashville.

Randy Reeder, son of Grace Lyon & brother of Bonnie Owen, diagnosed with kidney cancer, surgery is being re-scheduled at later date.

Corey Politte had a stroke April 23rd. He has made improvement and is at NMM C in Room #3308.

Continue to Remember: Melvin Adams, Bob Clement, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Wanda Coleman, Prebble Foster, Carol Hood, Brenda Jones, Gloria Jones, Betty McNeely, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Tom Pettey, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell.

Shut-Ins: J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Joe Reed

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson (Magnolia), Sue Stroud, Sue Marques, Bobbi Jean BoBo, Tony Erwin, Nancy Petrowski



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 02 ~ Madison Grigsby

May 03 ~ Anderson Parks

May 04 ~ Ruston Adams

May 07 ~ Randy Walls

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 20 ~ Bill & Karen Botts

"Better Together"

"Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

- ◆ Ladies Sewing/Quilting class will meet Wednesday night May 11th @ 5:30 in Room 12. Questionnaire is on the table in the foyer.
- ◆ Ladies Night Out, Thursday, May 12th @ 6:30. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.
- ◆ Ladies wanting to help with bridal shower May 15th for Daniel Drummond & Erin Welford, please contact Maria Ormon.

APRIL 2022 LADS TO LEADERS PARTICIPANTS

Art Says It participants

Clayton Hill - drawing & sketching
Owen Clayton - photography
Ryleigh Garret - 2nd place painting
Reagan Sloan - painting
Mary Martin Crotts - painting
Maggie Garrett - painting

Oral Bible Reading participants

Preston Garrett
Mary Martin Crotts
Ryleigh Garrett
Isabella McMillen

Good Samaritan (Bronze)

Tara Sparks
Nora Beth Stroupe

4th Grade Girls Speech

Ryleigh Garrett
Reagan Sloan

8th grade boys speech - Owen Clayton—finalist

Grades 7-9 winner's circle speech (girls) - Molly Clayton - 1st place

Grades 7-9 winner's circle speech (boys)- Clayton Hill

Boys Song Leading (Pre-K - 2nd grade) - Preston Garrett

Girls Songs of Praise (Pre-K-2nd grade) - Mary Martin Crotts

Girls Songs of Praise (4th grade) - Ryleigh Garrett and Reagan Sloan

Girls Songs of Praise (5th grade) - Isabella McMillen

Boys Song Leading (5th grade) - Owen Clayton - 2nd Place

Grades 7-9 winner's circle songs of praise (girls) - Molly Clayton 1st place

CHURCH EVENTS./ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **May 1st - Today - Area Wide Nettleton**
- **May 7th** - Pancakes & PJ's Breakfast and Devotional, all kids 9:00 am at fellowship building.
- **May 7th** - Area Wide Singing, Mayfield Church of Christ, Saltillo, MS Saturday @ 6:00 PM
- **May 11th** - Ladies Sewing & Quilting Class meet in Room 12 @ 5:30.
- **May 12th** - Ladies Night Out @ 6:30
- **May 15th** - Wedding shower for Daniel Drummond & Erin Welford
- **May 22nd** - **Youth Devo** @ the home of Joe & Bonnie Owen.
- **May 29th** - Senior Recognition Day
- **June 4th** - 8:00 AM Clothes Closet Giveaway. **Volunteers need**, signup sheet on the table in the foyer.
- **June 5th-8th** - **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
- **June 26th** - **Youth devo** @ the home of Amy & Jason Jennings.

AM SERMON OUTLINE

A FRIEND LIKE JESUS

John 15:9-17

Tim Dooley

- I. THE _____ TEACHES US ABOUT FRIENDSHIP
- A. There Are Some Who Don't Make _____ Friends (Proverbs 22:24)
- B. There Is Great _____ in True Friendship (Ecclesiastes 4:9)
1. A True Friend Is _____ (Proverbs 17:17; John 15:14-16; Proverbs 25:19)
2. A True Friend Will Tell Us When We Are _____ (Proverbs 27:6; Galatians 4:16; Proverbs 27:10)
- II. TRUE FRIENDSHIP IS A GREAT _____
- A. _____ and Valuable (Proverbs 27:10)
- B. Jesus Is the Best Friend a Man Can Have
1. We must _____ Him (John 14:15; 15:14; 8:24; Luke 13:3, 5; Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32; Mark 16:16; John 15:16)
2. We must remain _____ to Jesus (Revelation 2:10).
- III. Jesus and Friendship.
- A. Jesus Will Be A _____ Friend (1 Peter 5:7; Hebrews 13:5; 10:23)
- B. Jesus _____ Man His Friendship (John 15:14; Matthew 7:24-27; 7:21-22; 1 John 2:17; Matthew 11:28-30)
- C. Jesus Is the _____ Friend (John 15:13; Hebrews 2:9)

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PM SERMON OUTLINE

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

James 1:13-16

Tim Dooley

- I. THE _____ OF TEMPTATION (13-14).
- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____ (Genesis 3:6).
- II. THE _____ OF TEMPTATION (15-16; 5:19-20)
- III. THE _____ OF TEMPTATION
- A. _____ You Can (James 4:7; 1 Corinthians 10:13)
- B. Be _____
1. Be like _____ (Romans 8:29; Philippians 2:5)
2. Be an _____ of Satan and sin
3. Be aware of your _____ for God (Hebrews 13:5)
4. Be ever _____ in faith and love (1 John 5:4)
5. Be filled with the _____ (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:11)
6. Be looking for an _____ (1 Corinthians 10:13; Genesis 39:12; 2 Timothy 2:22)
7. Be _____
8. Be _____ (Ephesians 6:11-17)
9. Be _____ (Ephesians 6:18; Luke 11:4)
10. Be mindful of the _____

NOTES:

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Mark Jennings
SONG**274** I Have Found a Friend in Jesus
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Phil Young
SONG.....**511** Oft We Come Together
LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Tim Dooley,
Mike Brown, Shaler Grigsby, Olen Clark
SONG.....**129** Each Step I Take
SONG**730** What a Friend We Have in Jesus
SCRIPTURE READING.....Clayton Hill
OPENING PRAYER.....Tim Dye
SONG.....**839** When All of God’s Singers Get Home
SONG.....**380** Just As I Am!
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....**842** A Common Love
CLOSING PRAYER.....Ronnie Griggs
USHER..... Matt Jennings/Kurt Clayton
LOCK.....Jason Jennings
SECURITY.....Joe Owen
GREETERS.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Hunter Jennings
LESSON..... Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER..... Clay Jennings

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, May 04 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Dillon Clayton
OPENING PRAYERMark Jennings
DEVOTIONAL.....Tim Dooley
CLOSING PRAYER.....Matt Jennings

Sunday, May 08, 2022

Greeters.....Randy & Christy Wall
Announcements.....Phil Young
Singing.....Kaleb Keller
Lord’s Supper..... Tim Dooley,
...Mike Brown, Shaler Grigsby, Olen Clark
Scripture Reading.....Steve Hill
Opening Prayer.....Paul Ormon
Closing Prayer.....Caleb Jennings
Usher.....Matt Jennings/Jason Jennings
Lock.....Steve Todd
Security..... Richard Adams

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mark Jennings
Opening Prayer.....Perry Jones
Closing Prayer.....Mason Simmons

Wednesday May 11, 2022

Singing.....Hunter Jennings
Opening Prayer.....Richard Jennings
DevotionalShaler Grigsby
Closing Prayer.....Kaleb Keller

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Greeters.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton
Announcements..... Phil Young
Singing.....Richard Jennings
Lord’s Supper..... Tim Dooley,
Mike Brown, Shaler Grigsby, Olen Clark
Scripture Reading.....Thomas Wall
Opening Prayer.....Joe Owen
Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson
Usher.....Matt Jennings/Randy Wall
Lock.....Roger Clayton
Security.....Brian Carpenter

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Kaleb Keller
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Simmons
Closing Prayer.....Randy Wall

Wednesday May 18, 2022

Singing.....Owen Clayton
Opening Prayer.....Greg Clayton
DevotionalAndy Brown
Closing Prayer.....Roger Clayton

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