



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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Born of the Water and the Spirit

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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OUR RECORD

07/03/2022

Sunday School.....106
 Sunday A.M.....143
 Sunday P.M..... 83
 Wednesday 07/06/2290
 Contribution.....\$5,349.00
 Budget..... \$4,750.00

I was watching a television show one evening that featured a panel of “so-called” preachers who answer questions called and emailed in by the viewers. I do not often watch such shows for long because the error that is propagated on them is unbelievable. This night was no exception. I had just tuned in when a caller from Missouri asked, “Doesn't John 3:5 teach that baptism is essential to salvation?” A number of other clear passages could have been referenced to ask this question. This passage, however, does teach the necessity of water baptism, so I was curious to see how the panel would respond.

Now before we go any further let us look at the scripture. Jesus tells Nicodemus in verse three that, “*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*” Nicodemus replies in verse four, “How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” To which Christ answers, “*Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*”

I was frustrated, but not surprised, that the entire panel came to the same conclusion. Their conclusion was that being “born of water” did not reference water baptism but the act of childbirth and the amniotic fluid, “water,” that surrounds the child in the mother's womb. Such an illogical conclusion must be born out of prejudice and is heretical and blasphemous!

Consider, first of all, that this teaching is a relatively new one. Most Reformation preachers and scholars taught that Jesus was referring to water baptism. Even the Episcopal Prayer Book, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Methodist Discipline agree that Christ was referencing baptism. Abbott says: “We are to understand Christ as he expected his auditor to understand him. John the Baptist baptized both Jew and Gentile as a sign of purification by repentance from past sins. Nicodemus would then have certainly understood by the expression, ‘born of water,’ a reference to this rite of baptism.” Milligan, of Scotland, says: “John said: I baptize with water; the One coming baptizes with Spirit; but Christ says: The baptism of both is necessary. One must be born of water and of the Spirit.”

Secondly, Nicodemus had already referenced his natural birth. It was not possible for him, now old, to go back and be born from his mother. It would have been illogical for Christ to mention natural birth again.

Lastly, consider the purpose of being “born of water and the Spirit.” It is for entrance into the kingdom of God. It would not make sense to mention natural childbirth. Why would Christ have said that one first had to be born physically and then spiritually in order to get to go to heaven? If one were not born, a natural birth, there would be no need for a spiritual birth because the individual would never have existed!

Why do men continue to try to find a way around doing what clearly the Bible says in necessary? “*He that believes and is baptized shall be saved*” (Mark 16:16). “*There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*” (1 Peter 3:21).



Dooley noted....

This week, let us focus on the blessings God has bestowed on us, be thankful, and be content. “Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure with trouble” (Proverbs 15:16). – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Fannie Garner, cousin of Benita Garner, had a stroke this past week due to a blood clot on the brain.

Carol Hood got a good report from her CT scan.

Burrell Walton is at home recovering from a heart procedure. He has been placed on heart medication.

Joe Reed is at home recovering from pneumonia.

Terry Renfrow, frequent visitor from Dumas, will have eye surgery that requires lying face down for 7-10 days during recovery.

Randy Reeder, son of Grace Lyon & brother of Bonnie Owen, will see a neurosurgeon Monday, July 11th to determine if brain surgery is required.

Bobbie Sciara, grandmother of Shelly Clayton, has been placed on hospice care at St. Francis in Memphis.

Prebble Foster, neighbor of the Carpenter's and grandmother of Diana, will begin stereotactic radiation for her brain tumors.

Continue to Remember:

Melvin Adams, Wanda Coleman, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Martin Hurd, Alfred Jones, Brenda Jones, Betty McNeely, Corey Politte, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Tom Pettey, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Joy Rowland,

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

Nursing Home: Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Sue Stroud, Sue Marques, Bobbi Jean BoBo,

Military List: Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals.

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for Andy & Sharon Clemmer, Austin & Jessica Garrett, Cody Clemmer and the Davis family. Although, Mr. Davis' dog, Buddy, has been found; we are saddened to announce they have been unable to locate Sharon's dad, Mr. Wade Davis at this time.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Benita Garner & Kenesha Sweezer in the death of their uncle, Bernell Barker. Mr. Barker passed away Friday, July 1, 2022 in Wisconsin.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **TODAY'S EVENT** Area Wide at Church Street Pontotoc, van will leave at 4:30 p.m.
- **July 12th** Ladies **Daytime** Bible Study 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the annex building.
- **July 12th** Ladies sewing/quilting class meet @ Eleta Grimmert's 10:00-12:00. a.m.
- **July 12th** Ladies **Night time** Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. in the annex building.
- **July 14th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" 9:00 a.m. - Car Wash for our Adults. Dress to get wet.
- **July 16th** Care Group #2 (Shane Crotts) meet 9:00 a.m. to clear out Clothes Closet for shipment to Ukraine.
- **July 16th** Reception for Anderson Parks at the fellowship building @ 2:00 pm.
- **July 17th-23rd** Maywood Camp
- **July 21st** Men's Thursday night Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. in the annex building.
- **July 24th** Bridal shower for Victoria Winter, bride elect of Caleb Jennings.
- **July 24th** Youth Devo hosted by Greg & Kim Clayton
- **July 28th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" Pool Party at Paul & Maria Ormon's @ 6:30 p.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 14 ~ Steve Hill
 July 20 ~ Molly Clayton
 July 22 ~ Hunter Jennings
 July 22 ~ Matt Jennings
 July 23 ~ Christy Phillips
 July 27 ~ Dixie White

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 12.....Fred & Carol Hood
 July 12..... Clint & Dawn Stroupe
 July 14.....Perry & Gloria Jones
 July 25.....Bobby & Sue Marques
 July 27.....Austin & Kelsey Petrowski

BRIDAL SHOWER



There will be a come-and-go bridal shower for *Victoria Winter*, bride elect of *Caleb Jennings* Sunday, July 24th from 2:15-3:30 at the fellowship building. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon.

FISH FRY

MID-SOUTH YOUTH CAMP  4-6 P.M.

JULY 23,
2022



\$15 ADULTS
 \$10 AGE 6-12
 \$5 AGE 0-5

AM SERMON OUTLINE

Snap Out of It!

Romans 13:11-14

Tim Dooley

1. What Is The Sinner's _____ = _____ / _____
(Ephesians 2:1, 5)
2. What Does It Take to Fall Asleep?
 - a. _____ (1 Peter 5:8)
 - b. Become _____ (Galatians 6:9)
3. How Are We Kept Asleep _____?
4. What Are We _____?
 - a. You're _____
 - b. Slowing _____
5. Will We Ever _____?

NOTES:

Better From Every Sermon

Shaler Grigsby

Read Your Bible _____ From The Sermon

- **1 Timothy 4:13**
 - If you feed yourself during the week you will be better fed on _____ and _____
- **2 Timothy 2:15**
 - Read The Sermon Text _____
 - Show up on Sunday as a _____ Christian instead of a sick Christian

Pray For The _____ And Pray As A _____

- **2 Timothy 1:14**
 - The preacher is who we _____ to minister
- **James 1:5**
 - _____ the speaker to remember what they studied and deliver it
- **Matthew 7:7**
 - _____ that the sermon can help you

Focus On The Words In Our _____

- **Colossians 3:16**
 - Song leaders should pick their songs
 - Sometimes the best sermons are in _____

Be A _____

- Have your _____
- Take _____
- Use _____
- Be able to _____ the sermon on your own time

God Is _____

- **1 Peter 4:11 & 2 Timothy 3:16**
 - Focus on the _____ not the _____

God _____ Better

- **Matthew 10:30 & Jeremiah 1:5**
 - God knows us _ than we know ourselves
- **2 Timothy 4:3 & 2 Peter 3:9**
 - God knows what needs to be _____

Know That Others Are Relying On You

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11 & Galatians 6:2**
 - If I improve then others will improve
 - God is counting on you to help

Have The Right Focus

- **Romans 12:2**
 - Put worldly things aside
- **2 Timothy 3:16**
 - Is the sermon meant to encourage, challenge, etc.?
 - Are you looking to be entertained or edified?

_____ / _____ The Sermon

- **1 Corinthians 14:35 & Acts 2:42**
 - Discuss it on the _____ home
 - Discuss it at _____
 - Discuss it with family members that were not _____
 - Bible discussions should not only happen at _____!
 - _____ it during the week

_____ The Sermon

- **James 1:22-25**
 - A sermon does no good if it is not _____
 - The best way to remember is to act _____
 - Do I need to start/stop/continue in the way I think/feel/act?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Phillip Young
SONG248 How Firm a Foundation
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Richard Jennings
SONG784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth
**LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Greg Clayton/
Jason Jennings, Dane Coggin, Mark Jennings**
SONG.....738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings
SONG..... 500 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing
SCRIPTURE READING..... Owen Clayton
OPENING PRAYER.....Tim Dye
SONG 274 I Have Found a Friend in Jesus
SONG282 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....772 Why Do You Wait?
CLOSING PRAYER.....Dillon Clayton
USHER..... Dean Dillard/Randy Wall
LOCK.....Richard Jennings
SECURITY.....Joe Owen
GREETERS.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Kaleb Keller
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Kurt Clayton
LESSON..... Shaler Grigsby
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Tim Dooley

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, July 13 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Clay Jennings
OPENING PRAYERKaleb Keller
DEVOTIONAL.....Shaler Grigsby
CLOSING PRAYER..... Matt Jennings

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Greeters.....Shaler & Madison Grigsby
Announcements.....Richard Jennings
Singing.....Mike Brown
Lord’s Supper.....Greg Clayton/Jason Jennings, Dane Coggin, Mark Jennings
Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggins
Opening Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby
Closing Prayer.....Martin Crotts
Usher.....Dean Dillard/Kurt Clayton
Lock.....Matt Jennings
Security.....Phillip Young

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Phillip Young
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Simmons
Closing Prayer.....Joe Owen

Wednesday July 20, 2022

Singing.....Dillon Clayton
Opening Prayer.....Paul Ormon
Devotional.....Clint Stroupe
Closing PrayerTerry Stubblefield

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Greeters.....Randy & Christy Wall
Announcements.....Richard Jennings
Singing.....Andy Brown
Lord’s Supper.....Greg Clayton/Jason Jennings, Dane Coggin, Mark Jennings
Scripture Reading.....Clayton Hill
Opening Prayer.....Andy Brown
Closing Prayer.....Caleb Jennings
Usher.....Dean Dillard/Dane Coggin
Lock.....Kevin Simmons
Security.....Brian Carpenter

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Andy Brown
Opening Prayer.....Randy Wall
Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson

Wednesday July 27, 2022

Singing.....Hunter Jennings
Opening Prayer.....Mason Simmons
Devotional Tim Dye
Closing PrayerClay Jennings

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