



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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At Ease in Zion

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



OUR RECORD

07/10/2022

Sunday School.....93
 Sunday A.M.....131
 Sunday P.M..... 82
 Wednesday 07/13/2281
 Contribution.....\$4,739.00
 Budget..... \$4,750.00

The prophet Amos said, *“Woe to them that are at ease in Zion”* (Amos 6:1). He was warning the Israelite nation that their comfort and complacency would bring them much sorrow. Christ taught us the same thing when he warned, *“Woe unto you, you that are full now! For you shall hunger. Woe unto you, you that laugh now! For you shall mourn and weep”* (Luke 6:25).

God has blessed us in so many ways and with so much. Mankind has become accustomed to these beds of ease and has forsaken his Creator. Would it be a surprise if we were to learn that the Lord was moved to sorrow that He had made man on the earth and that it grieved Him at His heart as was the case in the Days of Noah (Genesis 6:6)?

We may look at society around us, and the sinful of our day, and not find this too far-fetched an idea. But it is far too common to see the same ease in the church today. We are all too often guilty and hypocritical when it comes to being ungrateful for all that God has done for us. We cry out to the lost to do something about their souls’ salvation and forget to be busy in the kingdom doing the Lord’s will ourselves.

It is time to wake up, *“for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed”* (Romans 13:11). It is time to wake up *“and arise from the dead”* so that we might be able to see and receive the light of Christ (Ephesians 5:14).

If we’re at ease in Zion it is not because there is nothing to do! I remember my father telling me that there was always something that could be done. When one job was completed there was always something else to do. This admonition came as a result of finishing one job and sitting around waiting to be told what to do next. What was the acceptable alternative? LOOK! Too many Christians are sitting around today waiting to be told by the preacher or elders what to do next. Jesus said, *“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields”* (John 4:35). Why? Because the harvest is plenteous but there are too few who are willing to work (Matthew 9:37; Luke 10:2).

If we are at ease in Zion it is not because there is plenty of time! The young don’t understand and the adult soon forgets that we should not boast of tomorrow (Proverbs 27:1). Paul warned that time is short (1 Corinthians 7:29). And James warns that life is like a vapor (James 4:13-14). Our time here on earth is meant to be spent in service to the Lord (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Revelation 17:14) and David said *“the king’s business required haste”* (1 Samuel 21:8).

Heaven will surely be worth it all! A mansion, a crown, the glory of God, eternal life; what more could we ask for? God loved you so much that He gave everything. Yet so many are at ease in Zion. How very sad indeed! Will you not look up and see the work that is going undone? Will you not wake up and become wise; realize how short time is? Do you not realize how great is your reward in heaven, or how horrible the punishment is in hell? Will you not obey Him and serve Him today?



Dooley noted...

When we come to the foot of the cross of Christ, we find lying there a cross for us to bear. What will you do with that cross? – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Linda Griggs was readmitted to New Albany hospital last week for C-diff (infection in colon).

Gloria Jones has rheumatoid arthritis in her hip and has begun physical therapy.

George Pettey, father of Carol Hood, had a procedure for blood clots in both lungs. He is at home.

Randy Reeder, son of Grace Lyon & brother of Bonnie Owen, neurosurgeons have determined surgery is needed to remove the brain tumor. They want to wait 6 months if possible, to give him time to heal from kidney surgery.

Terry Renfrow, visitor from Dumas, eye surgery was successful and recovery appears to be going well. It can take up to six months for his vision to return to normal.

Sharvain Simmons, sister-in-law of Kevin Simmons, is suffering with MS that is progressing rapidly.

Continue to Remember:

Melvin Adams, Wanda Coleman, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Prebble Foster, Fannie Garner, Martin Hurd, Alfred Jones, Brenda Jones, Betty McNeely, Corey Politte, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, 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.

SYMPATHY

- We are saddened to announce the passing of Shelly Clayton's grandmother, *Bobbie Sciara*, on July 7th, 2022 at St. Francis in Memphis, TN. Please continue to remember the Clayton family in your prayers.
- We wish to extend our condolences to Paul & Lori(Cobb) Blansett, in the passing of Paul's father, *Wayne Blansett*, this past week.

"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, Amanda Coggin & Stephanie Simmons are hosting a "**Golden Girls**" night out at the fellowship building on Thursday, July 28th @ 6:00 p.m. We will play games and have coffee and refreshments. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.
- Ladies Quilting Class can come to "Eleta's Shed" anytime they wish to work. Eleta can work one-on-one as needed. Looking forward to completion and showing.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 20 ~ Molly Clayton
 July 22 ~ Hunter Jennings
 July 22 ~ Matt Jennings
 July 23 ~ Christy Phillips
 July 26 ~ Meadow Politte
 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.

THANK YOU

It is during difficult times as this, that we find the true blessings and comfort in being a part of God's family. Thank you so much for all the prayers, words of encouragement and supplies that you have given to our family and to those looking for our Dad these past few weeks. We covet your prayers in the coming days as the search continues. With your support and our Lord's promise of peace, we know we will make it through.

We Love You,
The Family of Andy & Sharon
and the entire Davis family

AREA EVENTS

- VBS Amory Church of Christ, 1005 N. Blvd. Dr., July 17th-21st, 6:15-8:15 pm.
- VBS Ashland Church of Christ, 47 Hwy 4, July 23rd, 8:00 am—12:00 pm.
- Fish Fry, MSYC, 206 Youth Camp Loop, Henderson, TN, July 23rd, 4-6 pm.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 17th-23rd** Maywood Camp
- July 19th** Ladies Daytime Bible Study 10:00-11:00 am in the annex building.
- July 21st** Men's Thursday night Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. in the annex building.
- July 24th** Youth Devo hosted by Greg & Kim Clayton.
- July 26th** Ladies **Daytime** Bible Study 10:00-11:00 am in the annex building.
- July 26th** Ladies **Night-Time** Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. In the annex building
- July 28th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" Pool Party at Paul & Maria Ormon @ 6:30 p.m.
- July 30th** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Sign Up Sheet in the foyer.

AM SERMON OUTLINE

The Providence of God

Romans 8:28-30

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- I. God's Divine Superintendence
 - A. _____ Darwinism (Romans 1:20)
 - B. _____ Deism's
 - C. _____ Soteriology (Romans 8:28-30)
- II. The O. T. and God's Providence.
 - A. _____ is a wonderful example of providence (Genesis 45:7; 50:15-21).
 - B. The entire book of _____ (Esther 4:14)
- III. The New Testament and God's Providence
 - A. _____ is answered when it is in keeping with God's will (John 14:13; 1 John 3:22; 1 John 5:14; James 4:15; 1 Peter 3:12)
 - B. God remains active in the Christian Age to advance his will (Psalm 46:1; Hebrews 4:16)
- IV. But how does providence work?
 - A. We do not know – we only know that it does work.
 - B. It is not _____ (1 Corinthians 13:8-10; John 14:26; Ephesians 3:1-5)
 - C. We might also attribute it to natural phenomenon (James 5:16-18).

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

Faith In Action

James 2:21-26

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- I. THE ACTION OF ABRAHAM (vs. 21-24)
 - A. God _____ Abraham (Genesis 22:1-2)
 - B. Abraham _____ God (Genesis 22:7-8; Hebrews 11:17-19; Matthew 6:19-20, 33)
 - C. God _____ Abraham (Genesis 22:18; Isaiah 41:8; 2 Chronicles 20:7)
- II. THE ACTION OF RAHAB (25)
 - D. A Great _____
 - E. A _____ Like Abraham
 - F. A _____ Reality (2 Corinthians 13:5; Psalm 26:2; Matthew 7:20)
- III. THE ACTION OF THE BODY (26)
 - A. When Does Death Occur (Hebrews 12:9; Ecclesiastes 12:7)
 - B. Death is _____
 1. Spirit separated from the _____ equals death
 2. Faith separated from _____ is lifeless
 3. Sinner separated from God is dead (Isaiah 59:2)
 4. Eternal separation from God is eternal death (Romans 6:23)

NOTES:

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Mike Brown
SONG891 **This is The Day**
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Richard Jennings
SONG **How Deep The Father’s Love**
LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Greg Clayton/
 Jason Jennings, Dane Coggin, Mark Jennings
SONG.....271 **I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say**
SONG.....853 **Good Is So Good**
SCRIPTURE READING..... Jackson Coggins
OPENING PRAYER.....Shaler Grigsby
SONG 226 **How Great Thou Art**
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....762 **Where He Leads Me,**
SONG542 **Purer In Heart, O God**
CLOSING PRAYER.....Martin Crotts
USHER..... Dean Dillard/Randy Wall
LOCK.....Matt Jennings
SECURITY.....Phillip Young
GREETERS.....Shaler & Madison Grigsby

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Phillip Young
 P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Kevin Simmons
 LESSON..... Tim Dooley
 P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Joe Owen

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, July 20 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Dillon Clayton
 OPENING PRAYERPaul Ormon
 DEVOTIONAL.....Clint Stroupe
 CLOSING PRAYER..... Terry 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

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Greeters.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton
 Announcements.....Richard Jennings
 Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
 Lord’s Supper.....Greg Clayton/Jason
 Jennings, Dane Coggin, Mark Jennings
 Scripture Reading.....Steve Hill
 Opening Prayer.....Perry Jones
 Closing Prayer.....Hunter Jennings
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Mark Jennings
 Lock.....Jason Jennings
 Security.....Dan Cobb

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Clint Stroupe
 Closing Prayer.....Steve Todd

Wednesday August 03, 2022

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

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