



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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Weekly Contact is Important!

Mike Johnson

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



OUR RECORD

07/17/2022

Sunday School.....124
 Sunday A.M.....152
 Sunday P.M..... 74
 Wednesday 07/20/202274
 Contribution.....\$5,115.00
 Budget..... \$4,750.00

We dare not underestimate the importance of being together on a regular basis. God knew the importance of it and determined that we should gather together every first day of the week. Instead of looking at what happens when we are gathered together, let us consider the effects of not gathering together.

I was very involved in my high school. I was class president. I played basketball. I spent a lot of time with my friends. There are a number of individuals with whom I spent a great deal of time. One of them even shared my last name. We often talked about how great it would be if we were brothers. But those days occurred in Florida.

Upon graduation, I headed off to Freed-Hardeman College. The Summer after my Freshman year was the last time I ever lived at home. The Summer after graduation Rebecca and I were married, and my parents moved to Alabama.

Those people with whom I had spent my entire pre-college school career faded into the memories of the past. Over the years, I have attended two reunions. They were always enjoyable and we reminisced about the past. But, things were different than they used to be. It's not that I did not want to be around them anymore. It's just that I did not know them anymore. Once we were very close, but time and distance replaced those friends with other friends.

I can apply this to my family (and you can to yours). We just returned from a family gathering, a yearly reunion of sorts. We do this every year. We have our three children, their spouses, and our 7 grandchildren in the same place together for an extended period of time.

Families raise their children and then send them out to live their lives. They try to get together as often as possible to stay as close as possible. However, those children grow with and into their families. The family reunions allow them to reconnect and learn about each other since last they were together. Sure, they have talked and visited through phone calls, emails, and even video calls, but nothing can replace that face-to-face presence.

God's family was made as a together group. We have been "*fitted together*" (*Ephesians 2:21*). This is a compound word linking together "*joined closely with*", "*a joint*", and "*reason*". The meaning is that God's family has been put together reasonably with all that it needs to be a together group. Being together in person allows each one to draw from every other one while contributing to the group what he or she has to offer individually. We have been "*built together*" (*Ephesians 2:22*).

Both of these words show the intentionality of God in His provisions for His family. He also gave His intentionality for His family when He commanded that they be together on a regular basis (*Hebrews 10:25*). While the weekly assembly of worship is the focus of this verse, there is an underlying message. Togetherness is not just about the Sunday assemblies. To stay connected and as close as possible to each other, we need to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible to be together.

I don't believe that those who minimize their opportunities to be together intend to give up their church family. I believe they just grow distant because of one missing ingredient—being together. We dare not underestimate its importance!



Dooley noted...

We pray and pray that God would bless our paths, but we don't stop and ask if we're walking on His path to begin with. What if the path we're on isn't "bless-able" to begin with? – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Rachel Dooley, daughter of Tim & Collen, tested positive for covid this past week.

Doug English, father of Randy English, was admitted to the hospital in Knoxville to remove blood clots in his stomach and to stop internal bleed.

Carol Hood was admitted to the Pontotoc hospital due to covid. She is now at home recuperating.

Benita Garner requested prayers for her aunt Louise Barker and her cousin Fannie Garner from Wisconsin.

Continue to Remember:

Melvin Adams, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Prebble Foster, Fannie Garner, Martin Hurd, Alfred Jones, Brenda Jones, Betty McNeely, Corey Politte, Tom Petttey, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Randy Reeder, Terry Renfrow, 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,



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 26 ~ Meadow Politte

July 27 ~ Dixie White

August 1st ~ Dane Coggin

August 2nd ~ Shayna Crook

August 5th ~ Martin Crotts

August 6th ~ Ricky Adams

August 6th ~ Joe Owen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 25 ~ Bobby & Sue Marques

July 27 ~ Austin & Kelsey Petrowski

BAPTISM

We rejoice that *Nora Beth Stroupe* made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at Maywood Christian Camp. We are so happy for the Stroupe family. Please make our new sister in Christ welcome!

BRIDAL SHOWER



There will be a come-and-go bridal shower for *Haley & Austin Wilson*, on Sunday, August 7th from 2:15-3:30 at the fellowship building. They are registered at Amazon.

IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Austin & Kelsey Petrowski on the birth of their son, Austin Morrison Petrowski. Austin Morrison was born Monday, July 18th, weighing 6 lbs. 13oz. He is welcomed by his brother Jack and great grandmother Deloris Crowe.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP



We are so happy that *Michael & Tonya Dillard* made it known to the Elders they desire to become part of the New Albany Congregation. Their children are Jadi Rogers & Cayden Rogers. We know they will be an asset to the work here at New Albany. Please welcome them to our church family. Their address is: 557 Main Street, Ecu, MS 38841

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Wanda Coleman who passed away Sunday, July 17, 2022. Services were held Thursday, July 21st at United Funeral Home.

TODAYS HAPPENINGS

- There will be a come-and-go bridal shower today for Victoria Winter, bride elect of Caleb Jennings, in the fellowship building @ 2:15-3:30.
- Today is the last day to sign up for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" on Saturday, July 30th. Signup sheet is in the foyer.

TOYS FOR UKRAINE

The Ladies Daytime Bible Class is collecting toys for Ukraine. Must be in good condition. No large toys due to shipping restrictions. If you have any questions, please contact Shane Crotts (662-507-0186) or Georgia Shocklee (662-317-9511).

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **July 26th** Ladies **Daytime** Bible Study 10:00-11:00 at home of Kathy Clayton, there will be a brunch.
- **July 26th** Ladies **Night-Time** Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m. in the annex building.
- **July 28th** Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. in the annex building
- **July 28th** Kids "Thoughtful Thursday" Pool Party at the home of Paul & Maria Ormon @ 6:30 p.m.
- **July 28th** "Golden Girls" @ 6:00 pm at the fellowship bldg. Games & refreshments. Signup sheet in the foyer.
- **July 30th** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Sign Up Sheet in the foyer.
- **July 31st** Youth Devo hosted by Greg & Kim Clayton
- **August 7th** Bridal Shower for Haley & Austin Wilson from 2:15-3:30 at the fellowship building.
- **August 13th** Cake Decorating with Janice Cobb @ 10:00 in the fellowship building.

AM SERMON OUTLINE

Dead Men Walking

Matthew 23:25-28

Tim Dooley

- I. THE _____
- A. Those who reject Christ and His gospel are already _____ (John 3:5, 18; Mark 16:16; John 12:48)
- B. The one who is not born again is just as condemned as is the man who sits on death row
- II. THE _____
- A. Those who claim to believe in God but do not fill their life with _____ are spiritually dead (James 2:17, 20, 24, 26)
- B. God's people _____ be involved in the work of the church (Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; James 1:27)
- C. Jesus "went about _____" (Acts 10:38) and He expects us to do the same (Matthew 25:34-46)
- III. THE _____
- A. When a Christian becomes unfaithful he _____ again spiritually (2 Peter 2:20-22)
- B. The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

Tim Dooley

- I. Instruction to _____ (1-2)
- A. It is a serious matter for a man to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16; 1 Timothy 4:16)
- B. There are some vital requirements for those who are teachers:
1. Must be _____ (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; 1 Timothy 4:13)
 2. Must be a _____ (1 Timothy 4:12; Romans 2:21-24)
- II. Illustration of _____ (3-4; 1:26)
- III. _____ Where There Is No Restraint (5-8)
- A. Destructive as _____ (5-6; Proverbs 16:27)
- B. Dangerous as _____ (7-8; Prov 21:23).
- C. Deadly as _____ (8; Psalm 140:3; Ephesians 4:29).
- IV. _____ When There Is No Restraint (9-12)
- A. Improper in the Christian (9-10)
- B. Impossible in nature (11-12)

NOTES:

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Andy Brown
SONG**934 Hosanna**
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Richard Jennings
SONG**752 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak**
LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Greg Clayton/
 Jason Jennings, Dane Coggin, Mark Jennings
SONG.....**684 This World Is Not My Home**
SONG.....**883 Seek Ye First**
SCRIPTURE READING..... Clayton Hill
OPENING PRAYER.....Andy Brown
SONG**(Power Point) Ancient Words**
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....**29 All to Jesus I Surrender**
SONG**970 Step by Step**
CLOSING PRAYER.....Caleb Jennings
USHER..... Dean Dillard/Dane Coggin
LOCK.....Kevin Simmons
SECURITY.....Brian Carpenter
GREETERS.....Randy & Christy Wall

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

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

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, July 27 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Hunter Jennings
OPENING PRAYER Mason Simmons
DEVOTIONAL.....Tim Dye
CLOSING PRAYER..... Clay 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

Sunday, August 07, 2022

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

Sunday P.M.

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

Wednesday August 10, 2022

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

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