



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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July 31, 2022

IS THE CHURCH IMPORTANT?

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

07/24/2022

Sunday School.....127
 Sunday A.M.....141
 Sunday P.M.....103
 Wednesday 07/27/2022111
 Contribution.....\$5,289.30
 Budget..... \$4,750.00

Over the years there have been a variety of statements and mottos expressing an ideology espoused by those who want Jesus, “but not the church.” The newest of these is that one can love Jesus but hate religion. In my experience those who profess such views are in reality just looking for an easy way out of what they see as an oppressive way of life. They want the grace of God that has been extended unto all men (Titus 2:11) but don’t want to be told what to do...by God or anyone else.

Now, if by religion or “church” one means a denomination or man-made organization or institution I am in full agreement. The problem is two-fold created by those who have perverted the gospel and religion and those who are tired of the hypocrisy, ignorant of the truth, or just simply rebellious and self-serving (Romans 16:18).

The question then is, “Is the church important?” “Can we hope to go to heaven without the church or religion?”

1. Jesus didn’t come to destroy religion but to build His church and establish a one true religion for all mankind. Read and study Ephesians 2:11-22. To accomplish his mission reconciliation he promised, “...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Is the church important? It was important enough for Jesus to die on the cross and purchase it with his blood (Acts 20:28).
2. In dying for us, and establishing the church, the Father gave Jesus all authority (Matthew 28:18), placing “all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church” (Ephesians 1:22). “He is the head of the body, the church...” (Colossians 1:18). For us it means that we must do what He says. In fact, He said that if we truly love Him we would do what He says (John 14:15). Is the church important? If we want the head of the church to be the head of our lives it will be.
3. Jesus is not only the head of the church He is “the Savior of the body” (Ephesians 5:23). The church and the body are the same thing. The body is where the blood is and where we are cleansed (1 John 1:7). It was the church to which the Lord added the saved (Acts 2:47). And when one is saved he is translated out of darkness and into the kingdom (Colossians 1:13). Is the church important? If we want to be saved it is!
4. You cannot go to heaven if your name isn’t written there and if you are not in the kingdom. It is the names of those who are in the church that are written in heaven (Hebrews 12:23). And when Jesus comes again it is those who are in the kingdom that will go to be with Him in His home (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:24).

Is the church important? More crucially, “Is the church important to you?” It will be, if we want to be reconciled to God, if we are willing for Jesus to be the head of our lives and truly love Him, and if we want to be saved and go to heaven. If it is important to us we will not forsake the worship of the church (Hebrews 10:25). We will put the church first in our lives (Matthew 6:33). We will let our light shine (Matthew 5:14-16). We will practice pure and undefiled religion (James 1:27). If the church is important to us we will be obedient and faithful.



Dooley noted...

It is the duty of the church to stand out, not for prominence sake, but for the purpose of spreading the gospel, and for the advancement of light deeper into the darkness of the world. – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Dixie White will have a heart catheter procedure Tuesday, August 2nd at Tupelo Hospital.

Cathy Dye, Amy Jennings' mother, had knee replacement surgery this past Monday. She is recovering at home.

Betty Young had a CT scan on Wednesday, July 27th on her kidney. She is awaiting test results.

Winston & Mallory Smith, youth minister at Beach Hill, expecting their first baby, who has been diagnosed with hydrocephalus. She will have C-section Monday, August 1st in Memphis, and the baby will be admitted to Le Bonheur on Wednesday.

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,

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



BAPTISM

We are happy to announce that *John & Audrey Bolton*, friends of Steve & Andrea Hill, were baptized into Christ on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 here at the New Albany Church of Christ assisted by Tim Dooley. We rejoice in their decision to put on Christ in baptism. Please make our new brother and sister in Christ welcome.

BRIDAL SHOWER

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



IT'S A GIRL

Millie Cagle Owen was born July 12, 2022 at 3:53 a.m., weighing 7lbs 3ozs and 18-1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Dan and Jordan Owen. Proud big brother is Baker. Congratulations to Dan & Jordan. Please welcome Millie Cagle into our church family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 1st ~ Dane Coggin

August 2nd ~ Shayna Crook

August 5th ~ Martin Crotts

August 6th ~ Ricky Adams

August 6th ~ Joe Owen

August 8th ~ Kathy Jennings

August 10th ~ Sue Stroud

August 13th ~ Ronnie Griggs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 18 ~ *Shane & Barbara Crotts*

August 21 ~ *Roger & Kathy Clayton*

August 29 ~ *Larry & Janet Drummond*

Opportunities to Serve

- The Ladies Daytime Bible Class is collecting toys for Ukraine. Must be in good condition. No large toys due to shipping restrictions. (Shane)
- The Ladies are making sleeping bags for Ukraine project using small dollar-store-like plastic bags. (Lee Anne Clark)
- Workday at Holly Springs has been changed to Monday, August 8th @ 10:00 loading containers for shipment to Ukraine. Signup sheet in the foyer. (Shane)
- Workday Saturday, August 20th at Pine Vale in Corinth. Signup sheet in the foyer. (Kurt)

TODAYS HAPPENINGS

- There will be a planning session in room 12 following today's afternoon service to plan the upcoming October Lectureship.
- Youth Devo tonight at the home of Greg & Kim Clayton.

You know what's scarier
Than a virus?
"Depart from me. I never
knew you."

Matthew 7:23

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **August 2nd** Ladies Tuesday Daytime bible study 10:00 am
- **August 9th** Ladies **Daytime** bible study @ 10:00 a.m. and Ladies **Nighttime** Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
- **August 13th** Cake Decorating with Janice Cobb @ 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship building. Signup sheet in foyer.
- **August 14th** "**1st Sunday Meal**" at the fellowship building
- **August 14th** Area Wide at Zions Rest Marietta.
- **August 18th** Men's Bible Group @ 7:00 P.M. in the annex building.
- **August 20th** Workday at Pine Vale Children's Home in Corinth.
- **August 21st** Bridal Shower for Emily Hill, bride elect of Dillion Clayton @ 2:15 at the fellowship building. Emily is registered at Amazon, Walmart and Target. www.theknot.com/us/emily-hill-and-dillon-clayton-oct-2022
- **August 23rd** Ladies **Daytime** Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. and Ladies **Nighttime** Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
- **August 28th** Youth Devo hosted by Andy & Sharon Clemmer.
- **August 31st** 5th Wednesday Night Singing

AM SERMON OUTLINE

Everyday Christianity

Philippians 4:4-9

Tim Dooley

- I. DAILY _____ - _____ (Luke 9:23; Matthew 10:38)
- II. DAILY _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6; Luke 11:3; Psalm 55:17; 88:9)
- III. DAILY _____ (John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; 2 Peter 3:18)
- IV. DAILY _____ (Matthew 26:55; Acts 5:42; 20:31; Mark 16:15).
- V. DAILY _____ (Hebrews 3:13; Galatians 6:1; Romans 15:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)
- VI. DAILY _____ (Acts 6:1; James 1:27; Galatians 6:2; 1 John 3:17-18)
- VII. DAILY _____ Acts 16:5; Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:8)

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

The God Kind of Wisdom

James 3:13-18

Tim Dooley

- I. GODLY WISDOM DEMONSTRATED (13-14; James 1:22; 2:17)
- II. AN UNGODLY KIND OF WISDOM (15-16).
 - A. _____ (1 Corinthians 1:20).
 - B. _____ (1 John 2:15-16).
 - C. _____ (Matthew 12:30; John 8:44)

THE GOD KIND OF WISDOM (17-18).

- A. Wisdom _____ (Proverbs 2:1-6)
- B. Wisdom _____
- C. Wisdom _____ (Jeremiah 10:23)

NOTES:

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby
SONG **Wonderful, Merciful Savior**
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Richard Jennings
SONG **645 The Old Rugged Cross**
LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Greg Clayton/
 Jason Jennings, Dane Coggin, Mark Jennings
SONG..... **427 Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?**
SONG..... **297 I Want to Be a Worker**
SCRIPTURE READING..... Steve Hill
OPENING PRAYER.....Perry Jones
SONG **345 It Is Well with My Soul**
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG..... **950 Lamb of God**
SONG **658 There Is Much to Do / Lord, Send Me**
CLOSING PRAYER.....Hunter Jennings
USHER..... Dean Dillard/Mark Jennings
LOCK.....Jason Jennings
SECURITY.....Dan Cobb
GREETERS.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Mike Brown
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Clint Stroupe
LESSON..... Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Steve Todd

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, August 03 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Owen Clayton
OPENING PRAYERShane Crotts
DEVOTIONAL.....Tim Dooley
CLOSING PRAYER..... Martin Crotts

Sunday, August 07, 2022

Greeters.....Jason & Amy Jennings
 Announcements.....Steve Hill
 Singing.....Mark Jennings
 Lord’s Supper..... Phil Young, Dillon Clayton, Ricky Adams, Joe Owen
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin
 Opening Prayer Phillip Young
 Closing Prayer.....Thomas Wall Usher.....Brian Carpenter/Jason Jennings
 Lock..... Jason Jennings
 Security.....Dane Coggin

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
 Opening Prayer..... Olen Clark
 Closing Prayer.....Owen Clayton

Wednesday August 10, 2022

Singing.....Thomas Wall
 Opening Prayer.....Hunter Jennings
 Devotional Shaler Grigsby
 Closing PrayerRonnie Griggs

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Greeters.....Mark & Alyce Jennings
 Announcements.....Steve Hill
 Singing.....Richard Jennings
 Lord’s Supper.....Phil Young, Dillon Clayton, Ricky Adams, Joe Owen
 Scripture Reading.....Dean Dillard
 Opening Prayer Richard Adams
 Closing Prayer.....Bill Botts
 Usher.....Brian Carpenter/Andy Brown
 Lock.....Dane Coggin
 Security.....Jason Jennings

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mark Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Greg Clayton
 Closing Prayer.....Dane Coggin

Wednesday August 17, 2022

Singing.....Clay Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Jason Jennings
 DevotionalRicky Adams
 Closing PrayerCaleb Jennings

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