

# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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August 28, 2022

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215  
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Phil Young.....662-316-2059

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Kurt Clayton..... 662-316-6420  
Benevolence, Mission Work  
Dane Coggin ..... 662-419-8308  
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Sound Room  
Jason Jennings..... ..662-801-3260  
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Children's Education  
Mark Jennings.....731-609-3309  
Maintenance, Seniors, Fellowship/  
Special Days, Security  
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Maintenance

## Selfish Ambition

Tim Dooley

The proud father strokes the blond hair on his little boy's head and asks, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" "An Astronaut," he replies with wide-eyed optimism. The teacher asks the same question to her third-grade class and in turn, each child responds. "The President!" "A professional baseball player!" "A firefighter!" Each answer is greeted by a confident affirmation. "Great!" "You can be anything you want to be if you put your mind to it." And thus begins the downward spiral of those lives and our society in the pursuit of selfish ambition.

Now I am not suggesting that we should not encourage or provide our future generations with the necessary opportunities to be all they can be and to do great things. What I am suggesting is that we have (and are) failing to reply to their hopes and dreams with a proper perspective and focus.

Two things come immediately to mind. One is, that no matter how I might set my mind to it there are some things I will never be able to do! I will never be able to outrun Usain Bolt! A ridiculous observation you say? No more so than many of the things we tell our children they can do if they "just put their minds to it." In anticipated response to the offended parent at my attempt to crush little Johnny's future grandeur allow me to suggest that the correct response is to ask the question, "Why?"


If every young person grew up with an emphasis on service to God and others, this world, and the church, would be a far better place. And not just service for the sake of service, or for the end of feeling good about ourselves, but that we might please God and bring others to Him. We emphasize the idea of letting our "light so shine before men" that they may see our good works. But why should we do so is the more important question. The answer is that they might glorify the Father, not us (Matthew 5:16).

Paul warned the church in Rome that God's wrath, and not His blessing, would be on those who served out of selfish ambition. "But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who 'will render to each one according to his deeds: eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,'" (Romans 2:5-8).

Self-seeking here is translated in other versions as "selfishly ambitious," "self-willed," and "self-seeking." While other translations use the words "contentious" and "factious" because that is exactly what such ambition brings. In James 3:16 we read, "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."

Also consider the well-established truth that it doesn't matter so much what we say, but what we do. We may teach our children to be selfless in service and then they may see something completely different in our lives. Philippians 2:3 says, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

Ask yourself this tough question, "Why do I do the things I do?" Be honest. And be prepared to not like the answer. But be prepared to do something about it! "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).

 **Dooley noted...**  
It is the duty of the church to stand out, not for prominence's sake but for the purpose of spreading the Gospel, for the advancement of light deeper into the darkness of the world. Our attitudes, our words, and our actions determine how bright that light is shining and how much darkness you're dispelling. What is your light doing?  
— Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Amanda Coggin** will have spinal infusion surgery on Wednesday, September 7th in Oxford.

**Marissa Grigsby**, mother of Shaler Grigsby, had surgery Wednesday for brain bleed, at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, TN. Her test show she is doing well.

**Carol Hood's** cancer numbers are up, she will have a CT scan on September 7th.

**Gloria Jones** will have hip surgery September 1st in Oxford.

**Dixie White's** heart valve procedure has been rescheduled to Monday, August 29th in Tupelo.

**Hunter Davis**, grandson of Betty Boren, had a car accident this past Saturday. He is at home but sustained knee, foot & back injuries.

**Ezra Bramlett**, 16 mo. old son of Allison Bramlett, coworker of Alyce Jennings, was admitted to Tupelo hospital with Covid & RSV. He is now at home.

**Covid & RSV:** Hayden Bowlin, Carson Bowlin, Lakisha Harris

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

**Shane Crotts, Cathy Dye** (Amy Jennings mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Majejan Dillard** (mother of Dean Dillard), **Prebble Foster** (friend of the Carpenters'), **Coy Fitts** (friend of Phil Young), **Fannie Garner** (niece of Benita Garner), **Carol Hood, Martin Hurd** (brother of Betty Adams), **Alfred Jones** (brother of Perry Jones), **Brenda Jones** (mother of Kathy Dye), **Betty McNeely** (sister-in-law of Richard Jennings), **Bill Myer** (friend of Tim & Colleen) **Corey Politte, Tom Pettey** (father of Carol Hood), **April & Olivia Pounders**, (members at Ripley), **Randy Reeder** (son of Grace Lyon), **Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Joy Rowland** (sister of Eleta Grimmitt), **Ansley Thompson, Donnie Wilson** (brother of Gloria Jones)

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

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

**Military List:** Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals, Anderson Parks.

## BAPTISM/RESPONSE

- We rejoice that *Kylie Brock*, friend of the Coggins, made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Sunday evening, August 21th. Please welcome Kylie as our new sister-in-Christ and encourage her as she begins her Christian walk. (1150 CR 107 Lot 4, New Albany, MS 38652)
- Austin & Haley Wilson* also made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday night August 24th. Please encourage Austin & Haley and welcome them into the church family. (287 Hwy 15, Pontotoc, MS 38863)
- Amy Jennings* responded to the invitation Sunday morning asking for forgiveness, prayers and encouragement.
- Ron Griggs, Jr.* responded to the invitation Sunday evening asking for forgiveness and restoration.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August 31st** Fifth Wednesday night singing.
- September 4th** 1st Sunday lunch and fellowship.
- September 11th** Care Group #1 (Joe/Bonne) will meet in the fellowship building following morning worship.
- September 11th** Area Wide at Mayfield Church of Christ in Saitillo.
- September 18th** New Albany will host the first **Junior Bible Bowl** since 2020.
- September 22th** Men's Ministry meet @ 7:00 pm in the annex building.
- September 25th** Baby Shower for Halley & Conner Miller in fellowship building @ 2:15-3:30.
- September 25th** Youth Devo @ Brian & Shelby Carpenter's.
- September 30th-Oct 2nd** LECTURESHIP



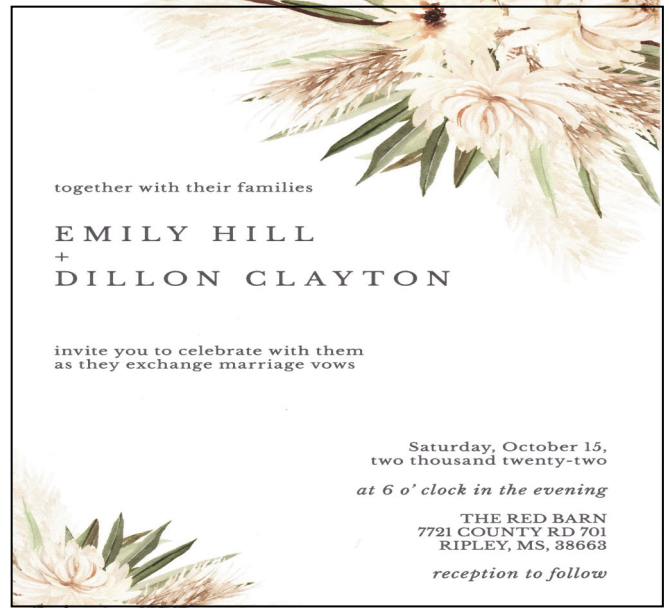
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 29th ~ Georgia Shocklee  
 August 29th ~ Dawn Stroupe  
 August 30th ~ Richard Adams  
 August 30th ~ Alyce Jennings  
 August 30th ~ Troy Robertson  
 August 31st ~ Cade Carpenter  
 September 01 ~ Michael Crotts  
 September 01 ~ Lillie Grace Jennings  
 September 01 ~ Novene Robertson

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 29th ~ Larry & Janet Drummond  
 September 02 ~ Mike & Janice Brown  
 September 02 ~ Dane & Amanda Coggin



together with their families

EMILY HILL  
+  
DILLON CLAYTON

invite you to celebrate with them  
as they exchange marriage vows

Saturday, October 15,  
two thousand twenty-two  
at 6 o' clock in the evening

THE RED BARN  
7721 COUNTY RD 701  
RIPLEY, MS, 38663

reception to follow

RSVP by September 15th online  
@theknot.com/dillonandemilyswappings  
or via text @662-760-0599

## TEACHER NEEDED

We are in need of a teacher for the Wednesday night Pre-K & kindergarten. If you are interested, see Jason Jennings.

## TODAY'S CHURCH EVENT



- There will be a Potluck Luncheon for **Adopt-A-Teen** parents and teenagers in the fellowship building following morning worship.
- Monthly Youth Devo** in the fellowship building tonight hosted by Andy & Sharon Clemmer. Food and drinks will be provided.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Three Things the Devil Wants**

I Peter 5:8-11

Tim Dooley

- I. KEEP YOU OUT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Why?
1. He knows that the saved are in the church (Ephesians 5:23; Acts 2:47)
  2. He wants the death of Jesus to be wasted (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25)
  3. He wants to destroy the church (Matthew 16:18)
  4. He doesn't want God to receive glory (Ephesians 3:21)
  5. He doesn't want God's eternal purpose to be realized (Ephesians 3:10-11)
  6. He does not want Christ to be the head of anything (Ephesians 5:23)
- B. How...? 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
1. Satan's servants teach that the church is not
  2. Satan's servants substitute \_\_\_\_\_ churches for the \_\_\_\_\_ church
  3. Satan's servants \_\_\_\_\_ those who love the Lord's church
  4. Satan convinces people that they have plenty of \_\_\_\_\_
- II. TO GET YOU BACK OUT INTO THE \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Why...?
1. Satan doesn't want you to deny yourself (Matthew 16:24)
  2. Satan wants you to be a spiritual adulterer (James 4:4; Matthew 6:24; 1 John 2:15-17)
- B. How...?
1. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world
  2. Through Evil \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 15:33)
  3. Through desire to \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends.
  4. Through false \_\_\_\_\_
- III. TO RENDER YOU \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Why...?
1. Satan knows what will happen to the barren (John 15:2)
  2. Satan knows Lukewarm Christians make God sick (Revelation 3:14-16)
  3. Satan knows that a dead faith will not save (James 2:24).
- B. How...?
1. Through spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 5:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1; 2 Corinthians 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13)
  2. Through an enough-to-get-by \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Through \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Through \_\_\_\_\_ Making

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Recognizing God in Our Plans**

James 4:13-17

Tim Dooley

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT THE FUTURE (vs. 13-15)
- A. They would have \_\_\_\_\_ without God's help (Jeremiah 10:23)
- B. They would live a \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 12:16-21)
- C. There would be a \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 27:1; Matthew 25:13)
- D. They would maintain good \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Their business would be \_\_\_\_\_
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)
- A. Boasting of sufficiency without \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 27:1)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ and sinfulness of boasting (Romans 1:28-32; 2 Timothy 3:1-5)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17).
- A. James condemned their lack of effort toward the things they knew they should do.
- B. Jesus' commands cannot be ignored (Matthew 25:41-43; John 13:17)

**NOTES:**

**AREA CHURCH MEETINGS**

- **Marlow Church of Christ**, 481 Hwy 72 West, Walnut, MS., Sunday, **August 28th** through Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00 PM. Speaker: Bro. Donald Roberson. Topic: Christ Brings Joy and Peace
- **Amory Church of Christ**, 1005 North Boulevard Drive, Amory, MS. **September 18-21, 2022**, Monday through Wednesday 7:00 PM. Speaker: Kirk Brothers, Heritage Christian University, Florence, Alabama.
- **New Albany Church of Christ** will host the area wide **Junior Bible Bowl** Sunday, September 18, 2022.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Andy Brown  
 SONG .....982 We Shall Assemble  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Steve Hill  
 SONG .....950 Lamb of God  
 LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Phil Young/  
 Dillon Clayton, Ricky Adams, Joe Owen  
 SONG.....9 A Wonderful Savior  
 SONG.....687 ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Mason Simmons  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Roger Clayton  
 SONG .....684 This World Is Not My Home  
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
 INVITATION SONG.....50 Are You Washed in the Blood?  
 SONG .....975 Thank You, Lord!  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Andy Clemmer  
 USHER.....Brian Carpenter/Dane Coggin  
 LOCK.....Kevin Simmons  
 SECURITY.....Matt Jennings  
 GREETERS.....Dane & Amanda Coggin

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Phillip Young  
 P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Paul Ormon  
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
 P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Perry Jones

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, August 31—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Olen Clark  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Shaler Grigsby  
 DEVOTIONAL.....Thomas Wall  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Matt Jennings

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Greeters.....Dane & Amanda Coggin  
 Announcements.....Steve Hill  
 Singing.....Andy Brown-  
 Lord Supper.....Phil Young, Dillon  
 Clayton, Ricky Adams, Joe Owen  
 Scripture Reading.....Mason Simmons  
 Opening Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Closing Prayer.....Andy Clemmer  
 Usher.....Brian Carpenter/Dane Coggin  
 Lock.....Kevin Simmons  
 Security.....Matt Jennings

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Phillip Young  
 Opening Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
 Closing Prayer.....Perry Jones

Wednesday August 31, 2022

Singing.....Olen Clark  
 Opening Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby  
 Devotional.....Thomas Wall  
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Jennings

Sunday, September 04, 2022

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

Sunday P.M.

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

Wednesday September 07, 2022

Singing.....  
 Opening Prayer.....  
 Devotional.....Tim Dooley  
 Closing Prayer.....

OUR RECORD  
 Week of 08/21/2022

Sunday School.....132  
 Sunday A.M.....165  
 Sunday P.M.....95  
 Wednesday.....107  
 Contribution.....\$4,847.00  
 Budget.....\$4,750.00

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)



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