



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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## Fighting the Good Fight!

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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There's been a war going on for our souls from the beginning of time. We are told that on the sixth day "God saw everything that he had made, and behold, *it was* very good" (Gen. 1:31). The Hebrew words here express just how good things were: they were perfect! In the middle of the garden, He placed the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9). Why? Because God had created all things for the sole purpose of having a relationship with something that could choose to love Him. So, the tree was placed there with a single directive that of "every tree of the garden you are free to eat; but as for the tree of knowledge of good and bad, you must not eat of it; for as soon as you eat of it, you shall die" (Gen. 2:16-17). Thus, God in loving-kindness and grace had created a free moral agent and provided him with a paradise in which he could live forever and love God.

This is where the problem begins. The Devil shows up and tempts Eve. It seems that Adam and Eve had avoided the tree prior to this satanic intrusion. It was not until Satan lies to Eve that they seem real even noticing the tree. Did they know it was there? Sure, but Eve, "saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate" (Gen. 3:6).

From that day on this war has continued to rage! Paul wrote, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*" (Eph. 6:12). Each battle is the same! The battle Eve lost in the Garden of Eden is the same battle we fight every day! Paul said he himself fought this battle daily (Rom. 7:15-20) and so he would "discipline" himself in order to "bring *it* into subjection" (1 Cor. 9:27).

Only Jesus was ever able to defeat Satan. But he used the same battle tactics with Jesus that he used with Eve, Paul, and every one of us. He lies, misrepresents, and tempts us through the lusts of the flesh, the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). This gives us a fighting chance! Paul says we are not ignorant of Satan's ways (2 Cor. 2:11) and warned us to both take up the "shield of faith" so we may be able to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one" (Eph. 6:16) and to be sober and vigilant (1 Pet. 5:8).

Where does all this leave us? With the necessity of building a fortress! I want to leave you today with three areas in each of our lives in which we need to consider fortification.

1. Our Homes. Satan has our homes under attack. He is hammering away at its very foundation. We are being lied to and deceived into thinking that the father's leadership is unnecessary and inadequate. Homosexuality, adultery, fornication, pornography, abuse, and blatant disregard for God's plan and structure and destroying the home in our society.
2. The Church. Satan is also attacking the household of God. False doctrine, division, apathy, unkindness, contention, selfishness, secularism, humanism, and socialism are all undermining the family of God.
3. Your Soul. Satan wants you! He will lie to you, deceive you, tempt you and kill you! He does not have your best interest in mind only your immediate pleasure and ultimate demise! The ultimate war is for you! But never forget, that Satan hates us, but God loves us.

So, what do I do?

1. Spend more time with my family (physical and spiritual). Your husband/wife needs you, your children need you, your church family needs you.
2. Spend more time with the Word of God. The only decisive battle ever won was won by Christ and His weapon was the Word of God.
3. Spend more time in prayer. It is hard to sin while communicating with God
4. Don't look at the tree! "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes"(Psa. 101:3).

Don't let Satan win! Be faithful.



### Dooley noted....

The word of God is changeless, but it is intended to change us while there is still time! - Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Jon Bolton** is recuperating at home for the next week.  
**Amanda Coggin's** spinal fusion surgery was successful.  
**Grace Crotts**, mother of Shane Crotts, is scheduled for gall bladder test. Heart test were clear.  
**Ernestine Dye** is at home and has begun rehab.  
**Tonya Dillard** is at home with pneumonia & other health issues.  
**Marissa Grigsby**, mother of Shaler Grigsby, has been moved to a step-down in Memphis.  
**Ron Griggs, Jr.** is suffering with osteomyelitis and had toe amputation on Wednesday, and will have gall bladder surgery asap.  
**Gloria Jones** is at home and on out-patient rehab after hip surgery.  
**Landon Roe**, 8th grader at Ingomar and grandson of Tina Montgomery, surgery at Le Bonheur to remove a benign tumor from the brain stem had to be rescheduled.  
**Jimmy Robertson**, father of Nathan Robertson (son-in-law of Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield), is in Corinth hospital with ruptured spleen & vascular disease.

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

**Shane Crotts, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Majeon 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), **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), **Anslay Thompson, Donnie Wilson** (brother of Gloria Jones), **Wade Davis/Andy & Sharon Clemmer Family.**

**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, Anderson Parks

## "Secret Service Prayer Program"

Week 2: Elders

## TODAY'S CHURCH EVENT

- Care Group #1 (Joe & Bonnie) meet at 12:00 in the fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch
- Care Group #2 (Shane & Barbara) meet following morning service in the fellowship hall. There will be pizza.
- Area Wide at Mayfield Church of Christ @ 5:00 pm.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 13th ~ Gloria Jones  
 September 16th ~ Ryleigh Garrett  
 September 17th ~ Bill Frohn  
 September 23rd ~ Shelly Clayton  
 September 28th ~ Arelus Dye  
 September 30th ~ Victoria Brown

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 15th ~ Jerry & Eleta Grimmitt  
 September 17th ~ Steve & Lana Todd

## ELDER

Andy Clemmer was recognized as our newest elder last Sunday morning. We are so thankful for Andy's willingness to help shepard the congregation. Please pray for Andy & Sharon, and all of our leaders.

## Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower on for Halley & Conner Miller September 25th in the fellowship building from 2:15-3:30. Halley & Conner are expecting a boy, they are registered at Walmart and Target.

## "IT'S A BOY"

Congratulations to *Garrett & Kathryn Stuart* on the birth of their son, *Parker Ryan Stuart* born Tuesday, September 6, 2022, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. *Parker* is welcomed by proud grandparents Joe & Bonnie Owen, and great-grandmother Grace Lyons. Mother and baby are doing fine.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- The Ladies Bible class is collecting gently used winter coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, toboggans, insulated underwear, warm socks, boots, etc. through September 18th for the World/Ukraine Mission. (Kevin Simmons)
- Anyone who is available to help with making plastic sleeping bags for Ukrainians, please see Lee Anne Clark.
- If you would like to "Adopt A Teen" this quarter, please contact Shaler Grigsby.
- Anyone who wishes to help prepare meals for Amanda Coggin and Tonya Dillard families, there is a signup sheet in the foyer. Please see Benita Garner.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **September 13th** Ladies Tuesday **Morning** Bible study @ **10:00**
- **September 13th** Ladies Tuesday **Night** Bible study @ **6:30 pm.**
- **September 18th** New Albany will host the **Junior Bible Bowl.**
- **September 22th** Men's Ministry will meet @ 7:00 pm in the annex building.
- **September 25th** Youth Devo @ Brian & Shelby Carpenter's.
- **September 30th-Oct 2nd LECTURESHIP**, Keynote Speaker: Keith Kasarjian.
- **October 15th** Wedding of Emily Hill & Dillon Clayton @ the Red Barn in Ripley.
- **October 17th** Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Drive pickup week.
- **October 22nd** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**  
**In the Shadow of the Cross**

John 19:23-30

Tim Dooley

- I The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Cross (1 Corinthians 1:18).
- A. It saddens us - but it gives us \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. It was tragic - but it was \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. It was Satan's victory - but it was also his \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. It brought shame to mankind - but it also brought \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. It shows God's hatred of sin - but His \_\_\_\_\_ for the sinner
  - F. It brought death - but it also brought \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. Jesus won by losing, and overcame by \_\_\_\_\_
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Cross
- A. Why Did God Send His Son to Die on The Cross (Psalm 8:4)?
  - B. There Are Two Reasons That Jesus Endured The Cross:
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 6:23)
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; Hebrews 12:1-2; Ephesians 2:16)
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Cross
- A. How Does Reconciliation Through the Cross Work?
  - B. Is The Work Done?
  - C. We Must Walk Daily in Its Shadow
    - 1. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to the shadow of the cross (Matthew 11:28-30; Mark 10:14-15)
    - 2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ daily in the shadow of the cross (Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 2:10; 5:2; Philippians 3:17-18; Colossians 1:10; 2:6; 1 John 2:6)
    - 3. We must also walk in the shadow of our \_\_\_\_\_ cross (Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23)

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**  
**The Christian and Riches**

James 5:1-6

Tim Dooley

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- A. The rich laugh, feast, boast, and flaunt their wealth and wickedness (James 4:16)
  - B. James warns their joy would vanish in misery to come (7, 9)
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ TREASURE (2-3)
- A. "Your riches are corrupted" (2)
    - 1. Their riches were decaying because they were left used (Luke 12:15-21)
    - 2. Three ways a man may corrupt his riches in this life:
      - a. Sinfully Obtaining (Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:10)
      - b. Selfishly Hoarding (Luke 12:15-21; James 5:3)
      - c. Spending Wastefully (Luke 15:13)
  - B. "Shall be a witness against you" (3; Luke 16:19-31)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ REVEALED (4)
- A. One of the ways they were obtaining their riches was by fraud (Leviticus 19:13)
  - B. These wicked deeds "cry out!" (Genesis 4:9-13)
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASURE (5)
- A. The idea here is that they were living both extravagantly and wasteful.
  - B. "*Ye have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter.*"
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ DESTRUCTION (6).
- A. These wicked rich men would drag the poor into court
  - B. Then, they would use their wealth to influence the judgments of the courts
  - C. Their greed moved them to the point of committing legal murder

**NOTES:**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby  
 SONG .....000  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Clint Stroupe  
 SONG .....000  
 LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Terry Stubblefield/  
 Bill Botts, Randy Wall, Matt Jennings  
 SONG.....000  
 SONG.....000  
 SCRIPTURE READING..... Brian Carpenter  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Steve Todd  
 SONG .....000  
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
 INVITATION SONG..... 000  
 SONG ..... 000  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Ricky Adams  
 USHER..... Dean Dillard/Randy Wall  
 LOCK.....Steve Todd  
 SECURITY.....Phillip Young  
 GREETERS.....Steve & Lana Todd

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Mike Brown  
 P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Phillip Young  
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley  
 P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Shane Crotts

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, September 14—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Ricky Adams  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Greg Clayton  
 DEVOTIONAL.....Shaler Grigsby  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Martin Crotts

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

Greeters.....Phil & Paige Young  
 Announcements.....Clint Stroupe  
 Singing.....Mark Jennings  
 Lord Supper.....Terry Stubblefield/  
 Bill Botts, Randy Wall, Matt Jennings  
 Scripture Reading.....Clayton Hill  
 Opening Prayer .....Phil Young  
 Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark  
 Usher..... Dean Dillard/Mark Jennings  
 Lock.....Mark Jennings  
 Security.....Joe Owen

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Shaler Grigsby  
 Opening Prayer.....Kurt Clayton  
 Closing Prayer.....Owen Clayton

**Wednesday September 21, 2022**

Singing.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Dooley  
 Devotional ..... Dillon Clayton  
 Closing Prayer .....Conner Miller

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

Greeters.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons  
 Announcements.....Clint Stroupe  
 Singing.....Richard Jennings  
 Lord Supper.....Terry Stubblefield/  
 Bill Botts, Randy Wall, Matt Jennings  
 Scripture Reading.....Caleb Jennings  
 Opening Prayer .....Andy Clemmer  
 Closing Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Usher..... Dean Dillard/Jason Jennings  
 Lock.....Jason Jennings  
 Security.....Brian Carpenter

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Mark Jennings  
 Opening Prayer.....Dana Coggin  
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Dye

**Wednesday September 28, 2022**

Singing.....Thomas Wall  
 Opening Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby  
 Devotional ..... Andy Brown  
 Closing Prayer .....Ronnie Griggs

OUR RECORD  
 Week of 09/04/2022

Sunday School.....116  
 Sunday A.M.....154  
 Sunday P.M.....100  
 Wednesday .....89  
 Contribution.....\$4,909.00  
 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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