



# THE INFORMER

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## Is Religious Unity Possible Today?

Tim Dooley

### 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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Office.....662-534-4649

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Tim Dye.....662-316-2527  
Richard Jennings ..662-316-1305  
Phil Young.....662-316-2059

### DEACONS

Andy Brown..... 662-871-9199  
Young Adults, Youth, Marketing  
Kurt Clayton..... 662-316-6420  
Benevolence, Mission Work  
Dane Coggin ..... 662-419-8308  
Adults, Worship Assignments,  
Sound Room  
Jason Jennings..... 662-801-3260  
Maintenance, Security, CYC,  
Children's Education  
Mark Jennings.....731-609-3309  
Maintenance, Seniors, Fellowship/  
Special Days, Security  
Kevin Simmons..... 662-512-8451  
New Members, Ladies Ministry,  
High School & Adult Education,  
Care Groups, Mission Work  
Randy Wall..... 662-316-9255  
Fellowship/Special Days,  
Maintenance

Throughout time people have questioned whether or not religious unity is possible. Most likely, this question is asked because so many different religions exist in our world and so many different "Christian" denominations exist. Over 200 different denominations exist in the United States alone. This would indeed suggest that religious unity was not a possibility in our time. However, the Bible clearly condemns religious division and its here that we begin to find the answer.

Paul pleaded with the church meeting in Corinth to "all speak the same thing," and he instructed that "there be NO division among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). From this inspired direction it is clear that God condemns religious division and says that unity is indeed a real possibility. So then, if division is condemned and unity is required, how can man today please God and come together in harmony of mind and teaching?

1. Religious unity is achievable if we, as God's creation, are willing to humble ourselves and respect His commands. Remember that Christ prayed that all might be one, as He and the Father are one, in unity (John 17:20-21). Would Christ have prayed for something that was not possible? And how is it that the Father and Son are one? Are they at odds with one another on the plan of salvation? Worship? Church Organization? The truth is simple and clear to the honest and humble heart.

2. Religious unity is possible if we are willing to put aside our preconceived ideas that we have grown up believing, practicing, or being taught pertaining to religious matters. We must accept God and His Word as our final authority and for complete guidance. The Psalmist wrote, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). So, God's Word is to be our only guide, which truly will provide adequate light for all as we walk the pathway of life. Remember that Jeremiah warned that man's wisdom was not a safe guide (Jeremiah 10:23).

3. Religious unity is possible if we are willing to give up human creeds and the teachings of uninspired men in favor of doing things in Bible ways. Remember Jesus' admonition that doctrines and commandments of men lead us into vain, meaningless worship (Matthew 7:21).

4. Religious unity is possible if we simply obey God. Jesus said, "Not everyone that says unto me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Obedience to God's word is the key to heaven (Hebrews 5:8-9) and the key to religious unity today. There is no other way. Religious unity is possible today when men will yield to God's unchanging word. Be faithful!



### Dooley noted...

The enemies of God are always looking for an excuse and for far too long many Christians and congregations have given them the excuses they need by not living faithful disciplined Christian lives. Be faithful and be an example of a true believer in Christ. – Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Kaley Tillery**, 6 year old great granddaughter of Peggy Miller, was admitted to Le Bonheur on Tuesday in a coma from sepsis.  
**Kathy Clayton** is being scheduled for dental surgery.  
**Bill Frohn** is scheduled October 10th for a second back surgery.  
**Barbara Holt**, grandmother of Madison Grigsby, is in the hospital in Florence, AL with sever kidney damage after a fall.  
**Harold Russell** is awaiting the results of several test.

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

**Shane Crotts, Grace Crotts, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Majean Dillard** (mother of Dean Dillard), **Tonya Dillard, Prebble Foster** (friend of the Carpenters'), **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, Randy Reeder** (son of Grace Lyon), **Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Kathy Swanson** (sister of Michael Dillard), **Ansley 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, Anderson Parks



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1st .....Harold Russell  
 October 4th .....Tara Sparks  
 October 9th .....Wilkes Crotts  
 October 12th.....Greg Harrison  
 October 14th.....Knox Politte

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 12th .....Kurt & Shelly Clayton  
 October 17th .....Arelus & Ernestine Dye  
 October 17th.....Tim & Kathy Dye

We are so thankful and blessed to have a loving and caring church family. Thank you so much for the many cards, prayers, calls and texts. We appreciate your love and prayers more than you will ever know. We miss and love all of you.

In Christian Love,  
 Arelus & Ernestine Dye



## The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer

Week 5: Church Growth

## NOTES & NEWS

- Starting in October, those who are assigned for scripture reading, opening prayer, and closing prayer will please meet in the Communion Room after Bible class.
- Please be mindful of the Encouragement Cards located in the pews and their intended purpose to encourage & edify each other. Thank you for your participation.
- The Ladies Bible Class is still collecting winter clothing for Ukrainian refugees for shipment October 3rd & 13th.
- Anyone interested in helping to make plastic sleeping bags for Ukrainian refugees, please contact Lea Anne Clark.

## TODAY'S CHURCH EVENT

We will have our 1st Sunday fellowship meal immediately following morning worship. Visitors and members please join us for good food, edification and encouragement.

RSVP by September 15th online

@theknot.com/dillonandemilyswappings  
 or via text @662-760-0599

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

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 9th** Area Wide at Verona @ 5:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Alex Thornton
- October 9th** Care Group #1 (Joe & Bonnie) will meet @ 12:00 noon in the fellowship building. Bring food items for West Union School. There is a list of food items on the table in the foyer.
- October 16th** Care Group #2 (Shane & Barbara) will meet in the fellowship building following morning service.
- October 17th** Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Drive pickup week. List of items need in the foyer.
- October 20th** Men's Ministry meet at 7:00 p.m. in the annex building
- October 22nd** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"
- October 23rd** Youth Devo hosted by Mike & Janice Brown.
- February 23-26, 2023** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please sign if you plan to attend or ride the van.

## YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30, 1:15 & Wed. @ 6:30

### AM SERMON OUTLINE

#### A BETTER MESSAGE

Keynote Speaker: Keith Kasarjian

#### SERMON NOTES:

### PM SERMON OUTLINE

#### A BETTER DAY, EVERY DAY

Matthew 6:31-34

Tim Dooley

- I. Each Day Is a Day the Lord Has \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 118:24; Romans 8:28; Hebrews 13:8)
- II. Each Day Has A Manageable Amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:34; 1 Corinthians 10:13)
- III. Each Day is a Day of True \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:7-11; Matthew 11:28-30)
- IV. Each Day I Can Have a Heart of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:37-40; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Timothy 1:5; Proverbs 28:14)
- V. Each Day I Know I Am \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 5:13; 2 Timothy 2:19; Luke 12:16-21)
- VI. Each Day I Can \_\_\_\_\_ (Col 3:17, 3:23)
- VII. A Better Day, Every Day, Begins With....
  - a. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. P \_\_\_\_\_

### AREA CHURCH EVENTS

- October 2nd-5th, Tupelo East Main Church of Christ, Fall Gospel Meeting. Speaker: Allen Webster
- October 8th-12th, Tupelo West Main Church of Christ, Gospel Meeting. Speakers: Hawathia Jones, Missionary in Guatemala, and Kevin Schwiger.
- October 9th-12th, Chapman Church of Christ, Ripley, Friends & Family Day, and Gospel Meeting Speaker: Adam Miller

#### NOTES:

### ELDERS NEWS

We are going to produce our own Church Directory and to do this we are going to be taking pictures of all the congregation starting September 25 and each Sunday thereafter until everyone has been photographed. Jena Carpenter and David Clayton (Andy Brown, deacon) will be heading this project. Pictures will be taken in the large classroom in the annex between services and directly following afternoon services.

Once this is completed, we will publish the directory which will replace the In Touch. The new directory will include everyone's photo, and information that is currently in the In Touch. As we continue to grow, this publication will be updated on a regular basis. We are asking for each of you to help us gather pictures. Once the final draft is ready, we will ask for validation of your contact information.

To facilitate this project, there will be a sign-up list in the foyer to pick your time of your picture (family) made. This will take less than 2 minutes per family.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**SINGING**.....Phillip Young  
**SONG** ..... **3 A Charge to Keep I Have**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....Brian Carpenter  
**SONG** ..... **452 Night, with Ebon Pinion**  
**LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING**.....Paul Ormon,  
 Clint Stroupe, Steve Todd , Thomas Wall  
**SONG**..... **249 How Precious is the Book**  
**SONG**..... **788 Wonderful Words of Life**  
**SCRIPTURE READING**.....David Clayton  
**OPENING PRAYER**.....Richard Jennings  
**SONG** ..... **248 How Firm a Foundation**  
**SONG** ..... **154 Give Me the Bible**  
**LESSON**.....Guest Speaker: Keith Kasarjian  
**INVITATION SONG**..... **207 Hark! The Gentle Voice**  
**CLOSING PRAYER**.....Clay Jennings  
**USHER**.....Steve Hill/Andy Brown  
**LOCK**.....Andy Brown  
**SECURITY**.....Greg Clayton  
**GREETERS**.....Shaler & Madison Grigsby

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM**

**P.M. SINGING**.....Richard Jennings  
**P.M. OPENING PRAYER**.....Kevin Simmons  
**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**P.M. CLOSING PRAYER**.....Troy Robertson

**BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, October 05—6:30 P.M.**

**SINGING**.....Clay Jennings  
**OPENING PRAYER** .....Phillip Young  
**DEVOTIONAL**.....Tim Dooley  
**CLOSING PRAYER**.....Mike Brown

**Sunday, October 09, 2022**

Greeters.....Randy & Christy Wall  
 Announcements.....Brian Carpenter  
 Singing..... Andy Brown  
 Lord Supper.....Paul Ormon,  
 Clint Stroupe, Steve Todd, Thomas Wall  
 Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer .....Perry Jones  
 Closing Prayer.....Hunter Jennings  
 Usher..... Steve Hill/Kevin Simmons  
 Lock.....Kevin Simmons  
 Security..... Dan Cobb

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Phillip Young  
 Opening Prayer.....Phil Young  
 Closing Prayer.....Randy Wall

**Wednesday October 12, 2022**

Singing.....Hunter Jennings  
 Opening Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Devotional .....Shaler Grigsby  
 Closing Prayer .....Olen Clark

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

Greeters.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton  
 Announcements.....Brian Carpenter  
 Singing..... Mike Brown  
 Lord Supper.....Paul Ormon,  
 Clint Stroupe, Steve Todd, Thomas Wall  
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin  
 Opening Prayer .....Joe Owen  
 Closing Prayer.....Jason Jennings  
 Usher..... Steve Hill/Randy Wall  
 Lock.....Randy Wall  
 Security.....Dane Coggin

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Andy Brown  
 Opening Prayer..... Richard Adams  
 Closing Prayer.....Ricky adams

**Wednesday October 19, 2022**

Singing.....Ricky Adams  
 Opening Prayer.....Andy Clemmer  
 Devotional ..... Joe Owen  
 Closing Prayer .....Dan Cobb

**OUR RECORD  
 Week of 09/25/2022**

Sunday School..... 110  
 Sunday A.M.....155  
 Sunday P.M.....109  
 Wednesday .....109  
 Contribution.....\$4,746.00  
 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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