



# THE INFORMER

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## Not Every Seed Falls on Good Soil

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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Children's Education  
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Maintenance, Seniors, Fellowship/  
Special Days, Security  
Kevin Simmons..... 662-512-8451  
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High School & Adult Education,  
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Randy Wall..... 662-316-9255  
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In Luke 8:4-8 (Matthew 13:1-9; Mark 4:1-9) Jesus tells the parable of the four different types of soil. The farmers of the day did not have the precision seeding equipment that we use today. Instead, the common practice was hand seeding. As the sower went through the field he would broadcast handfuls of seed in an attempt to get as much seed as possible to take root. This inevitably led to some waste as some of the seeds would fall into unproductive areas (the road, rocks, and thorns). For you and I, there are some very important lessons to be learned here and some things we should take some time to reflect upon.

- 1. What kind of soil am I?** Most people think they are good soil. However, the truth is that the Bible, and our lives, do not support such an assumption. This parable makes it clear that ¾ of the soils are not receptive. Jesus said, "...*narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it*" (Matthew 7:14). Week in and week out preachers stand before half-filled auditoriums and share the gospel to half an audience. Many in attendance are so disengaged and unreceptive that we are left to wonder why they are even there. The preacher is sowing the seed of God and most have impermeable hearts. Why? They don't like the messenger, they don't like the message, or they simply wish to be somewhere else: doing anything else. It is time we stop judging the hearts of others (and making excuses) and do some serious reflection upon our own attitudes and conditions.
- 2. How much of the seed are we spreading?** As Christians today, it's natural for us to pick and choose individual precise locations to put down seeds. We prejudge the condition of the soil. The problem is we are not soil experts, God is! We focus on the people who look like us, talk like us, and think like us. But our responsibility is to spread as much seed as possible (Acts 8:4) and let God give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). We need to focus our lives on the purpose God has given us: To fear Him and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13), to make disciples and teach them (Matthew 28:18-20), and to bring glory and honor to God through our lives of holiness and faithfulness (Matthew 5:13-16).
- 3. Am I actively bringing in the sheaves?** Some are planting and others are watering and indeed God does give increase when we do (1 Corinthians 3:6). But our work is not over, we need to be in the field at the end of the day bringing in the harvest. Jesus pointed toward the fields and said to His disciples, "*The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest*" (Luke 10:2). How much harvest have I brought in for the Lord?

In our story it is important for us to remember the fact that although some areas did not produce any fruit it was not the farmer's fault, nor was it a defective seed. The produce depended on the state of the soil upon which the seed had fallen. It is eternally imperative that we do whatever we need to fertilize and cultivate within us a receptive heart lest we hear the same inspired condemnation that Simon heard, "...*your heart is not right in the sight of God*" (Acts 8:21). Simon repented, will you?



### Dooley noted...

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first lectureship a success. The speakers did an amazing job and those in attendance heard some amazing lessons. For those who didn't attend you truly missed out and we hope you'll make our next meeting a priority. – Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Kathy Clayton** has a gum infection that must heal before being scheduled for dental surgery. She is experiencing severe pain. **Bill Frohn** is scheduled Monday, October 10th for a second back surgery.

**Ronnie Griggs, Sr.** broke his foot and is non-weight bearing for one month.

**Barbara Holt**, grandmother of Madison Grigsby, is at home doing better.

**Joe Reed** is wearing a heart monitor for 2 weeks.

**Harold Russell** has been admitted to Tupelo hospital for more test.

**Brenna Politte's** 90-year-old grandmother had surgery this past Monday for a broken ankle.

### 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

## CLOTHING DRIVE

The clothing drive has ended. **PLEASE** do not bring any more clothes. Thanks to all that helped with this endeavor.



## IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to *Halley & Conner Miller* on the birth of their son, **Cayde Oliver**. Cayde was born on Wednesday, October 5th, weighing 6 lbs. and was 19 inches. Welcoming him is proud grandmother Dana Holtzlander.

## BAPTISM

We rejoice that *Elizabeth McClure* made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Please make our new sister in Christ welcome!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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*  
October 26th.....*Andy & Victoria Brown*  
October 27th.....*Jason & Amy Jennings*

## AREA CHURCH EVENTS

- 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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Food items for children at Myrtle School (Kurt)
- Supplies for Pine Vale; next delivery date October 1, 2022 (Kurt)
- Snack bags and activity books for dialysis center (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Food items for children at local schools (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Provide bags for foster children (Brian, Matt, Shane).
- Provide hygiene products for students. (Kevin)
- Caring for our church family (Kevin)
- Assist our elderly and shut-ins (Kevin)



## The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer

Week 6: Church Programs

## TODAY'S CHURCH EVENT

- Care Group #1 (Joe & Bonnie) will meet @ 12:00 in the fellowship building. Bring your lunch and food items for West Union School.
- Area Wide Youth meeting at Verona @ 5:00pm. Guest Speaker: Alex Thornton.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **October 15th** Wedding of Dillion Clayton & Emily Hill at The Red Barn in Ripley, MS.
- **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. at Phil Young's "Shed".
- **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.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Facing the Future**

Joshua 1:1-9

Tim Dooley

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 2)
- A. Joshua was given an objective
  - B. God's people have always had intent (Daniel 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 26:13-19; 2 Timothy 2:2)
  - C. Do we know our why (Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:1-5)
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 3)
- A. In God We "Can" Trust (2 Peter 1:4; 2 Corinthians 1:20; 2 Timothy 4:8)
  - B. Do we trust in the promises of God (v. 8)?
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 5)
- A. The overthrow of Jericho was the first test Joshua had to face.
  - B. Do we believe and trust in God's omnipotence (Philippians 4:13; Revelation 2:10)?
- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v.9; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5)

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Better Prepared For Satan**

Genesis 3

Shaler Grigsby

My sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

My temptations are \_\_\_\_\_.

How Satan attacks

1. Challenges \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lust of the \_\_\_\_\_, lust of the \_\_\_\_\_, and pride of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Through other \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**SINGING**.....Andy Brown  
**SONG** ..... **990 You Are the Words and the Music**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....Brian Carpenter  
**SONG** ..... **975 Thank You, Lord**  
**LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING**.....Paul Ormon,  
 Clint Stroupe, Steve Todd , Thomas Wall  
**SONG**..... **111 Come We That Love the Lord**  
**SONG**..... **934 Hosanna**  
**SCRIPTURE READING**.....Owen Clayton  
**OPENING PRAYER**.....Perry Jones  
**SONG** .....(Power Point).**Ancient Words**  
**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**INVITATION SONG**.....**337 Is Thy Heart Right With God?**  
**SONG**.....**707 To Christ Be Loyal and Be True**  
**CLOSING PRAYER**.....Hunter Jennings  
**USHER**.....Steve Hill/Kevin Simmons  
**LOCK**.....Kevin Simmons  
**SECURITY**.....Dan Cobb  
**GREETERS**.....Randy & Christy Wall

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM**

**P.M. SINGING**.....Phillip Young  
**P.M. OPENING PRAYER**.....Phil Young  
**LESSON**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**P.M. CLOSING PRAYER**.....Randy Wall

**BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, October 12—6:30 P.M.**

**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

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

Greeters.....Jason & Amy Jennings  
 Announcements.....Brian Carpenter  
 Singing.....Shaler Grigsby  
 Lord Supper.....Paul Ormon,  
 Clint Stroupe, Steve Todd, Thomas Wall  
 Scripture Reading.....Dean Dillard  
 Opening Prayer .....Mason Simmons  
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Jennings  
 Usher..... Steve Hill/Kurt Clayton  
 Lock.....Kurt Clayton  
 Security.....Jason Jennings

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Mike Brown  
 Opening Prayer.....Bill Botts  
 Closing Prayer.....Greg Clayton

**Wednesday October 26, 2022**

Singing.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer.....Shane Crotts  
 Devotional .....Kevin Simmons  
 Closing Prayer .....Martin Crotts

**OUR RECORD  
 Week of 10/02/2022**

Sunday School.....109  
 Sunday A.M.....150  
 Sunday P.M.....85  
 Wednesday .....101  
 Contribution.....\$4,713.00  
 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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