



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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November 06, 2022

“Let’s Play Like ...”

James E. Farley

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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Office.....662-534-4649

ELDERS

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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

I grew up in a family of eleven children, the firstborn in 1935 and the last born in 1959. I often heard the above words growing up with my siblings. While there was a large variety of ages, we all had our “playmates,” and we all had vivid imaginations. We had “playing” down to a science. We would pretend to be in the army, and we even fought “wars.” After Christmas time, we would often collect people’s discarded trees and stick them in the ground so we could have a forest in which to fight our battles. We would often use sticks as guns. We would use sticks as horses, too, and, while we were playing, they *were* horses – sometimes wild, unbroken, bucking horses. We even had a “circus” once. One of my older brothers had caught two groundhogs and an opossum. We had a raccoon, a black snake, and some wild rabbits in cages. Of course, we had “Buck, the Wonder Dog.” My older sister and our cousin were the “high trapeze girls.” We wrapped the ropes of our large, homemade swing set over the top two or three times, and the girls just sat “up high” on the swings and posed. We made posters, tacked them to telephone poles, and charged admission. Oh yes, we had playing down to a science!

Often we even played “church”. We had been taken to church services, and we knew the routine well. We would sing, have preaching, pray, take up a collection, etc. We would get some saltine crackers and some grape Kool-Aid and have communion. I do not remember ever trying to baptize each other. When one of our cats or rabbits died, we would have a funeral service. I usually preached at the funeral. “He was a good rabbit...” We even had a specific place set aside for our “graveyard.”

Most children have vivid imaginations and know how to play. I am afraid, however, that many who are adults may only be playing when it comes to the church. Because of spiritual immaturity and a lack of willingness to grow as they should, many are just playing church. (1 Peter 2:1-3; 2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 5:11-14). These know the routine well. They attend a good bit. They go through the motions by singing, giving a minimal token, eating the bread and drinking the juice, bowing their heads, and closing their eyes while prayers are being led. However, too often they are, indeed, just going through the motions. Later, when a false teacher creeps in with damnable doctrines, as wolves in sheep’s clothing, these “children” are “*tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine ...*” (Ephesians 4:14).

Jesus spoke of some religious folks of His day and likened them “*unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, and saying, we have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and you have not lamented ...*” (Matthew 11:16-19).

I hope and pray that this does not describe you and your religion. The Word tells us to examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith; we are to prove ourselves. (2 Corinthians 13:5). I encourage you to do this often. Do you attend services regularly? Do you try your very best to be at services whenever the doors are opened? (Hebrews 10:24-27). Are you anxious to attend services with your brethren to remember the death of the Lord? (1 Corinthians 11:26). Are you a daily Bible student? Do you use the Word of righteousness to exercise your mind - your sense - so you can tell the difference between what is right and wrong and what is good and evil? (Hebrews 5:13-14). On the other hand, are you “*unskillful in the word of righteousness*”? Do you truly “*hunger and thirst after righteousness*”? (Matthew 5:6). Are you proving the sincerity of your love toward God and the Lord’s church through your planned, bountiful, and cheerful giving? (2 Corinthians 8:8, 24; 9:6-7). Are you abounding in the work of the Lord?

These are serious matters? Please, do not just pretend to be a Christian, be one in word and deed.

Dooley noted.... What a great week we had last week! Congratulations to Masey Kate on signing to continue her education and volleyball career at Freed-Hardeman. Also, to the winners of the best costumes at Trunk-or-Treat last Sunday. A special thanks to Peyton Coggin for making me the winner two years in a row! We’ll miss y’all this week but we’ll be tuning in online. Take care of our guest speaker Spencer Bowen from Freed who will be filling in at our afternoon service. Keep us in your prayers. – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Alice Ashmore was taken to ER Monday night and diagnosed with covid pneumonia.

Kathy Clayton had dental surgery Nov. 3rd, she is at home and doing well.

Ernestine Dye is on a heart monitor, pending stress test.

Tony Erwin is at home.

Marissa Grigsby, Shaler Grigsby mother, got a good report from her doctor this week, she will continue to wear a skull cap.

Cayde Miller, infant son of Conner & Halley Miller, is at home.

Phil Young is being scheduled for surgery for removal of a kidney.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Shane Crotts (dialysis) **Grace Crotts, Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Majejan Dillard** (mother of Dean Dillard), **Tonya Dillard**, (spinal stenosis), **Prebble Foster** (friend of the Carpenters'), **Marissa Grigsby, Carol Hood (cancer), Martin Hurd** (brother of Betty Adams), **Alfred Jones** (brother of Perry Jones), **Brenda Jones** (mother of Kathy Dye), **Betty McNeely** (sister of Richard Jennings), **Corey Politte, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Randy Reeder** (son of Grace Lyon), **Novene Robertson, Kathy Swanson** (cancer) (sister of Michael Dillard), **Ansley Thompson, Donnie Wilson** (brother of Gloria Jones), **Davis & Clemmer Families.**

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



thank you!

To the congregation of the Lord's church at New Albany,

We cannot begin to thank you enough for your prayers, kind words, food, visits and encouragement during this very stressful and painful time in our lives. Moving from our home in Oxford, which we occupied for 25 years, to a down-sized home in New Albany at this time of our lives was stressful enough. But having to deal with Bill having two back surgeries during this time added, as you can imagine, a great deal more stress. We do not know what we would have done without your support, especially your prayers. In our previous location in Oxford, we had to drive 20 miles to attend services in Batesville. Now, we only have to drive 2 -1/2 miles. You cannot imagine how wonderful that is for us. The New Albany congregation epitomizes the love we should have for each other. Thank you for being there for us.

In Christian love,
Bill & Nancy Frohn



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 06.....Janice Griffin
November 08.....Madison Clint Stroupe
November 13.....Joe Reed
November 16.....Jackson Coggin
November 18.....Linda Griggs
November 19.....Linda Clark
November 20.....Darrell Crow
November 21.....Grant Wilson
November 22.....Ellis Brown
November 23.....Betty Young
November 24.....Halei Leahey
November 28.....Jerry Grimmett
November 29.....Sissy Bullock
November 29.....Amy Martin

The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer



Week 10: Lost People Connected to the Congregation

TODAY'S CHURCH EVENT

- 1st Sunday Meal in the fellowship building immediately following morning services. Please join us for good food and fellowship.
- Today is the last day to have your picture taken for the new Photo Directory. Please see Jenna Carpenter or David Clayton.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Joe & Bonnie Owen in the passing *W. D. Perkins* on October 31st, Joe's cousin to whom Joe was caregiver. Funeral services were Saturday at Flat Rock Baptist in Hickory Flat.

GLOSTER ST. GOSPEL MEETING

The church van will leave from the church building Monday night at **6:15 p.m.** for those who plan to attend the Gloster Street Church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Speaker Bill Watkins, minister at the Crieve Hall Church of Christ in Nashville, TN.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are so proud of *Massey Kate Adams* for signing this past Tuesday to play volleyball at Freed-Hardeman University. *Massey Kate* is the daughter of Richard Adams and granddaughter of Ricky & Betty Adams.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **November 8th** Ladies Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. in the annex building. Andrea Hill will speak following class.
- **November 13th** Elders/Deacons/Ministers meet @ 8:15 a.m.
- **November 17th** Men's Ministry will meet @ 7:00 p.m. in the annex building.
- **November 20th** Elders & Ministers meet @ 8:15 a.m.
- **November 20th** Junior Bible Bowl at East Main Church of Christ @ 3:00. Questions are on the table in the foyer.
- **November 27th** Youth Devo hosted by Tim & Colleen Dooley.
- **November 30th** 5th Wednesday Night Singing.
- **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

Trust God Even When...

Hebrews 11

Shaler Grigsby

- You feel _____.
- The _____ changes.
- The _____ are against you.
- You are _____.
- You are worried about your _____.
- _____ is near.
- Those you love are _____.
- The _____ attacks.
- Your earthly _____ are taken.
- The _____ are upon you.
- _____ are in your path.
- You are a _____.
- There is a _____.

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

Guest Speaker:

Spencer Bowen
(Freed-Hardeman)

NOTES:

ELDERS NOTES

If any of the men would be interested in a
“Weekly Coffee Club”
there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

AREA-WIDE

YOUTH MEETING

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 13, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Theme “God calls me to be Faithful.....

“When I Rebel”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Richard Jennings
 SONGWe Have Come Into His House
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Steve Todd
 SONG784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?
 LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Tim Dye/
 Perry Jones, Shaler Grigsby, Phil Young
 SONG.....78 Can You Count the Stars?
 SONG.....124 Did You Think to Pray?
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Clayton Hill
 OPENING PRAYER.....Caleb Jennings
 SONG516 One Day
 LESSON.....Shaler Grigsby
 INVITATION SONG.....262 I Bring My Sins to Thee
 SONG.....400 Living by Faith
 CLOSING PRAYERCaleb Jennings
 USHER.....Matt Jennings/Jason Jennings
 LOCK.....Jason Jennings
 SECURITY.....Randy Wall
 GREETERS.....Randy & Amy English

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Mark Jennings
 P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Joe Owen
 LESSON.....Guest Speaker: Spencer Bowen, Freed-Hardeman
 P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Ronnie Griggs

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, November 09—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Clay Jennings
 OPENING PRAYERRichard Adams
 DEVOTIONAL.....Shaler Grigsby
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Mike Brown

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Greeters.....Dane & Amanda Coggin
 Announcements.....Steve Todd
 Singing.....Phillip Young
 Lord Supper.....Tim Dye/
 Perry Jones, Shaler Grigsby, Phil Young
 Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton
 Opening PrayerMark Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson
 Usher.....Matt Jennings/Mark Jennings
 Lock.....Mark Jennings
 Security.....Joe Owen

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Richard Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Kevin Simmons
 Closing Prayer.....Hunter Jennings

Wednesday November 16, 2022

Singing.....Hunter Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Richard Jennings
 DevotionalAndy Clemmer
 Closing PrayerOlen Clark

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Greeters.....Richard & Kathy Jennings
 Announcements.....Steve Todd
 Singing.....Andy Brown
 Lord Supper.....Tim Dye/
 Perry Jones, Shaler Grigsby, Phil Young
 Scripture Reading.....Brian Caarpenter
 Opening PrayerPaul Ormon
 Closing Prayer.....Mason Simmons
 Usher.....Matt Jennings/Andy Brown
 Lock.....Greg Clayton
 Security.....Richard Adams

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Phillip Young
 Opening Prayer.....Terry Stubblefield
 Closing Prayer.....Thomas Wall

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Singing.....Ricky Adams
 Opening Prayer.....Bill Botts
 Devotional.....**THANKSGIVING**
 Closing PrayerRoger Clayton

OUR RECORD
 Week of 10/30/2022

Sunday School.....103
 Sunday A.M.....132
 Sunday P.M.....79
 Wednesday90
 Contribution.....\$4,030.00
 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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