



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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November 27, 2022

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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Children's Education

Mark Jennings.....731-609-3309
Maintenance, Seniors, Fellowship/
Special Days, Security

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Care Groups, Mission Work

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Fellowship/Special Days,
Maintenance

Who Are the Blessed?

Tim Dooley

Who are the blessed? Many will quickly answer, "All are blessed." And that's certainly true. Physically, the hand of God blesses us all. Jesus said, "*He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust*" (Matthew 5:45). The Psalmist penned that God, "*...covers the heavens with clouds...prepares rain for the earth...makes grass to grow on the mountains. He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry*" (Psalm 147:7-9).

Although we acknowledge this verbally, far too often we live in a completely contradictory way. We live in depression, jealousy, envy, strife, and anger. We are too often ungrateful, unthankful, and disrespectful. Shame on us when we live fifty weeks a year as spoiled children and only stop to be thankful for all we do have for the seven to fourteen days each year surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday.

Who are the blessed spiritually? I firmly and unequivocally declare that the Bible, in the clearest of terms, says that only those who are obedient and faithful children of God are blessed spiritually. "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*" (Ephesians 1:3). That's right! Only those who are in Christ can be blessed by God spiritually and to be in Christ the Bible again clearly states that we must hear the Word of God (Romans 10:17); believe that Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son (Mark 16:16); be willing to repent of our sins (Acts 17:30); be willing to confess our faith in Him (Matthew 10:32-33); and be buried with Him in baptism for the remission of our sin (Acts 2:38). At this point we are added to His body the church (Acts 2:47; Colossians 1:13) and find ourselves in Christ (Galatians 3:27).

But not everyone who complies with these inspired prerequisites will continue to find themselves blessed spiritually. Generally speaking, the Palmist again wrote, "*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD!*" (Psalm 119:1). We are well aware that Jesus spoke of the blessed as those who are poor in spirit, who mourn, who are meek, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who are merciful, who are pure in heart, who are peacemakers, and who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. You see how spiritual blessings do not rest solely on adhering to the steps of salvations but are reserved for those who walk in the light (1 John 1:7) and love Him enough to keep His commandments (John 14:15).

There are two other groups that the Bible says are blessed. The first group we read about in Luke 12:37-38 where Jesus says, "*Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.*" Are you watching, waiting, thankful, every minute of every day? Are you ready? The second group is described for us in Revelation 14:13, "Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "*Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on'*" "Yes," says the Spirit, "*that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.*" Oh, how we should long to be blessed!



Dooley noted....

What a great week of Thanksgiving. As we have been reminded this past week of just how much we have to be thankful for, let us continue to be thankful and express our gratitude in how we serve and love God and others. – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Phil Young is at home recovering from kidney removal. Please pray for his healing and good results.

Marissa Grigsby had surgery Monday to replace her skull cap.

Robb Bingham, cousin of Kathy Clayton, is still unconscious in ICU in St. Louis, MO., following an auto accident 2 weeks ago.

Mike Kincheloe, husband of Deloris Crowe's granddaughter, has bulging disc & a tear in his hip and has lost use of his left leg. He has an appointment with Orthopedic doctor Tuesday the 29th.

Adam Baker, a teacher at West Union, had surgery Tuesday for thyroid cancer.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Karen Anderson (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **Shane Crotts** (dialysis), **Grace Crotts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Majeon Dillard** (mother of Dean Dillard), **Tonya Dillard** (spinal stenosis), **Marissa Grigsby** (Shaler's mother), **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, Alice Ashmore.

Military List: Derek Bradley, Anderson Parks

The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer



Week 13: The Bereaved

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to *Alyce Jennings* in the sudden passing of her uncle, *Bobby Sweat*, on Wednesday, November 23rd.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Youth Devo at the home of Tim & Colleen Dooley.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 28.....Jerry Grimmatt

November 29.....Sissy Bullock

November 29.....Amy Martin

December 02.....Dillon Clayton

December 03.....Lakisha Harris

ELDERS' NOTES

The decision has been made to change the time of services on Sunday, December 25th as follows:

9:00 a.m. - 1st Service

10:00 a.m. - Bible Class

11:00 a.m. - 2nd Service

SIGN-UP SHEETS

- **Teachers** are needed in the next quarter, December-February, for the 2-3 year-olds and the Pre-K - Kindergarten. If you are interested in teaching, please see Jason Jennings.
- Ricky Adams will conduct an Ornament Painting Class in the annex building from 6:00-9:00 PM, on Monday, December 5th. There will be a \$5.00 fee for supplies. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- Anyone interested in going to the Tammy Wynette Tribute Center in Tremont, MS, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Time and date to be determined (see Shane Crotts).

LADIES

- Tuesday, November 29th the ladies bible class will take the van to Holly Springs to help with "Buckets of Blessings." The van will leave at 9:30 am from the church building.
- Women's annual Christmas Ornament & Brunch will be Saturday, Dec. 3rd @ 9:30 a.m. in the annex building. Please bring an ornament & a dish and join us for fellowship and laughter.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **November 30th** 5th-Wednesday-Night Singing.
- **December 3rd** Men's Annual Breakfast at the fellowship building.
- **December 3rd** Women's "Holiday Ornament Exchange and Brunch" in the annex building at 9:30 a.m.
- **December 4th** **First-Sunday Fellowship Meal**
- **December 4th** Area Wide @ West Main in Tupelo @ 5:00 PM.
- **December 6th** Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study in the Annex building at 10:00.
- **December 9th** Youth Devo & Christmas Party at Shaler & Madison Grigsby's home @ 6:00 P.M.
- **December 11th** College Class @ 2:15 in the fellowship building.
- **December 11th** Care Group #2 (Joe & Bonnie) will meet in the fellowship building.
- **December 13th** Ladies Bible Class will meet at the home of Janice Brown @ 10:30 for bible study & lunch.
- **January 15th** Junior Bible Bowl at Antioch @ 3:00 PM. Questions are on the table in the foyer.
- **February 23-26, 2023** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN sign-up sheet in the foyer.

AM SERMON OUTLINE

Surrounded and Secure

Ezekiel 22:30

Tim Dooley

- I. The _____
- A. _____ (Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:7; Ephesians 5:31; 1 Corinthians 7:39; Matthew 19:1-9; Ephesians 5:24-25; Colossians 3:18-19; Titus 2:4-5; 1 Peter 3:1-7)
- B. _____ (Psalm 139:13; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 127:3; Ecclesiastes 12:7)
- C. _____!
1. Spend _____ together
 2. Love and _____ each other
 3. Place each other's _____ on your own shoulders (Acts 10:24; Romans 9:3)
- II. The _____
- A. False _____ (Jude 3-4; 2 Peter 2:1; Acts 20:29)
- B. _____ (Proverbs 6:19; 1 Corinthians 11:18; 1 Corinthians 1:10)
- C. _____!
1. _____ (2 Timothy 4:2)
 2. _____ (Acts 20:31; 1 Corinthians 4:14)
 3. _____ (1 Timothy 4:6; 2 Timothy 2:14)
 4. _____ (Proverbs 29:18; Luke 14:25-35)
 5. Fighting together
 6. Maintaining fellowship
- III. The _____
- A. From _____ (James 4:8; Matthew 23:25; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 1:22)
- B. Against _____ (Luke 9:62; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Timothy 2:8; Titus 3:8, 14)
- C. _____ (Amos 4:12; Philippians 2:12; 2 Peter 1:10; Revelation 2:10)

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

The Empty House

Matthew 12: 43-45 (Luke 11: 24-26)

Tim Dooley

- I. Matthew 12:43, "*When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man...*"
- A. Christ had power over the Devil and demons (Luke 10:17; John 20:30-31).
- B. The bad must have something good put in its place.
- C. The Devil never gives up (1 Peter 5:8; Luke 4:13; 2 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 6:11).
- II. Matthew 12:44, "*Then he says, I will return into my house from whence I came out...*"
- A. A house is made for dwelling.
- B. Satan and God cannot dwell in the same house (2 Corinthians 6:16-17; Matthew 6:24).
- C. God is able to protect and keep us (1 John 4:4; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; Ephesians 6:12).
- III. Matthew 12:45, "*Then goes he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked...*"
- A. We must replace the evil with good (Romans 6:4; Mark 10:17-21, 29-30; James 4:4).
- B. The unclean spirit goes and finds seven other spirits more wicked than himself.
- C. The occupant had chosen not to fill the house with a new tenant (Isaiah 1:16-17; Colossians 3:1-2; Ephesians 5:18).
- D. It is possible for the latter end to be worse than the being (2 Peter 2:20-22; Romans 12:21).

NOTES:

PINE VALE CHILDREN'S HOME

HOLIDAY PARTY

Will be held

**Saturday, December 10th, beginning at 11am at the
Foote St. Church of Christ Annex**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby
SONG000
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Steve Todd
SONG000
 LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Tim Dye/
 Perry Jones, Shaler Grigsby, Phil Young
SONG.....0000
SONG.....000
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Dan Cobb
 OPENING PRAYER.....Randy Wall
SONG000
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....000
SONG.....000
 CLOSING PRAYERClint Stroupe
 USHER.....Matt Jennings/Kevin Simmons
 LOCK.....Richard Jennings
 SECURITY.....Brian Carpenter
 GREETERS.....Greg & Kim Clayton

WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Andy Brown
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Ricky Adams
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Dillon Clayton

BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Owen Clayton
OPENING PRAYER.....Greg Clayton
DEVOTIONAL.....Richard Jennings
CLOSING PRAYER.....Andy Clemmer

Sunday, December 04, 2022

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

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening Prayer.....
 Closing Prayer.....

Wednesday, December 07, 2022

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

Sunday, December 11, 2022

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

Sunday P.M.

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

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Singing.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Devotional.....Shaler Grigsby
 Closing Prayer.....

**OUR RECORD
 Week of 11/20/2022**

Sunday School.....111
 Sunday A.M.....144
 Sunday P.M.....98
 Wednesday91
 Contribution.....\$5,200.25
 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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