



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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December 11, 2022

## 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  
 Shaler Grigsby.....256-263-9137  
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## 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

## Now and Then

Tim Dooley

It's a familiar answer to a question asked about the frequency of an event, "Now and then." Like someone asking, "How often does Greg pick on our youth?" "Now and then." Okay, bad example, because in that case it is "all the time." Because the phrase means occasionally, from time to time, every once in a while.

But the faithful Christian thinks of these two words in a very different sense. Spiritually our focus is not on the present but on the future. Not, "now and then," on the contrary, "now but then." Paul says, "*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known*" (1 Corinthians 13:12). Sometimes this is difficult because we live in the "here and now." But the word of God gives us some things to think on that will help us to keep our eyes on the "Then."

**Now our vision is defective; then it will be perfect.** It bothers me that I no longer have 20/20 vision. I used to brag about my good eyesight, but now I am occupied with where I put my glasses (oh, they're on my head). Whether they be minor inconveniences of the flesh or major trials to our faith Paul says, "*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us*" (Romans 8:18). We cannot, and will not, understand it all now in this life, but it will all be crystal clear then.

**Now our bodies are subject to age and decay; then they will be incorruptible.** It's not just the eyes that go bad! Everything else declines as well. My daughter reminded me of this one night when she said, "You're not a young man anymore." Our bodies decay, they are corruptible. But Paul also said, "*So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory'*" (1 Corinthians 15:54). Now we are decaying, but then we shall be immortal!

**Now sadness and trouble are frequent struggles; then we shall have joy untold.** "Grown men don't cry!" Right! I'm thinking of a few right now, and so are you. This life is filled with sorrows and troubles. But when Jesus comes again those who are watching and waiting for Him to come will be filled with such joy that we will never sorrow again. The Psalmist wrote, "*For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning*" (Psalm 30:5). Now we sorrow and cry, but then we will never cry again!

**Now sin brings death, then we shall have everlasting life.** "*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment*" (Hebrews 9:27). I hate death and the separation and sorrow it causes. This past week marked ten years since my mother passed away. Many have lost loved ones this past year and we will continue to be plagued by death until Jesus comes again. Now we die, but then we shall live forever!

The sad truth is far too many people live for the *here and now* (YOLO)! What we need to be doing *now* is preparing for *then*. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3, 5); confess Jesus as the only begotten Son of God (Romans 10:9-10); Be immersed in water for the remission of your sins (Acts 22:16); and be faithful living not for the here and now, but living now for then.



## Dooley noted...

Thanks to Ricky Adams, and his lovely assistant, Betty, for hosting what we hope to be the first of many, and possibly an annual, painting class last Monday evening. Glad Phil got good news since his surgery and hopeful the stint will help Ronnie's recovery. God is good, make sure we continue to live thankful lives as we live blessed lives. – Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Rex Bell** is struggling with health issue. Please keep Rex & Jennie in your prayers.

**Robb Bingham**, cousin of Kathy Clayton, remains unconscious following a auto accident and will be moved to a long term facility.

**Ron Griggs, Jr.** has been moved back to New Albany Hospital after having a stent placed in the back of his leg to improve circulation.

**Grace Lyon** had a procedure Friday to replace the battery in her heart stimulator.

**Joe Reed** got a good report on his EKG. He is having difficulty walking due to his knee.

**Mike Kincheloe**, husband of Deloris Crowe's granddaughter, still unable to walk and will see a neurologist December 14th.

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

**Karen Anderson** (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **Robb Bingham** (Kathy Clayton's cousin), **Shane Crotts** (dialysis), **Grace Crotts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Majeau 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 15: Christian Education



Tim & Colleen will be traveling this week so please pray for their safe return.

## AREA CHURCH EVENTS

- Freed-Hardeman 87th Annual Bible Lecturship For Such a Time as This: "Restoring God's People" in Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther , February 5-9, 2023.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December 13.....Clayton Hill  
 December 13.....Anna Jennings  
 December 14.....Eleta Grimmett  
 December 17.....Dana Holtzlander  
 December 19.....Mason Simmons  
 December 21.....Mike Brown  
 December 21.....Janet Drummond  
 December 22.....Sue Marques  
 December 23.....Benita Garner  
 December 28.....Jenna Carpenter  
 December 29.....Dean Dillard  
 December 28.....Carol Hood  
 December 30.....Terry Stubblefield

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 12....*Michael & Tonya Dillard*  
 December 12....*David & Emily Wilhite*  
 December 26....*Troy & Novene Robertson*

## CHURCH NEWS

- Please be mindful of the Encouragement Cards placed in the pew in front of you and take every opportunity to offer encouragement.
- If you are assigned a part in leading Sunday morning services, always meet in the foyer-office before services. Thank you.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- The ladies Tuesday morning bible class will meet at the home of Janice Brown this Tuesday @ 10:30 for bible study and lunch. Looking forward to a great study and fellowship.
- The senior group will go to Tremont on January 20th to visit the Tammy Wynette Tribute Center. The van will leave at 4:00 PM. (Shane Crotts)
- If you are going to CYC please be sure you have paid your \$35 to Jason or Shaler by Dec. 14th!!!

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Those who are teaching an Adult Class this quarter, please meet with Kevin Simmons in room 12 following morning services.
- Care Group #1 (Joe & Bonnie) will meet after morning services in the fellowship building.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **December 15th** Men's Coffee Club meet @ 7:00 AM at Two-Sisters.
- **December 18th** Elders & Ministers meeting at 8:15 AM.
- **December 25th** Deacons meeting at 8:30 AM.
- **January 08th** Area Wide Youth Meet @ East Main Church of Christ in Tupelo @ 5:00 PM
- **January 15th** Junior Bible Bowl at Antioch @ 3:00 PM. Questions are on the table in the foyer.
- **January 19th** Men's Ministry meet at 7:00 PM in the annex building
- **January 20th** "Senior Outing" to Tammy Wynette Tribute Center in Tremont. Van will leave at 4:00 PM
- **January 22nd** Monthly Youth Devo hosted by Roger & Kathy Clayton.
- **February 23-26, 2023** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**God Isn't Santa Claus for Grownups**

Matthew 21:21-22

Tim Dooley

I. Biblical Examples

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Impassioned Retort (Matthew 16:21-23)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Agonizing Request (Matthew 26:39, 42, 44)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Concerned Pleas (Luke 16:19-31)

II. How This Affects Us

A. God Does Not Always Give Us What We Ask For!

- 1. Things That Are Not \_\_\_\_\_ for Us (Matthew 7:11)
- 2. Things Asked Out of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:16)
- 3. Things Contrary to The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (James 4:15; Luke 22:42)
- 4. Does God Answer Our Prayers Then?

B. We Must Not Give Our \_\_\_\_\_ Their Every Request!

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

C. We Cannot Give \_\_\_\_\_ Everything We Want!

- 1. Reign in Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. We Set a \_\_\_\_\_ Example for Our Children.
- 3. Leads to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**I'll Be A Friend to Jesus**

John 15:12-17

Tim Dooley

I. I Will \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus (vs 14; Luke 6:46)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Hebrews 5:9)
- B. Bear \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 16)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Others (vs 17)

II. I Will Make the \_\_\_\_\_ to Be A Friend to Jesus

- A. We need to love the Lord and those who love the Lord (vs 12)
- B. We must be willing to lay down our lives for others (vs 13)
- C. We must be able to withstand persecution from the world (vs 18-21)

III. I Will \_\_\_\_\_ the Privilege

- A. We must not take the invitation lightly
- B. We did not choose Jesus, he chose us (vs. 16)

**NOTES:**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**SINGING**.....Richard Jennings  
**SONG** .....695 **This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....Steve Hill  
**SONG** .....452 **Night, with Ebon Pinion**  
**LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING**.....Shane Crotts,  
 Kevin Simmons, Joe Owen, Richard Adams  
**SONG**.....78 **Can You Count the Stars?**  
**SONG**.....689 **‘Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer**  
**SCRIPTURE READING**.....Dean Dillard  
**OPENING PRAYER**.....Tim Dye  
**SONG** .....638 **The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me**  
**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**INVITATION SONG**.....197 **Have Thine Own Way, Lord**  
**SONG**.....960 **Open Our Eyes, Lord**  
**CLOSING PRAYER** .....Martin Crotts  
**USHER**.....Brian Carpenter/Kurt Clayton  
**LOCK**.....Kurt Clayton  
**SECURITY**.....Dane Coggin  
**GREETERS**.....Phil & Paige Young

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 P.M.**

**P.M. SINGING**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**P.M. OPENING PRAYER**.....Clint Stroupe  
**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**P.M. CLOSING PRAYER**.....Jason Jennings

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

**SINGING**.....Clay Jennings  
**OPENING PRAYER** .....Clint Stroupe  
**DEVOTIONAL**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**CLOSING PRAYER**.....Richard Jennings

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**Greeters**.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons  
**Announcements**.....Steve Hill  
**Singing**.....Mark Jennings  
**Lord Supper**.....Shane Crotts,  
 Kevin Simmons, Joe Owen, Richard Adams  
**Scripture Reading**.....Clayton Hill  
**Opening Prayer** .....Hunter Jennings  
**Closing Prayer**.....Ronnie Griggs  
**Usher**.....Brian Carpenter/Andy Brown  
**Lock**.....Jason Jennings  
**Security**.....Jason Jennings

**Sunday P.M.**

**Singing**.....Mark Jennings  
**Opening Prayer**.....Terry Stubblefield  
**Closing Prayer**.....Troy Robertson

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

**Singing**.....Hunter Jennings  
**Opening Prayer**.....Perry Jones  
**Devotional**.....Phil Young  
**Closing Prayer** .....Paul Ormon

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**Greeters**.....Shaler & Madison Grigsby  
**Announcements**.....Steve Hill  
**Singing**.....Phillip Young  
**Lord Supper**.....Shane Crotts,  
 Kevin Simmons, Joe Owen, Richard Adams  
**Scripture Reading**.....Owen Clayton  
**Opening Prayer** .....Mason Simmons  
**Closing Prayer**.....Clay Jennings  
**Usher**.....Brian Carpenter/Dane Coggin  
**Lock**.....Dan Cobb  
**Security**.....Mark Jennings

**Sunday P.M.**

**Singing**.....Richard Jennings  
**Opening Prayer**.....Randy Wall  
**Closing Prayer**.....Thomas Wall

**Wednesday, December 28, 2022**

**Singing**.....Ricky Adams  
**Opening Prayer**.....Phillip Young  
**Devotional**.....Greg Clayton  
**Closing Prayer** .....Steve Todd

**OUR RECORD  
 Week of 12/04/2022**

Sunday School.....127  
 Sunday A.M.....147  
 Sunday P.M.....87  
 Wednesday .....104  
 Contribution.....\$5,008.00  
 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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