



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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December 18, 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  
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## ELDERS

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Phil Young.....662-316-2059

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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

## Christian Hibernation

Tim Dooley

It is getting colder outside. The days are shorter, nights longer, and most of us want to stay indoors where it is warm and comfortable. Bears are not true hibernators, they enter a state of "torpor" where their heart rate slows and body temperature drops. They sleep but are able to wake up and move around.

Hibernation though is defined (of an animal or plant) as the state of spending the winter in dormancy and figuratively (of a person) as remaining inactive or indoors for an extended period. One resource states, "a 'True' hibernator appears to be dead..." True hibernators are gophers, some bats, frogs, snakes, ladybugs and some "Christians."

The hibernating Christian is a strange creature indeed. Some time after becoming a Christian they enter a state in which any cognizant person would believe them to be dead! There are no signs of life...they are cold and inactive. Many more exist in a state of torpor (The church in Laodicea, Revelation 3). Their heart rate slows and their body temperature drops and although they may occasionally get up and move around, there is very little activity.

Obviously, the true Christian is neither a hibernator nor one who ever enters a state of torpor, but is awake, alert, and active. Jesus, our example in all things, said; *"I must be about my Father's business"* (Luke 2:49). In John 9:4 he said, *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."*

The Bible is filled with warning and instruction to avoid hibernation. Peter wrote, *"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall"* (2 Peter 1:10); and *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour"* (1 Peter 5:8).

Paul, the most prolific writer of New Testament scripture wrote: *"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong"* (1 Corinthians 16:13). *"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving"* (Colossians 4:2). *"Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation"* (1 Thessalonians 5:5-8).

My prayer, the churches need, and God's will is that none of us are hibernating! Nor will we ever allow the long cold nights of winter and the heavy eyes of fatigue to draw us into inactivity. But if we are, please heed the warning of Romans 13:11, *"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."* Be faithful!

*Better Together*



**Dooley noted....**

The silver lining is always there in the darkest clouds. We need to be persistent and patient in the pursuit of the good that can always result from the most difficult times. – Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Ron Griggs, Jr.** had trans metatarsal amputation this week at the New Albany Hospital. Surgery went well. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Benita Garner** is recovering from a fall last Sunday.

**Carol Hood's** cancer numbers have gone up. She will have a CT scan to determine further treatment. Prayers requested.

**Corey Politte** is still struggling and unable to work due to a stroke several months ago. Continue to remember Corey & Brenna.

**Phil Young** had double hernia surgery this past Friday.

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

**Karen Anderson** (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **Robb Bingham** (Kathy Clayton's cousin), **Shane Crofts** (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Majean 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.

*Dear church family,  
We will forever be  
greatful for your kindness  
shown to us during  
surgery & recovery.  
Whether as individuals,  
families or care teams,  
your good deeds were so  
helpful and appreciated  
We will never forget  
your love and we will  
be there for you as you  
have been for us.*

*Love,  
Phil & Paige*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

- There is a list in the foyer of those individuals we need pictures to complete the Directory. Please get with Jenna Carpenter as soon as possible, thank you.
- Please be mindful of the Encouragement Cards placed in the pews in front of you and take every opportunity to offer encouragement.

## The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer



Week 16: Bible School Program

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Sixth grade and under will meet in the fellowship building for Pizza Lunch following morning worship.

## THE JOY OF GIVING

Somehow, not only for Christmas,  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you;  
And the more you spend in blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing  
Returns to make you glad.

*John Greenleaf Whittier*

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **December 25th** Deacons meeting at 8:30 AM.
- **January 03rd** Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study @ 10:00 am in the Annex building.
- **January 05th** Men's Coffee @ 7:00 am at Two Sisters.
- **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 5th-9th** Freed-Hardeman 87th Annual Bible Lectureship.
- **February 23rd-26th, 2023** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**What Is My Value?**

Matthew 25:31-46

Shaler Grigsby

To \_\_\_\_\_

- Isaiah 40:12
- Psalms 147:4
- Matthew 10:30
  - We are \_\_\_\_\_ worth anything to God
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
  - My value to God is \_\_\_\_\_

To The \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
  - \_\_\_\_\_ members of the body are valuable
  - Are you in the body?
  - Are you a part of the body or a piece of \_\_\_\_\_?
- Matthew 7:21 *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*
  - Are you \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Are you \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Are you \_\_\_\_\_?

To Myself

- We are valuable (1 Corinthians 6:20, Psalms 139:14, & Genesis 1:27)
  - We have to \_\_\_\_\_ it (Philippians 4:13)
  - We have to \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:26)

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Don't Forget Your Coat**

Isaiah 61:1-3

Shaler Grigsby

\_\_\_\_\_ Is Our Spiritual Coat

A coat is how you clothe yourself for harsh conditions

- A coat doesn't change the \_\_\_\_\_, instead it changes you in the \_\_\_\_\_
- A coat takes \_\_\_\_\_ away
- A coat changes your \_\_\_\_\_
- A coat can be needed at \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 61:1-2 ↔ Luke 4:16-22

- \_\_\_\_\_ has fulfilled this scripture
  - Brought good news to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Proclaimed liberty to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Recovered sight to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Set at liberty that who are \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Crofts,  
 Kevin Simmons, Joe Owen, Richard Adams  
**SONG**.....78 **Can You Count the Stars?**  
**SONG**.....689 **‘Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer**  
**SCRIPTURE READING** (Matthew 25:31-33).....Clayton Hill  
**OPENING PRAYER**.....Hunter Jennings  
**SONG** .....638 **The Lord Has Been Mindrful of Me**  
**LESSON**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**INVITATION SONG**.....197 **Have Thine Own Way, Lord**  
**SONG**.....960 **Open Our Eyes, Lord**  
**CLOSING PRAYER** .....Ronnie Griggs  
**USHER**.....Brian Carpenter/Andy Brown  
**LOCK**.....Jason Jennings  
**SECURITY**..... Jason Jennings  
**GREETERS**.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY EVENING —1:15 P.M.**

**P.M. SINGING**.....Phillip Young  
**P.M. OPENING PRAYER**.....Terry Stubblefield  
**LESSON**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**P.M. CLOSING PRAYER**.....Troy Robertson

**BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, DECEMBER 21 —6:30 P.M.**

**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 Crofts,  
 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

**Sunday, January 01, 2023**

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

**Sunday P.M.**

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

**Wednesday, January 04, 2023**

**Singing**.....  
**Opening Prayer**.....  
**Devotional**.....  
**Closing Prayer** .....

**OUR RECORD**  
**Week of 12/11/2022**

Sunday School.....	114
Sunday A.M.....	145
Sunday P.M.....	96
Wednesday .....	97
Contribution.....	\$4,833.00
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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