



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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December 25, 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

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

Jesus Came Into the World

Tim Dooley

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and spoke of how Christ was merciful toward him in putting him into the ministry even though he considered himself to be the chief of all sinners. But this was possible because Jesus had come into the world that He might save sinners (1 Timothy 1:12-17). While so many in the world are remembering the birth of our Savior at this time of year, it is imperative for us to remember the true reason "why" He came into the world.

Yes, the angels pronounced at His birth "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men" (Luke 2:14). The peace on earth and goodwill toward men was the gift of God's Son but was not to be "between" men, but "for" men. Sin had brought separation between man and his Creator, spiritual hopelessness, and futility of life. Jesus said His arrival, life, teaching, death, burial, and resurrection would not bring peace "on" earth but instead, it would bring division (Luke 12:51). Jesus said in Matthew 10:34-36, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household." Consider the why...

1. **Jesus Came into the World to Reconcile Men with God.** Zacharias, prior to the birth of Christ, prophesied that the Lord God of Israel had "visited and redeemed his people" raising up a "horn of salvation" in the house of David (Luke 1:68-69). Paul said that through the death of Christ we are redeemed from all iniquity and purified (Titus 2:14). We are reconciled by the "death of His Son" in one body "by the cross" (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:16).
2. **Jesus Came into the World to Save Us from Our Sins.** Yes, an angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph and said that this son who was about to be born would "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21) and some 30 years later Jesus Himself would declare that He has come to "save that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11). However, it was not the tears of a newborn but the blood of a sinless Lamb that would pay the price and allow us to be justified (Romans 3:25; 5:9).
3. **Jesus Came into the World to Give His Life for Us.** That's the hard truth for so many today. Even for those who want a Savior. Jesus paid the price for our sins; He gave His life as a ransom for you and me (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45). The consequences of this selfless act are hard for selfish men to swallow. Jesus died so that we might live and we must die to live "in" Him in this life so that we can live "with" Him in eternity.
4. **Jesus Came into the World to Bring Sinners to Repentance.** Christ said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32; Mark 2:17). His death demands a change in our lives! Because of what the cross cost Him, God demands that everyone who desires to take part in this great gift repent, obey, and live for Him (Acts 17:30).

Yet herein is the rub for so many today. It is easier to look at a baby lying in the manger of a nativity scene than to bow in the blood-soaked mire beneath the cross of Calvary. Look up at his bruised, bloodied, and mangled body and consider that He hangs there like that because of your sins. What will you do with this Jesus? Many in the next week will hear the words of the angel who spoke to the shepherds who were tending to their flocks when Jesus was born, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Just remember when you hear these words that the peace and salvation the child brought was realized "through the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:10).

He invites you to come to Him: not in a manger, but upon Calvary. Obey Him, be faithful, and realize the wonderful gift of God.



PRAYER LIST

Kathy Clayton had additional dental surgery on Tuesday.
Janet Drummond had a cyst removed this past Tuesday from her left thumb due to arthritis.
Ron Griggs, Jr. has been transferred to Pontotoc Hospital for 14 days of rehab.
Kathy Swanson, sister of Michael Dillard, who has cancer, was admitted to the hospital with an infection.
Shelia King had hip replacement surgery Wednesday, due to a fall.
Carolyn Jernigan's son-in-law has stage 4 colon cancer.
Sheffield Family, friends of Owen Clayton, who died in tragic car-train accident in Sherman.

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**, **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

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and cards during the time my dad has been in the hospital. We still have a long road ahead of us, but we know who remains in control. Right now we are praying for healing of his recent surgery. Thank you again!
 The Griggs Family.

Dooley Noted...



Collen and I missed y'all last week and are so glad to be back home after an eventful trip to see our kids and some family (flat tire, spider bites, trip to urgent care, and getting sick in the hotel parking, all make for an enjoyable vacation. We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank you for your ongoing love and support. - Tim



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 29.....Carol Hood
 December 30.....Terry Stubblefield

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 26....*Troy & Novene Robertson*

The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer



Week 17: Those Who Volunteer to Work in the Church

BAPTISM

We rejoice that *Shayna Crook* made the decision to put on Christ in baptism, Monday evening, December 19th. Please let our new sister in Christ know how proud we are of her.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **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

Jesus Is the Reason...

John 3:16; 1 John 3:1

Tim Dooley

- I. FOR OUR _____ (Acts 24:24-25; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 14-17)
- II. WE HAVE _____ (John 14:26; 1 Peter 1:3; Titus 2:13; John 14:1-3)
- III. FOR _____ (John 15:13; Romans 5:6-8; John 3:16)
- IV. FOR OUR _____ (Hebrews 5:8-9)
 - A. P _____ – Love
 - B. P _____ – Through Christ
 - C. P _____ – Everlasting Life
 - D. P _____ – Was the blood of Christ
 - E. P _____ – The obedient

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

“Is This Not Joseph’s Son?”

Luke 4:16-22

Tim Dooley

- I. _____ Life
 - A. The Life of Jesus (Hebrews 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - B. Our Lives (Matthew 5:8; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 3:3; 1 Peter 2:11)
- II. _____ Speech
 - A. The Words of Jesus (1 Peter 2:22; Isaiah 53:9)
 - B. Our Words (1 Peter 2:1; Ephesians 4:29)
- III. Good _____
 - A. Jesus Did Good To and For Others (Luke 7:22; Acts 10:38)
 - B. We Must Do Good To and For Others (Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 13:16; James 1:27; 2:15-16; 1 Timothy 6:17-18)
- IV. Living _____
 - A. It Characterized Jesus’ Life (Matthew 8:20; John 10:17-18; Philippians 2:5-8)
 - B. It Must Characterize Our Lives (Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 6:33; 2 Corinthians 8:1-3; Matthew 16:24-25)

NOTES:

WORSHIP-FIRST SERVICE-9:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME.....Steve Hill
 SINGINGPhillip Young
 SONG682 To God Be the Glory
 SONG12 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?
 LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Shane Crotts,
 Kevin Simmons, Joe Owen, Richard Adams
 SONG.....205 Hand in Hand with Jesus
 OPENING PRAYER.....Mason Simmons
 SONG282 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....262 I Bring My Sins to Thee
 CLOSING PRAYERClay Jennings

WORSHIP— SECOND SERVICE —11:00 A.M.

WELCOME.....Steve Hill
 P.M. SINGING.....Richard Jennings
 SONG.....499 O to Be Like Thee!
 SONG.....197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord
 SCRIPTURE READINGOwen Clayton
 OPENING PRAYERRandy Wall
 SONG.....392 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....492 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
 SONG644 ‘Tis Set, The Feast Devine
 LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Shane Crotts,
 Kevin Simmons, Joe Owen, Richard Adams
 SONG888 Thank You, Lord
 P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Thomas Wall
 USHER.....Brian Carpenter/Dane Coggin
 LOCK.....Dan Cobb
 SECURITY.....Mark Jennings
 GREETERS.....Shaler & Madison Grigsby

BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, DECEMBER 28 —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Ricky Adams
 OPENING PRAYERPhillip Young
 DEVOTIONAL.....Greg Clayton
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Steve Todd

Sunday, January 01, 2023

Greeters.....Randy & Christy Wall
 Announcements.....Kevin Simmons
 Singing..... Andy Brown
 Lord Supper.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark,
 Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer
 Scripture Reading.....Brian Carpenter
 Opening PrayerDavid Clayton
 Closing Prayer.....Owen Clayton
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Jason Jennings
 Lock.....Jason Jennings
 Security.....Matt Jennings

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Phillip Young
 Opening Prayer.....Michael Dillard
 Closing Prayer..... Tim Dye

Wednesday, January 04, 2023

Singing.....Owen Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Shane Crotts
 Devotional.....Tim Dooley
 Closing PrayerMike Brown

Sunday, January 08, 2023

Greeters.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton
 Announcements.....Kevin Simmons
 Singing.....Mike Brown
 Lord Supper.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark,
 Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin
 Opening PrayerRoger Clayton
 Closing Prayer.....Dan Cobb
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Mark Jennings
 Lock.....Mark Jennings
 Security.....Randy Wall

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Andy Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Richard Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Caleb Jennings

OUR RECORD	
Week of 12/18/2022	
Sunday School.....	106
Sunday A.M.....	157
Sunday P.M.....	93
Wednesday	101
Contribution.....	\$6,918.00
Budget.....	\$4,750.00



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