



THE INFORMER

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January 01, 2023



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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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

To Be Like Him We Must Know Him

Tim Dooley

“Oh! to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer,
 This is my constant longing and prayer;
 Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,
 Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.”

A great hymn we sing often expresses our deep, enduring, desire to be like Jesus. However, in my experience, few understand what it means to be like Christ or live life in such a way that they are more like Him today than they were yesterday. The fact is that many are not growing in the likeness of the Lord, nor will they ever be able to: because they really don't know Him.

Sure, we have a passing familiarity with who He is but we do not “know” Him. It's the difference between an acquaintance and a true friend. For far too many Jesus is just an acquaintance. Certainly, all the nations of the earth have been blessed in Abraham (Genesis 18:18) through Jesus and the time has come that all know Him, from the least to the greatest (Hebrews 8:11). We know this is true because you cannot go anywhere in this world without encountering people who know the name of Jesus and who have some passing knowledge of Him.

But we will never be like Him until we come to know Him like Paul who wrote, “*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformed unto his death*” (Philippians 3:10). Paul spent three years in Arabia garnering an intimate knowledge of Jesus (Galatians 1:17-18). Here are some things about Jesus that we need to know so that we can know Him like Paul did and be more like Him every day!

1. Jesus ALWAYS did the things that pleased the Father (John 8:29). Can we say this? Can we say that we always do the things that are pleasing unto the Father? Too many see the futility in the notion that this can be a reality so they choose to please themselves instead of God and are never conformed to the image of His dear Son (Romans 8:29).
2. There was no guile found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:22). No deceit, no ugly retort to the mocking and criticism. How do we respond to others and their nastiness? Not like Christ? “*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver*” (Proverbs 25:11).
3. He was perfect. Jesus said in Matthew 5:48, “*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*” Many are quick to point out that the Greek word here means “complete” and not “perfect” in a sinless kind of way that we might think of God and perfection. To that my response is, “Yea, and?” Are we complete? 2 Timothy 3:17 says that the Word of God is able to make us perfect/complete.
4. He was obedient. Philippians 2:8 says of Christ that, “*being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*” We too need to be obedient to the Father if we are going to be like His Son. The Hebrew writer said “*through His obedience Jesus became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him*” (Hebrews 5:8-9). Have you been and are you obedient?
5. He is faithful (1 Thessalonians 5:24). As Christians faithfulness is based upon our continual walk in the footsteps of Jesus. His blood continues to cleanse our sins as we strive each day to be more like Him (1 John 1:7). It is a salvation issue (Revelation 2:10).

John, the beloved disciple of Jesus said “*Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*” (1 John 2:3-4). Do you know Him well enough to be like Him? The refrain of our hymn says:

“Oh! to be like Thee, oh! to be like Thee,
 Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;
 Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
 Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.”



PRAYER LIST

Peggy Miller had a spinal injection Wednesday to relieve the pain in her back and legs. Procedure went well.

Brad Sloan will take the final exam this month for his Nurse Practitioners License and has requested our prayers.

Betty Young has been diagnosed with Covid.

Heath Bell, neighbor of Steve Hill, had spinal surgery Wednesday for degenerative disk. Please remember this family.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Karen Anderson (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **Shane Crofts** (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Majejan 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 18: Children

ATTITUDE

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10 % what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitudes.

~ by Charles Swindoll ~

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."
Ephesians 4:29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 01Tonya Dillard
January 04Kevin Simmons
January 05Linda Ashmore
January 06Yolanda Stubblefield
January 07.....Kathy Dye
January 11.....Alvin Parks
January 11.....Georgia Claire Stroupe
January 12.....Corey Politte

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 11thGreg & Kim Clayton
January 12thOlen & Linda Clark

CHURCHES OF CHRIST WORLD/ UKRAINE MISSIONS

The following items are needed for upcoming shipments to Ukraine: flashlights with batteries, sleeping bags, empty 4 to 6 gallon buckets with lids.

December and January news letters are posted on the bulletin board.

AREA WIDE YOUTH MEETING

This month's Youth Meeting will be held Sunday night January 8th at 5:00pm, at the East Main congregation in Tupelo.

AREA CHURCH HAPPENINGS

The Nesbit Church of Christ will have a Lectureship beginning Wednesday, January 25th through Sunday, January 29th with Keynote Speaker, Terrance Brownlow-Dindy. Please check the bulletin board for time schedule and list of all speakers.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Remember Encouragement Cards, please let us encourage others at every opportunity.

- **January 03rd** Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study @ 10:00 am in the Annex building.
- **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.

YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30, 1:15 & Wed. @ 6:30

AM SERMON OUTLINE

If I Only Had One Year to Live

Jeremiah 28:15-17

Tim Dooley

I. I'd _____ and _____ Any Sins in My Life
(Acts 8:22; James 5:14-16)

II. I'd _____ for The Lord (John 9:4)

III. I'd Be _____ (Revelation 2:10)

A. What does it mean (Matthew 25:21; James 1:22; Jeremiah 48:10; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Romans 1:14-16; 1 Corinthians 4:2)?

B. How will I know (Hebrews 10:25; James 1:25; 2 Timothy 2:15; John 9:4; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:2; Isaiah 1:27; Titus 2:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 John 2:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 22:39; 25:42; 1 John 4:19)?

C. A good beginning is not enough

IV. I'd Show _____ (1 Corinthians 13:1-7).

A. To My Family (Matthew 7:12; Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33; Genesis 24:67; 2 Samuel 12:3; Matthew 19:5; Colossians 3:19; Titus 2:1-5; Malachi 4:6; Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3)

B. To My Brethren (1 Peter 1:22; 2:17; John 13:34-35; Hebrews 13:1, 17; John 14:15)

C. To My Friends (Proverbs 18:24).

D. To Others (Galatians 6:10; 3 John 5)

E. To My Enemies (Matthew 5:44).

V. I'd Try to _____ to Christ (Mark 16:15; Proverbs 11:30; Philippians 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:11; Luke 19:10; Acts 1:1)

VI. I'd Become a _____ (Romans 3:9, 23; 1 John 5:19; Hebrews 10:4; Jeremiah 10:23; Matthew 1:21; Acts 4:12; Mark 16:16; Romans 10:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38; Acts 16:30; 2:37; 9:6; 22:16; Acts 24:25; Acts 26:28-29)

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

Break The Cycle

Romans 7:13-25

Shaler Grigsby

• Resolutions require _____

• Resolutions are _____

• Resolutions are _____

• Resolutions need _____

NOTES:

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

SINGING.....Andy Brown
 SONG.....891 This Is the Day That the Lord Hath Made
 ANNOUNCEMENTS Kevin Simmons
 SONG764 When We Meet in Sweet Communion
 LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark,
 Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer
 SONG.....850 Father, I Adore You
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Brian Carpenter
 OPENING PRAYER.....David Clayton
 SONG984 We Bow Down
 SONG682 To God Be the Glory
 LESSON.....Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....50 Are You Washed in the Blood?
 CLOSING PRAYEROwen Clayton

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

P.M. SINGING.....Mark Jennings
 OPENING PRAYERMichael Dillard
 LESSON.....Shaler Grigsby
 P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Tim Dye
 USHER.....Dean Dillard/Jason Jennings
 LOCK.....Jason Jennings
 SECURITY.....Matt Jennings
 GREETERS.....Randy & Christy Wall

BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, JANUARY 04—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Owen Clayton
 OPENING PRAYERShane Crotts
 DEVOTIONAL.....Tim Dooley
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Mike 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

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Singing.....Thomas Wall
 Opening Prayer.....Joe Owen
 Devotional.....Shaler Grigsby
 Closing PrayerMatt Jennings

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Greeters.....Jason & Amy Jennings
 Announcements.....Kevin Simmons
 Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
 Lord Supper.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark,
 Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer
 Scripture Reading.....Clayton Hill
 Opening PrayerDane Coggin
 Closing Prayer.....Martin Crotts
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Kevin Simmons
 Lock.....Kevin Simmons
 Security.....Phillip Young

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Perry Jones
 Closing Prayer.....Clay Jennings

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Singing.....Clay Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Clint Stroupe
 Devotional.....
 Closing PrayerPhil Young

**OUR RECORD
 Week of 12/25/2022**

Sunday School.....124
 Sunday A.M.....126
 Sunday P.M.....115
 Wednesday106
 Contribution.....\$4,294.00
 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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