



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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January 08, 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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Phil Young.....662-316-2059

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Children's Education  
  
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Maintenance, Seniors, Fellowship/  
Special Days, Security  
  
Kevin Simmons..... 662-512-8451  
New Members, Ladies Ministry,  
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Care Groups, Mission Work  
  
Randy Wall..... 662-316-9255  
Fellowship/Special Days,  
Maintenance

## The Last Mile of the Way

Tim Dooley

Mark Twain once said concerning New Year's resolutions, "Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink, and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever."

Sadly, many people who come to Christ treat the decision like a New Years' resolution. They are fully committed and faithful for a while, but then find themselves slowly waning in strength and commitment. I believe the problem is that many people make unrealistic resolutions and place such lofty daunting goals in front of us that we soon become discouraged at our lack of progress and slowly give in to temptation and return to the old lives we sought so desperately to leave behind.

For example, the person who says they want to lose one hundred pounds may become weak and discouraged when they see minimal losses. The person who uses foul language with every other breath and resolves to *never again* say a *bad word* may give up with the first *slip of the tongue*. The commitment to Christ is in some ways very similar. We come to Christ to be cleansed from our past sins and determined to live a *perfect* life and when we stumble and fall and defile our garments once again many fall away. Jesus in the Parable of the Sower in Mark chapter four speaks of those who were represented by the seed that was sown among the thorns. "*Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful*" (18-19).

Someone once said that the Christian race is a marathon, not a sprint. The Bible encourages us to endure! Jesus said, "*But he who endures to the end shall be saved*" (Matthew 24:13; Mark 13:13). Of the seed that fell upon the stony ground Jesus said, "*...they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble*" (Mark 3:17). Four different times in Paul's farewell address to Timothy he tells him to "*endure*" (2 Timothy 2:3, 10; 4:3, 5).

As the beautiful hymn says we must "*work till the close of the day*" in order to "*see the great King in his Beauty*" when we've "*gone the last mile of the way.*" No, we cannot just work a few hours and then retire. We cannot walk just the first few hundred yards and then stop.

Have you started that journey to heaven? Have you repented of your sins and been baptized into Christ? If not, stop for a moment and consider the destination of the road you are on. Then come to Jesus and be heaven bound. Have you obeyed the gospel of Jesus? How are you doing keeping your resolution to be a faithful child of God? God loves you and Jesus died for you. Be faithful.



## Dooley Noted...



We are only a week into the new year and God has blessed us with so much more than we deserve. Last Sunday was an awesome day as we began 2023 with six responses to the Lord's invitation asking for forgiveness, prayers, and encouragement. We applaud the courage and resolve of these loved family members. Let's continue to uplift and support one another. The year is young and there's much to do. - Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**James Allen Clark**, brother of Olen Clark, is in the Jackson, MS hospital in critical condition.  
**Molly Clayton** broke her leg this past Sunday.  
**Gloria Jones** is suffering with severe back pain  
**Candance Phillips**, mother of Christy Phillips, will have surgery on January 18th to remove a mass.  
**Amanda Martin**, daughter of Tim & Kathy Dye, suffers with 4 different autoimmune diseases. Pray for continued strength for Amanda.  
**Peggy Miller** had knee replacement surgery Monday in Tupelo.  
**Chance Robinson**, student of Stephanie Simmons, lost his father this past Sunday after having lost his mother 2 years ago.

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

**Karen Anderson** (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **Shane Crofts** (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Majeane 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 Ponders**, **Olivia Ponders**, **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 19:** That the Church Does Not Enter Into Temptation.

## RESPONSES

The following members responded to the invitation this past Sunday asking for prayers, encouragement, and forgiveness: **Ricky Adams**, **Kathy Clayton**, **Tonya Dillard**, **Benita Garner**, **Lakisha Harris** and **Yolanda Stubblefield**.

## IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to **Craig & Megan Owen** on the birth of their son, **Jack Souter**, born December 30th, 2022, weighing 8 lbs. and 20 1/2 inches. He is welcomed by sister **Eleanor**, brother **Scott**, grandparents **Joe & Bonnie Owen**, and great grandmother **Grace Lyon**.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **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.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 11....Alvin Parks  
 January 11....Georgia Claire Stroupe  
 January 12....Corey Politte  
 January 15....Jake Crofts  
 January 15....Jason Jennings  
 January 15....Kelsey Petrowski

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 11th .....Greg & Kim Clayton  
 January 12th .....Olen & Linda Clark

## AREA CHURCH EVENTS

- The **Fulton Bible Institute** will resume class beginning January 16 until April 11th. The next course is the **Cloud of Witnesses: Ancient Stories of Faith**. Details are posted on the bulletin board.
- The **Nesbit Church of Christ Lectureship** begins January 25th-29th with Keynote Speaker, Terrance Brownlow-Dindy. Details on the bulletin board.
- **Freed-Hardeman 87th Annual Bible Lectureship**, February 5th-9th, 2023. Restoring God's People in Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther. Details on the bulletin board.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Kevin Simmons is in need of one more leader for the 2023 Care Groups. if you can help, please see Kevin.

## HOLLY SPRINGS/UKRAINE MISSION

Holly Springs will be loading a container for shipment to Ukraine Monday, January 9th @10:00. If anyone is interested in helping, you may contact Jerry Moore at 662-274-4436.

## ELDERS NOTES

The Elders have made the decision that through the month of January, we will continue with the current Sunday time schedule:

1st Worship Service— 9:00 a.m.  
 Bible Class— 10:00 a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Area Wide Youth Meeting tonight at the East Main congregation in Tupelo @ 5:00pm. The van will leaving from the building at 4:15.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Making the Grade**

2 Corinthians 13:5

Tim Dooley

- I. STUDY HABITS: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. How much time did you spend studying God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11; Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:2; Psalm 1:1-3; Revelation 1:3)?
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
- II. COMMUNICATIONAL SKILLS: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Daily communication with God (1 Samuel 12:23; Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6)
- B. Daily communication with other (Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 4:29-32; James 1:19, 26; 3:1-12)
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
- III. CONDUCT: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Christian conduct is more than how we behave on Sunday morning (Galatians 2:20; Luke 9:23; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Colossians 4:5)
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. ATTENDANCE: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Did you miss more services than you attended in 2022?
- B. Were you faithful in attendance?
- C. Were you able to be here in person but chose to worship online instead?
- D. Was my attitude toward assembling with the saints one of gladness (Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
- V. GENEROSITY: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. God's people should be generous with their time, talents, and treasures (Philippians 2:3-7; Hebrews 13:16; Proverbs 11:25; 2 Corinthians 9:10-15)
- Comment: \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. PREPAREDNESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- A. How prepared were you in 2022?
1. Prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 6:8)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 3:15-16)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Prepare to Meet Thy God**

I Thessalonians 1:9-10

Tim Dooley

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ of His Coming
- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:1-3)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:11-12)
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 4:14; Acts 17:30-31; Hebrews 9:27-28)
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ of His Coming
- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:28-29)
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 3:5-12)
- D. The \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; Matthew 25:31-46; 11:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ His Coming
- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 1:9; Matthew 25:1-13; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 5:6; Matthew 24:42, 44; 25:13; Hebrews 9:28; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Thessalonians 1:9)

**NOTES:**

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

**SINGING**.....Mike Brown  
**SONG**.....**811** Jesus in the Morning  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** ..... Kevin Simmons  
**SONG** .....**12** Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?  
**LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING** .....Bill Botts, Olen Clark,  
 Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer  
**SONG**.....**435** More Love to Thee, O Christ  
**SCRIPTURE READING**.....Jackson Coggin  
**OPENING PRAYER**.....Roger Clayton  
**SONG** .....**336** Is It for Me?  
**SONG** .....**714** Trust and Obey  
**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**INVITATION SONG**.....**454** Nothing but the Blood  
**CLOSING PRAYER** .....Dan Cobb

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

**WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.**

**P.M. SINGING**.....Andy Brown  
**OPENING PRAYER** .....Joe Owen  
**LESSON**.....Tim Dooley  
**P.M. CLOSING PRAYER**.....Matt Jennings  
**USHER**.....Dean Dillard/Mark Jennings  
**LOCK**.....Mark Jennings  
**SECURITY**.....Randy Wall  
**GREETERS**.....Kurt & Shelley Clayton

**BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, JANUARY 11th—6:30 P.M.**

**SINGING**.....Thomas Wall  
**OPENING PRAYER** .....Joe Owen  
**DEVOTIONAL**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**CLOSING PRAYER**.....Matt 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 Prayer .....Dane 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.....Kevin Simmons  
 Closing Prayer .....Phil Young

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

Greeters.....Mark & Alyce Jennings  
 Announcements.....Kevin Simmons  
 Singing.....Mark Jennings  
 Lord Supper.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark,  
 Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer  
 Scripture Reading.....Richard Adams  
 Opening Prayer .....Hunter Jennings  
 Closing Prayer.....Conner Miller  
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Randy Wall  
 Lock.....Randy Wall  
 Security.....Joe Owen

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Shaler Grigsby  
 Opening Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
 Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

Singing.....Hunter Jennings  
 Opening Prayer.....Steve Todd  
 Devotional.....Jason Jennings  
 Closing Prayer .....Ronnie Griggs

**OUR RECORD**  
**Week of 01/04/2023**

Sunday School.....134  
 Sunday A.M.....151  
 Sunday P.M.....141  
 Wednesday .....128  
 Contribution.....\$5,549.00  
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

**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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