



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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January 15, 2023

## 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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 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

## The Remodeling Project

Tim Dooley

It's amazing how one simple step can lead to another; before you know it, a simple project turns into a radical remodeling effort. Years ago, someone generously gave us a large-screen projection television. We decided to put it in our basement. The only problem was there was a post at the bottom of the stairs that had to be removed. Once removed we got the TV moved into place. But then, when we went to put the post back, we also had to fix a hole in the wall (where I fell moving the TV), so we needed to paint (everything). This also led to ripping up the old Berber carpet glued to the cement floor and installing new padding and carpet. New trim was added and when we were done everything looked great. All for a free TV!

Salvation too is like a remodeling project. It has to start somewhere and for every one of us it begins with an acceptance of the free gift of God in Jesus Christ who died for our sins. The problem is we can't fit Him into our lives the way we are. Some things have to be removed and there must be then a remodeling project!

In Matthew 12 Jesus speaks of a man from whom an unclean spirit had departed. When the spirit found no rest, he returned home to find it empty, swept, and garnished. The Spirit then goes and finds seven other spirits even more wicked than himself and they all enter the man and live there so that the last state of the man was worse than the first (vs. 43-45).

When we obey Jesus through faith, confession, and baptism we *"put off the old man"* (Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9). James says that we should draw *"nigh to God"* so that he would *"draw nigh"* to us and commands, *"Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded"* (James 4:8).

When we finish the remodeling process we see a similarity to the old form but everything looks different: new paint, carpet, woodwork, and lighting. And sure, it looks beautiful and clean but it isn't enough to just remodel and leave it that way. The new house or room will simply not be functional without filling it with needed and useful furnishings.

So, what do we need to work on filling our lives with?

1. Christ-likeness: In Colossians 3 Paul says we are to put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, and longsuffering; to bear with one another, and forgiving one another... even as Christ forgave you. *"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts... and be thankful. And let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."* (vs. 12-16). Of course, Christ left us an example that we should follow His steps (1 Peter 2:21).
2. The Christian Graces: Peter wrote we should give all diligence, add to our *"faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love."* And promises that if we add these things to the new man we will be neither barren nor unfruitful (2 Peter 1:5-8).
3. The Fruit of the Spirit: In Galatians 5:22-23 the apostle Paul tells us that the *"fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such, there is no law."*
4. The Whole Armor of God: This is how we will be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand against the devil's wiles. We must have *"our waist girded with truth, have on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; and above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;"* (Ephesians 6:13-17).

When we begin this process of transforming our lives it may seem rather daunting. But it is a daily process. The final product will be amazing: *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:2).



Church Calendar

## Dooley Noted...



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



## PRAYER LIST

**Candance Phillips**, mother of Christy Phillips, is scheduled for surgery Wednesday, January 18th to remove a mass.

**Peggy Miller** is in rehab twice a week following knee replacement surgery. She is doing well.

**Jennifer Pannell** had knee replacement surgery this past Tuesday.

**Joe Reed** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on March 1st.

**Gloria Jones** has requested prayers for her grandson.

**Randy Reeder**, son of Grace Lyon & brother of Bonnie Owen, is awaiting test results of a second mass found on his kidney

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

**Karen Anderson** (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **James Clark** (brother of Olen Clark), **Shane Crofts** (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (Shane's mother), **Amanda Martin** (daughter of Tim & Kathy Dye), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Majeau Dillard** (mother of Dean Dillard), **Tonya Dillard** (spinal stenosis), **Marissa Grigsby** (Shaler's mother), **Carol Hood** (cancer), **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), **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 20: Our Enemies

To All Members,

*thank you!*

My husband & I would like to thank each & everyone of you for the blankets you provided to the Dialysis patients here in New Albany, your kindness & generosity will never be forgotten. May God Bless each of you in his love! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Thank you for remembering & keeping them in your prayers.  
Mr. & Mrs. William Reed



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 15....Jake Crofts  
January 15....Jason Jennings  
January 15....Kelsey Petrowski  
January 17....Amy Jennings  
January 23....Shane Crofts  
January 20....Marley McClure  
January 29....Alice Ashmore  
January 31....Brenna Politte

## 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**.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We are in need of Host Families for our 2023 Monthly Youth Devos in your home. If you are interested in helping, please check the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

The Junior Bible Bowl will meet at the Antioch congregation at 3:00 pm this afternoon.

## SENIORS

Our Seniors will travel to Tremont on Friday, January 20th, to the Tammy Wynette Tribute Center. The van will leave at 4:00 pm. All are welcomed to go.

## PICTURE DIRECTORY

We are almost ready to print the 2023 Picture Directory. Preliminary pages have been placed on a table in Room 12 for your review. Following services today, please verify your information and make all necessary corrections. Your patience and assistance is appreciated.



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **Ladies Bible Study** meets each Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the annex building.
- **Men's Coffee Club** meets each Thursday morning at 7:00 at Two Sisters restaurant.
- **January 19th** Men's Ministry meet at 7:00 PM in the annex building
- **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**

**Giving and Stewardship**

Acts 4:32-35

Tim Dooley

**I. Money and Giving Are \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects**

- A. In every age, men have been taught to \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- B. Every Christian should want to learn about the \_\_\_\_\_ on giving.
- C. The Lord Has an Interest in My \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 6:10; Colossians 3:5; 1 Timothy 6:17-19).

**II. Failure To \_\_\_\_\_ Indicates:**

- A. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in God and His word.
- B. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ in benevolent and evangelistic work.
- C. A lack of a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
- D. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:16; 1 John 4:19; Romans 5:6-9; Philippians 2:5-11).

**III. General Principles of Giving**

- A. 1 Corinthians 16:2 gives us the answers to many questions (Acts 20:7; Acts 11:29).
- B. We Are to Be \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 7:23; 1 Timothy 6:7).
- C. The Macedonian Church (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).
- D. Our giving is to be... (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

**IV. MOTIVES FOR \_\_\_\_\_:**

- A. "More blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6; Proverbs 11:25; Malachi 3:10).
- B. For our Spiritual Growth (Galatians 1:4).
- C. Makes Possible the Work of God.
- D. Investment in a better community, nation, and world.

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**A Pattern To Follow**

I Thessalonians 1:1-3

Tim Dooley

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity**

- A. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:10, 17)
- B. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 11:4, 7, 8-9)
- C. Faith \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:6; 6:1-10)

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Life (Romans 6:17-18; John 15:8)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ to Press On (1 Corinthians 12:1-3; 1 John 5:3).
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:19; John 3:16; 1 John 4:10; John 14:15; 15:1-8)

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is a Christian Grace (2 Pet 1:5-6)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Service
  - 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life (1 Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
  - 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ spent (Galatians 6:9)
  - 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ days (1 Thessalonians 4:2-7)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_: The Anchor of the Soul (Romans 8:24; Hebrews 6:19-20)

**NOTES:**

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

LEAD SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby
SONG.....934 Hosanna
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Kevin Simmons
SONG.....500 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing
SONG.....843 As the Deer Panteth for the Water
SCRIPTURE READING.....Clayton Hill
OPENING PRAYER.....Dane Coggin
SONG.....200 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
SERMON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....29 All to Jesus I Surrender
SONG.....359 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
LORD'S SUPPER.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark, Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer
SONG.....268 I Gave My Life for Thee
CLOSING PRAYER.....Martin Crotts

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Mike Brown
SONG.....892 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
SONG.....888 Thank You, Lord
OPENING PRAYER.....Perry Jones
SONG.....000. I Keep Falling In Love
SONG.....223 Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All
SERMON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....255 I Am Resolved
SONG.....702 Trials Dark on Every Hand
CLOSING PRAYER.....Clay Jennings
USHER.....Dean Dillard/Kevin Simmons
LOCK.....Kevin Simmons
SECURITY.....Phillip Young
GREETERS.....Jason & Amy Jennings

BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, JANUARY 18th—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Clay Jennings
OPENING PRAYER.....Perry Jones
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

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Greeters.....Randy & Amy English
Announcements.....Kevin Simmons
Singing.....Richard Jennings
Lord Supper.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark, Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer
Scripture Reading.....Ricky Adams
Opening Prayer.....Greg Clayton
Closing Prayer.....Steve Hill
Usher.....Dean Dillard/Andy Brown
Lock.....Andy Brown
Security.....Richard Adams

Sunday P.M.

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

Wednesday, February 01, 2023

Singing.....
Opening Prayer.....
Devotional.....Tim Dooley
Closing Prayer.....

OUR RECORD

Week of 01/08/2023

Sunday School.....136
Sunday A.M.....127
Sunday P.M.....157
Wednesday.....122
Contribution.....\$4,840.00
Budget.....\$5,124.00

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