



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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January 22, 2023

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

First Worship..... 9:00  
Sunday School.....10:00  
Second Worship.....11:00  
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30

## MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215  
Shaler Grigsby.....256-263-9137  
Office.....662-534-4649

## ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....662-252-9762  
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Tim Dye.....662-316-2527  
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

## “Why Every Faithful Christian Should Be Able to Be Called a Counselor”

Tim Dooley

Reflecting on growing up in the church it seems that “church” was something we “did” and not “who we were.” At least that is the impression with which I was left. Many of my family members were faithful members of the church and many of them attended services with us. We were together a lot (Bible Study, worship, meetings, fellowships) and the church was a huge part of our lives. But what I witnessed as I grew older and started preaching was, with the exception of family members, “clicks,” and isolated friendships, the church was not a real community. When problems arose in people’s lives the “church” was often left stunned and bewildered. What I came to conclude was that we as Christians were not close enough to, or trusting enough of, each other to encourage, counsel, help, and love. I think there are a few reasons why this was (and is) true, but the simple fact is we are not doing what Jesus has instructed us to do.

Isaiah 9:6 says Jesus would be called “...Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God...” The Hebrew word for “counselor” means one who advises, gives counsel to, or guides. As the One we are trying to imitate did; we too must do. Barnabas is a great example of this in that the apostles gave him this name because it meant “the son of consolation” (Acts 4:36). Again, this word means to give comfort, consolation, and exhortation.

Not only do I feel we could do better emulating the compassion, guidance, and mercy of Christ toward each other but I also feel we need to remember that we are commanded to do so. Galatians 6:2 instructs us to, “bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” James 5:16 demands that we both counsel and seek help, “Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Romans 12:15 requires that we, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Wayne Jackson said, “...we all should be willing to assist one another in times of emotional need. Those who are ‘spiritual’ can help to ‘restore’ (mend) their fellows (see Galatians 6:1). We should be able to talk with one another about our problems and receive biblical seasoned advice...any compassionate Christian can do this.”

When we are converted and grounded in the faith, and as Charles Brewer writes have “built into our hearts the desire to serve God, we are ready then to ask, ‘How can I serve?’” He goes on to say that, “It is important that we know what is acceptable service. Some have good intent, but lack understanding.” Many Christian do not, and/or cannot, fulfill their duty as counselors because they simply don’t know God’s Word well enough to understand their responsibilities, or do not know it well enough to give godly advice.

Two final thoughts: One, every Christian gives counsel vicariously. Paul told Timothy to “be an example to the believers” (1 Timothy 4:12). As Christian we cannot underestimate the impact we have on the lives of those around them. And secondly, we need to be aware of the relationship and relevance of our lives as Christian counselors to evangelism. Paul told Titus to “exhort the young men to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.” Folks will not come to us to find Christ, and we will not be able to lead them to Him and counsel them, if we ourselves are not living faithful Christian lives.

I believe that every Christian can be called a counselor when we are imitating The Counselor; we are close enough as a family of God’s people that we are able and willing to help each other through all of life’s problems, we are equipped with a firm knowledge of God’s Word, we are living lights to those around us, and we are creating and availing ourselves of the opportunities to bring others to Christ. Be faithful!



Church Calendar



### Dooley Noted...

People do not have to be whole to be saved, but they have to be saved to be whole. So be saved, and be whole. – Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Ricky Adams** had a good pathology report. No cancer.  
**Deloris Crowe** tested positive for Covid.  
**Candance Phillips**, mother of Christy Phillips, had surgery Wednesday to remove tumor and it was found not to be cancerous.  
**Joe Reed** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on March 1st.  
**Ron Griggs, Jr.** is now at home recovering from trans metatarsal amputation in December.  
**Linda Griggs** has pneumonia, and a nodule/mass has been found in her lungs. She is scheduled for a biopsy.  
**William Wilson**, brother of Gloria Jones, has cancer & difficulty with covid.  
**Rosemary Wilson**, sister-in-law of Gloria Jones, has covid.

### 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**, **Majejan 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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 23....Shane Crofts  
 January 20....Marley McClure  
 January 29....Alice Ashmore  
 January 31....Brenna Politte



## The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer

Week 21: The Sick

## AREA CHURCH EVENTS

**Theo Church of Christ** in Walnut will be hosting a grief seminar "Beyond the Valley of Death", February 4-5, 2023. The speaker for this event will be Jeff Jenkins. Details on the bulletin board.

## YOUTH NEWS

- All those participating in Lads to Leaders, please meet with Shaler up front after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today.
- The Monthly Youth Devo this evening will be at the home of Roger and Kathy Clayton.
- The next Jr. Bible Bowl is March 19th at Gloster Street. Please see Shaler for your questions.

## PICTURE DIRECTORY

The new 2023 Picture Directory is on the table in Room 12. If you have not verified your information, please take the time to do so. If there are no changes, place a check mark beside your photo. Thank you.

## 2023 CARE TEAMS

There is a list of the **2023 Care Teams** on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up for your convenience and check which team you are assigned to. Thank you.

## THANK YOU

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
 I thank you all with all my heart for the calls and cards, gifts of food and especially your prayers. I send a special thanks to the kind and generous soul that left a Rollator Walker on my doorstep. I am so bless to be a part of God's family.  
 Sincerely, Peggy Miller

## SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Madison Griggs in the passing of her mother, Lisa Cantrell Russell, January 19, 2023 at the age of 57. Visitation will be Monday, January 23rd, 9:00 am-11:00 am at George A. Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, Tennessee. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am with burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

## LADIES TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday morning ladies bible class will meet at the church building at 9:30 this coming Tuesday (January 24th) to go to Holly Springs to help fill "Buckets of Blessings" for Ukraine. We will eat lunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **Ladies Bible Study** meet Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in the annex building.
- **Men's Coffee Club** meet Thursday mornings at 7:00 at Two Sisters restaurant.
- **February 5th** 1st Sunday Fellowship Meal
- **February 5th-9th** Freed-Hardeman 87th Annual Bible Lectureship.
- **February 12th** Monthly Area Wide at Antioch congregation in Blue Springs.
- **February 16th** Men's Ministry meet in annex building at 7:00 pm.
- **February 23rd-26th** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Standing on the Promises**

2 Peter 1:2-4

Tim Dooley

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Sins (Mark 16:16)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Man (Genesis 2:17-18; Romans 3:23)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:21)
  - C. God's Promised \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:6; 1 John 2:2; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
  - D. Our \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gift (Hebrews 5:9; Matthew 11:28-30)
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ into God's Family (Ephesians 3:14-15; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 3:29)
- III. Divine \_\_\_\_\_ with The Savior (Hebrews 13:5; 1 John 1:3-4)
- IV. His \_\_\_\_\_ Over Us (1 Peter 5:6-7; 3:12; 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:12)
- V. A Part in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Life (John 5:28-29; Romans 6:5)
- VI. A \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven (John 14:1-3; Matthew 25:21)

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

**The Election of God**

I Thessalonians 1:2-5

Tim Dooley

- I. A \_\_\_\_\_ Election
  - A. Paul's Declaration (1 Thessalonians 1:4)
  - B. Peter's Declaration (1 Peter 1:2).
  - C. Spirit's Declaration (Romans 8:33; Ephesians 1:4-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)
- II. A \_\_\_\_\_ Election
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Election
    1. God chose to save people "In Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27; Ephesians 1:3-5)
    2. God chose to save people by the gospel message (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)
    3. God chose to save people in obedience (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Mark 16:15-16)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel (Romans 1:16; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)
- III. A \_\_\_\_\_ Election
  - A. Blessings Received (1 Peter 1:2-13)
  - B. God Considers Us His Children (Ephesians 1:3-7)

**NOTES:**



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

LEAD SINGING.....Mark Jennings  
 SONG.....316 In Heaven They're Singing  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Kevin Simmons  
 SONG.....598 Standing on the Promises  
 SONG.....248 How Firm a Foundation  
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Richard Adams  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Hunter Jennings  
 SONG.....839 When All of God's Singers Get Home  
 SERMON.....Tim Dooley  
 INVITATION SONG.....744 What Will Your Answer Be?  
 SONG.....511 Oft We Come Together  
 LORD'S SUPPER.....Bill Botts, Olen Clark, Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer  
 SONG.....513 One Step at a Time  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Conner Miller

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

**WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.**

LEAD SINGING.....Shaler Grigsby  
 SONG.....000  
 SONG.....000  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Paul Ormon  
 SONG.....000  
 SONG.....000  
 SERMON.....Tim Dooley  
 INVITATION SONG.....000  
 SONG.....000  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Troy Robertson  
 USHER.....Dean Dillard/Randy Wall  
 LOCK.....Randy Wall  
 SECURITY.....Joe Owen  
 GREETERS.....Mark & Alyce Jennings

**BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, JANUARY 25th—6:30 P.M.**

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.....

**Sunday, February 05, 2023**

Greeters.....  
 Announcements.....  
 Singing.....  
 Lord Supper.....  
 Scripture Reading.....  
 Opening Prayer.....  
 Closing Prayer.....

**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)

**OUR RECORD**

Week of 01/22/2023

Sunday School.....157  
 Sunday A.M.....165  
 Sunday P.M.....158  
 Wednesday.....104  
 Contribution.....\$5,020.75  
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

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