



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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January 29, 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  
 Andy Clemmer.....662-816-5887  
 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

## Church Calendar



## “Game Theory”

Michael D. Rankins

If you're wondering whether it feels a little peculiar to be mildly famous for playing a game on television, the answer is yes, it does. But there are principles involved in playing a game successfully that translate to other things we do in life. Remember how fond the apostle Paul was of sporting metaphors (1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Galatians 2:2, 5:7; Philip- pians 2:16, 3:14; 2 Timothy 4:7-8)?

**Preparation is essential.** The morning of my taping session, I wrote myself a list of ten important things I needed to remember that day, relative to my gameplay. Karla and I went over the list several times aloud before I left for the studio, so its points would be fresh in my mind. Every one of the ten items on my list proved helpful to me that day. I was glad I had taken the time to create the list and review it.

The Scriptures give us a list of essentials we need to have in place before we face each day of our lives. Paul calls these items “*the whole armor of God*” (Ephesians 6:10-18). We should review the list frequently to ensure that all of the pieces of our armor are firmly in place; so that we are well prepared for the daily battle.

**It's not just what you know, but also how you use what you know.** The first time I was on *Jeopardy!* I saw several contestants studying almanacs and solving crossword puzzles right up until they entered the studio. I, on the other hand, am notorious for studying little — if at all — before my games. I'm confident that most of the knowledge I need is already in my head. Therefore, I try to relax and focus my concentration before a game, so I can readily access the facts I've collected over the years.

The Bible contains a wealth of information — literally, everything we need to know to live in a way that pleases God (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). All of that information benefits us little if we don't train ourselves to use it, and use it wisely (2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 5:14; 2 Peter 1:10). Getting the knowledge into our heads is only half the challenge. Getting it into our lives is the harder part.

**Play according to the rules.** If you watched Friday evening's *Jeopardy!* match, you saw two contestants penalized because they didn't record their answers to the final question accurately. I heard many people say, “It wasn't fair that they were penalized.” But it was fair; because the rules are specific about how certain answers (in this case, the title of a film) must be entered in order to be counted as correct. It would have been unfair to the other competitors for the rule not to be enforced.

God has rules, too — rules about how salvation must be obtained, about how His people are to worship Him, and about what works His servants can and cannot do in His name. He requires that we follow these instructions to the letter: “*If anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules*” (2 Timothy 2:5). Even as Moses was told, “*See that you make all things according to the pattern*” (Exodus 25:40; Hebrews 8:5), God expects us to do likewise.

**Play to win.** There's no point in competing if you don't intend to do your best. Compete fairly, exhibit good sportsmanship, and extend courtesy to the other competitors, but always remember what the objective is — to do the best you can, within the rules, to win the game.

By inspiration, the apostle applied this principle to life in Christ: “*Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it*” (1 Corinthians 9:24). Life is a marathon — keep your eyes on the goal, so you can win the eternal prize (Philippians 3:13-14).

Note: Michael Rankins preaches for the church of Christ in Cotati, CA, and won a total of \$103,699 on the Game Show “Jeopardy.”



## PRAYER LIST

**Ricky Adams** is at home and will see infectious disease doctor for further treatment.

**Linda Griggs** has pneumonia, and a mass in her lungs, a biopsy is being scheduled.

**Tonya Dillard** has severe bronchitis.

**Eleta Grimmett** is struggling with bronchitis.

**Remonda Ellis**, daughter of Ricky & Betty Adams, had successful knee replacement surgery this past Monday.

**Benita Garner's daughter-in-law** in Tampa, FL., was rushed to the hospital on Wednesday.

### 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

*Dear New Albany Church of Christ,  
Thank you so much for  
the donation of baby blankets.  
They will certainly be a blessing  
to our clients who may be facing  
an uncertain time. Your thoughtfulness  
is greatly appreciated.*

*First Choice*  
center for women

01-23-23



### **Dooley Noted...**

In our ongoing effort to help and encourage young men who are seeking roles in ministry at FHU, the elders are inviting young men in the Bible department to come and be our guest speakers on fifth Sundays. Today, Kaleb Norwood, who will graduate in May and has accepted the position of youth and family minister at the church in White House, TN, will be with us to speak about his recent trip to Israel in our auditorium class and will present the lesson at our second service. – Tim



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 29....Alice Ashmore

January 31....Brenna Politte

February 02 ..Stephanie Simmons

February 05...Paige Young

February 06...Owen Clayton

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 14 ..... Andy & Sharon Clemmer

February 15 ..... Corey & Brenna Politte

February 16 ..... Kevin & Lakisha Harris



## The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer

**Week 22:** Those Suffering Persecutions

## YOUTH NEWS

- This Month's Area Wide will be February 12th at the Antioch congregation in Blue Springs
- The Monthly Youth Devo will be February 19th at the home of Shaler & Madison Grigsby
- The next JR. Bible Bowl is March 19th at Gloster Street. Please see Shaler for your questions..

## CARE TEAMS

Care Team #3, Steve & Lana Todd, will meet February 19th for lunch in the fellowship building following services. A list of the Care Teams is on the table in the foyer.

## LECTURESHIP

### FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY!

The date for this year's **Lectureship** has been set for May 5th-7th combined with **Friends & Family Day** on May 7th. Please mark the dates on your calendar and make plans to be present and bring someone with you. Together we will enjoy a great day of worship and fellowship. There will be a noon meal following services on Sunday.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **February 5th** 1st Sunday Fellowship Meal
- **February 5th** 2nd Service, Guest Speaker: Kevin Patterson from Sebring, Fl.
- **February 5th-9th** Freed-Hardeman 87th Annual Bible Lectureship.
- **February 19th** **Care Team #3**, Steve & Lana Todd, will meet for Lunch in the fellowship building.
- **February 16th** Men's Ministry meet in annex building at 7:00 pm.
- **February 23rd-26th** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN.

**AM SERMON OUTLINE**

**Things That God Does Not Know**

Psalm 139:1-2

Tim Dooley

I. The All-Knowing God.

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Creation (Psalm 147:4)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Creation (Psalm 50:11; Matthew 10:29)
- C. He Knows Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 33:13-15; Hebrews 4:13; Ecclesiastes 12:14)
- D. He Knows Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezekiel 11:5; Acts 1:24)
- E. He Knows the \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 46:10; Acts 2:23)

II. Things That God Does Not Know.

- A. One \_\_\_\_\_ Born in Sin (Psalm 51:5; Ezekiel 18:20)
- B. One \_\_\_\_\_ for Whom Christ Did Not Die (John 3:16; Hebrews 2:9)
- C. One Responsible Person Saved Outside the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:3; 5:23)
- D. One Person He Does Not Want to \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 3:9; Acts 17:30-31)
- E. One Who Saved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Men (Mark 7:7; Matthew 7:21-23)
- F. One Person Who Won't Be \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:28-29)
- G. One Responsible Person Who Will Miss \_\_\_\_\_ (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:10)
- H. One Good Reason Why One Should Not \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

**PM SERMON OUTLINE**

Tim Dooley

**NOTES:**



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

LEAD SINGING.....Richard Jennings  
 SONG.....889 There’s Something about That Name  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Kevin Simmons  
 SONG .....551 Rescue the Perishing  
 SONG.....215 Hear Me When I Call  
 SCRIPTURE READING..... Ricky Adams  
 OPENING PRAYER .....Greg Clayton  
 SONG .....572 Send the Light  
 SERMON .....Tim Dooley  
 INVITATION SONG.....763 Why Keep Jesus Waiting  
 SONG ..... 12 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?  
 LORD’S SUPPER ..... Bill Botts, Olen Clark, Kurt Clayton, Andy Clemmer  
 SONG ..... 448 No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus  
 CLOSING PRAYER ..... Still Hill

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

**WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.**

LEAD SINGING.....Mark Jennings  
 SONG ..... 000  
 SONG ..... 000  
 OPENING PRAYER .....Mason Simmons  
 SONG .....000  
 SONG ..... 000  
 SERMON ..... Guest Speaker: Kaleb Norwood  
 INVITATION SONG ..... 000  
 SONG ..... 000  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Troy Robertson  
 USHER.....Dean Dillard/Andy Brown  
 LOCK.....Andy Brown  
 SECURITY.....Richard Adams  
 GREETERS.....Randy & Amy Jennings

**BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, FEBRUARY 01—6:30 P.M.**

SINGING.....Dillon Clayton  
 OPENING PRAYER .....Mark Jennings  
 DEVOTIONAL.....Tim Dooley  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Dan Cobb

**Sunday, February 05, 2023**

Greeters.....Dane & Amanda Coggins  
 Announcements.....Bill Botts  
 Singing.....Phillip Young  
 Lord Supper.....Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton, Jason Jennings, Hunter Jennings  
 Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer ..... Kurt Clayton  
 Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark  
 Usher.....Jackson Coggin/Kurt Clayton  
 Lock.....Kurt Clayton  
 Security.....Brian Carpenter

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Richard Jennings  
 Opening Prayer.....Dillon Clayton  
 Closing Prayer.....David Clayton

**Wednesday, February 08, 2023**

Singing.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
 Devotional.....Shaler Grigsby  
 Closing Prayer .....Steve Hill

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

Greeters.....Richard & Kathy Jennings  
 Announcements.....Bill Botts  
 Singing.....Andy Brown  
 Lord Supper.....Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton, Jason Jennings, Hunter Jennings  
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin  
 Opening Prayer .....Andy Clemmer  
 Closing Prayer.....Clay Jennings  
 Usher.....Jackson Coggin/Dane Coggin  
 Lock.....Dane Coggin  
 Security.....Greg Clayton

**Sunday P.M.**

Singing.....Phillip Young  
 Opening Prayer.....Richard Jennings  
 Closing Prayer.....Martin Crotts

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

Singing.....Thomas Wall  
 Opening Prayer.....Clint Stroupe  
 Devotional.....Mark Jennings  
 Closing Prayer .....Troy Robertson

**OUR RECORD**  
 Week of 01/22/2023

Sunday School.....130 (7)  
 Sunday A.M.....128 (11)  
 Sunday P.M.....126 (4)  
 Wednesday .....101 (3)  
 (Online)  
 Contribution.....\$5,724.00  
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

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