



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 05, 2023

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTERS

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 Kurt Clayton..... 662-316-6420
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 Dane Coggin 662-419-8308
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 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



The Trial of the One True Faith

Tim Dooley

In Ephesians chapter two we read, *“For by grace you have been saved through [the] faith; ...”* (v 8). While no modern translation includes the definite article before the word “faith” it is in the original language. Paul is speaking here of the one true system (i.e. the Gospel), the grace which God has delivered in order to bring salvation to all mankind. In Titus 2:11-12 we read, *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age.”*

Peter speaks of the preciousness of this faith (2 Peter 1:1). And when we understand our faith in the system of salvation we will clearly conclude, as James did, that *“faith without works is dead”* (James 2:18-20). The great “Hall of Faith” in Hebrews 11 illustrates this truth for us all. Yet Peter also speaks of a “trial” of our faith that is *“more precious than gold”* (1 Peter 1:7). What does this trial of faith consist of?

1. **Sacrifice:** God so loved the world that He “gave” His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Jesus Himself is said to have given up His place in heaven in order to become a servant (Philippians 2:6-8; Hebrews 5:8-9). Jesus gave His life for us, the “ultimate sacrifice.” What does faith teach us? Jesus said, *“If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me”* (Matthew 16:24). What have you given up?
2. **Obedience:** As we noticed in our first point, Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father and is therefore the author of eternal salvation to all who will obey him (Hebrews 5:8-9). In fact, Jesus said that the Father’s ever presence with Him was because He “always” did the will of the Father (John 8:29). Obedience to the Gospel, Christ, and the Father, is absolutely essential to our salvation (2 Thessalonians 1:8). F.F. Bruce said, “Faith and obedience are inseparable in one’s relationship to God.” Have you been obedient?
3. **Works:** James wrote, *“I will show you my faith by my works”* (James 2:18). Again, the great examples of faith in Hebrews 11 have a consistent and beautifully interwoven thread of works that proved faith in the Almighty God. Now no one is contending that the kinds of works we are talking about here are works of merit. None can merit the grace of God; that’s why it is grace! But there are works of righteousness, good works, that God expects His children to walk in (Ephesians 2:10). Are you doing the good works of faith?
4. **Persistence:** Hebrew 10:23, *“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering...”* The false and deadly doctrine of “once saved/always saved” is clearly refuted by this one single passage among many. Jesus laid the groundwork for this when He said, *“No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”* (Luke 9:62). That’s faith in action! It is called faithfulness. *“Be thou faithful unto death...”* (Revelation 2:10). Are you being persistent?
5. **Victory:** *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith”* (1 John 5:4). This is what everything about faith hangs on... our victory in Jesus. When He comes again we will stand before the Judgment Seat of God and hear one of two things: *“Depart from me...”* or *“Well done...”* (Matthew 25). Do you and will you know the victory of faith?

Let us not just talk about our faith; let us demonstrate it to God and the world! Be faithful!

Dooley Noted...



You know what I miss? Potluck Fellowship Meals! We haven’t had one since the first of December and it feels like forever. I’m glad we are going to enjoy this again this weekend. Remember the early church continued “daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart” (Acts 2:46). – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Amanda Martin, daughter of Kathy & Tim Dye, will have a biopsy on February 9th in Memphis.

Linda Griggs had a biopsy Friday on the mass in her lungs and is awaiting results.

Ron Griggs, Jr. returned to his doctor in Columbus this past Friday, due to poor blood circulation.

Tonya Dillard 's bronchitis is slowly improving.

Eleta Grimmitt continues to struggling with bronchitis.

Roger Clayton continues to struggle with his health.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Karen Anderson (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **James Clark** (brother of Olen Clark), **Shane Crotts** (dialysis), **Grace Crotts** (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



February 05.....Paige Young

February 06.....Owen Clayton

February 15.....Andy Brown

February 15.....Greg Clayton

February 19.....Barbara Crotts

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 14 Andy & Sharon Clemmer

February 15 Corey & Brenna Politte

February 16 Kevin & Lakisha Harris



The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer

Week 23: Marriages (Troubled & Strong)

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 Junior Bible Bowl is March 19th at Gloster Street. Questions are on the table in foyer.

ELDERS NOTE

The Elders have made the decision to continue with the current worship time schedule until further notice.

Thank you all for your patience.

1st Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class10:00 a.m.

2nd Worship Service11:00 a.m.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Please mark your calendar for March 11th, you don't want to miss this. "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" is one of our favorite events, please make plans to be involved. Sign-up sheet and details will be on the table in the foyer.

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 16th** Men's Ministry meet in annex building at 7:00 pm.
- **February 19th** **Care Team #3** , Steve & Lana Todd, will meet for Lunch in the fellowship building.
- **February 23rd-26th** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN.



The Power of

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AM SERMON OUTLINE

The Power of Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35

Tim Dooley

- I. Why Is It Difficult to Forgive _____ (Luke 17:3-5)?
- A. _____ and _____ - _____
 - B. _____ is perversely _____
 - C. We only hurt ourselves (Matthew 6:14-15)
- II. Why Is It Difficult to Forgive _____?
- A. Self-_____ (Acts 22:16).
 - B. Feelings of _____
 - 1. How could God forgive me?
 - 2. How could God love me?
- III. The _____
- A. Self-_____ (Luke 9:23-24)
 - B. Return _____ for _____ (Romans 12:17-21)
 - C. Conforming to _____ ways (Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 4:20-21)
- IV. The _____ of Forgiveness (Luke 7:36-50).
- A. _____ us from the burden of trying to prove our own worthiness (Romans 3:9, 23)
 - B. Allows brotherhood to _____ (Ephesians 4:31-32)
 - C. Brings _____ to our lives (1 Timothy 1:15-16)
 - D. Brings the full scope of _____ into view (Isaiah 6:1-8).
 - E. Removes the awful weight of _____ (Matthew 11:28-30).
 - F. Allows us to see that we are _____ to God and that He _____ us greatly (John 3:16; Genesis 1:26).

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

Guest Speaker: Kevin Patterson

NOTES:

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

LEAD SINGING.....Phillip Young
 SONG.....53 At Calvary
 ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Botts
 SONG262 I Bring My Sins to Thee
 SONG..... 730 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 SCRIPTURE READING..... Owen Clayton
 OPENING PRAYERKurt Clayton
 SONG50 Are You Washed in the Blood?
 SERMONTim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....67 Bring Christ Your Broken Life
 SONG452 Night, with Ebon Pinion
 LORD'S SUPPER Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton, Jason Jennings,
 Hunter Jennings
 SONG 250 How Sweet, How Heavenly
 CLOSING PRAYEROlen Clark

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Richard Jennings
 SONG 000
 SONG 000
 OPENING PRAYERDillon Clayton
 SONG000
 SONG 000
 SERMON **Guest Speaker:** Kevin Patterson
 INVITATION SONG 000
 SONG 000
 CLOSING PRAYER.....David Clayton
 USHER.....Jackson Coggin/Kurt Clayton
 LOCK.....Dane Coggin
 SECURITY.....Greg Clayton
 GREETERS.....Dane & Amanda Coggin

BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, FEBRUARY 08—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Owen Clayton
 OPENING PRAYERPaul 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 PrayerAndy 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 PrayerTroy Robertson

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Greeters..... Greg & Kim Clayton
 Announcements.....Bill Botts
 Singing.....Mike Brown
 Lord Supper.....Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton, Jason Jennings, Hunter Jennings
 Scripture Reading.....Dean Dillard
 Opening PrayerShane Crotts
 Closing Prayer.....Dane Coggin
 UsherJackson Coggin/Jason Jennings
 Security.....Dan Cobb

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Andy Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Joe Owen
 Closing Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Singing.....Clay Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Terry Stubblefield
 Devotional..... Andy Brown
 Closing PrayerBrian Carpenter

OUR RECORD

Week of 01/29/2023

Sunday School.....126 (4)
 Sunday A.M.....129 (8)
 Sunday P.M.....131 (4)
 Wednesday 66 (11)
 (Online)
 Contribution.....\$5,366.50
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

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