



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 12, 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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ELDERS

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 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

It's Not That Difficult!

Tim Dooley

Is it possible for us common folk to understand what the Bible says? Is it simple enough to be able to learn and obey? The answer is simply, "Yes!" (John 8:32). Why then is there so much division, misunderstanding, and controversy surrounding God's Word and religious matters? The answer again is simple. When men start reading into Scripture what is not there, when we seek to change the meaning to conform to our own personal desires, when the learned men of theological academia decide that the simplicity of the Bible is not deep enough and try to answer questions we cannot know (Deuteronomy 29:29), or redefine and over-think simple biblical teaching, things get complicated. Listening to some of these professional teachers and scholars try to explain away simple Bible teaching I am left to believe they're guilty of the accusation leveled against Paul that much learning has made them mad (Acts 26:24).

Now, I am not saying that diligent study and examination of God's Word is not necessary or essential. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and a Master's degree in the New Testament and believe I learned a lot from these studies that both help me to be a better communicator of the gospel and allow me to grow closer to God. The people of God have always been commanded to be vigilant in their search for the Truth from God. The people of God in the Old Testament were commanded, "Let not this Book of the Teaching cease from your lips, but recite it day and night, so that you may observe faithfully all that is written in it. Only then will you prosper in your undertakings and only then will you be successful" (Joshua 1:8). Under the New Covenant we read, "[Study] to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Paul told Timothy to "Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all" (1 Timothy 4:15). The Bereans were said to be, "more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

However, Paul also warns both Timothy and Titus to "avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife (2 Timothy 2:23). And to "avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless (Titus 3:9). He says the one who conducts himself in this manner "is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wrangling's of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself" (1 Timothy 6:4-5).

So how should we go about studying the Bible and ascertaining the truth from it that will set us free? Let me suggest three steps in approaching any interpretation of biblical truth:

1. Carefully analyze the specific text itself. What does it say? What does it not say? What does the original language say?
2. Carefully weigh the immediate context. Who is writing? To whom is he writing? Why is he writing?
3. Carefully consider the remote context. How does this text harmonize with the overall context of the Bible?

There are some things in the Bible that are hard to understand (2 Peter 3:15-16; Deuteronomy 29:29). Are there things we make more difficult than they need to be? Are there things we argue about that we shouldn't, that only lead to division, confusion, and apostasy? Without a doubt! But can we understand the things we need to know and obey with diligent study and application to be saved and have an eternal home with Him in heaven? Most definitely! The first step is an open and honest heart and mind to seek to be pleasing and obedient to God. Be Faithful!

Dooley Noted...

Colleen and I had a wonderful day Tuesday at the Freed-Hardeman Lectures. Getting to reconnect with friends we haven't seen for some time. The highlight however was hearing my friend Eric Owens preach on restoring holiness in our lives by placing Christ back on the throne of our hearts. May each of us strive to be holy even as He is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16). – Tim



Church Calendar





PRAYER LIST

Amanda Martin, daughter of Kathy & Tim Dye, biopsy was successful, and awaiting results within 2 to 3 weeks.

Roger Clayton was admitted to the ER this past week. He at home resting due to extreme fatigue.

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

Ronnie Griggs, Jr. leg is not healing properly from recent surgery will see specialist on Monday to determine further treatment .

Tonya Dillard will have a nerve ablation on her back & neck on March 2nd. This will be the first of 3 ablations.

Kathy Swanson, sister of Michael Dillard, was admitted to Tupelo Hospital with a severe infection.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Karen Anderson (chemotherapy), **John Bodie** (cancer), **James Clark** (brother of Olen Clark), **Roger Clayton**, **Shane Crotts** (dialysis), **Grace Crotts** (Shane's mother), **Amanda Martin** (daughter of Tim & Kathy Dye), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Majeane Dillard** (mother of Dean Dillard), **Tonya Dillard** (spinal stenosis), **Marissa Grigsby** (Shaler's mother), **Ronnie Griggs, Jr.**, **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

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere condolences in the passing of *Jan Green* on Wednesday, February 8th. Jan was the daughter of Carol Anson and the niece of Betty Young, and cousin of Phil Young, Lana Todd and Matt Young. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 15.....Andy Brown

February 15.....Greg Clayton

February 19.....Barbara Crotts

February 22.....Jennie Bell

February 22.....Nancy Frohn

February 22.....Jadi Rogers

February 28.....Brian Carpenter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 14 Andy & Sharon Clemmer

February 15 Corey & Brenna Politte

February 16 Kelvin & Lakisha Harris



The "Savior's Secret Service" Prayer

Week 24: Governments

Today's Happenings

Monthly Area Wide today at the Antioch congregation in Blue Springs. Van will leave at 4:30.



"PARENTS'-NIGHT-OUT"

This coming Friday the 17th will be parents'-night-out from 5:00-9:00. All children can come play games at the fellowship building with supper provided. If you have questions, please see Shaler Grigsby.

Thank you seems so inadequate for all the Acts of kindness you have shown me during my illness. The cards, calls, messages, and prayers were all so encouraging and greatly appreciated. God Bless You All.

*In Christian Love
Ricky Adams*



CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **February 16th** - Men's Ministry meet in annex building at 7:00 pm.
- **February 19th** - **Care Team #3** (Steve & Lana Todd) will meet for "Pot Luck" Lunch in the fellowship building. Care team list are on the table in the foyer
- **February 19th** - Monthly Youth Devo at the home of Madison & Shaler Grigsby at 5:00.
- **February 23rd-26th** CYC Pigeon Forge, TN.
- **February 25th** - The Senior Group will carpool to Pickwick for dinner at the "Top of the River", signup sheet in the foyer.
- **March 5th** - First Sunday Fellowship Meal. Elders/Deacons/Ministers meet at 1:45.
- **March 11th** - "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Signup sheet on the table in the foyer.

YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:00, 11:00 & Wed. @ 6:30

AM SERMON OUTLINE

Behold, The Man

John 19:1-7

Tim Dooley

- I. HE WAS AN _____ MAN (HEBREWS 4:15; MATTHEW 27:14, 22-23; LUKE 23:41; I JOHN 3:5)
- II. HE WAS A _____ MAN (John 1:26; Isaiah 53:3)
- III. HE WAS A _____ - _____ MAN (John 10:18; 15:13; Mark 10:45; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Romans 5:7-8)
- IV. HE WAS A _____ MAN (John 16:33)

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

Christian Training

Proverbs 22

Shaler Grigsby

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Being a Christian Means Training

- Training means _____ (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Training is _____ yourself to do things (Ephesians 6:4)
- Training means more when the _____ means more (Philippians 1:21)
- Training is a grind that requires _____ and _____ (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Proverbs 22

1. Training for a good _____ not riches
2. Train to be _____
3. Train to be _____
4. Train for the right _____
5. Train to protect your _____
6. Train to find your _____

NOTES:

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

LEAD SINGING.....Andy Brown
 SONG.....000
 ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Botts
 SONG000
 SONG..... 000
 SCRIPTURE READING..... Jackson Coggin
 OPENING PRAYERAndy Clemmer
 SONG000
 SERMONTim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....000
 SONG000
 LORD'S SUPPER Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton, Jason Jennings,
 Hunter Jennings
 SONG 000
 CLOSING PRAYERClay Jennings

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Phillip Young
 SONG 000
 SONG 000
 OPENING PRAYERRichard Jennings
 SONG000
 SONG 000
 SERMON Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG 000
 SONG 000
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Martin Crotts
 USHER.....Jackson Coggin/Dane Coggin
 LOCK.....Dane Coggin
 SECURITY.....Greg Clayton
 GREETERS.....Richard & Kathy Jennings

BIBLE STUDY—WEDESDAY, FEBRUARY 15—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Thomas Wall
 OPENING PRAYERClint Stroupe
 DEVOTIONAL..... Mark Jennings
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Troy 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
 LockJason 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

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Greeters..... Steve & Lana Todd
 Announcements.....Bill Botts
 Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
 Lord Supper.....Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton, Jason Jennings, Hunter Jennings
 Scripture Reading.....Clayton Hill
 Opening PrayerTim Dye
 Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Griggs
 UsherJackson Coggin/Mark Jennings
 Lock.....Mark Jennings
 Security.....Dane Coggin

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Kevin Simmons
 Closing Prayer.....Perry Jones

Wednesday, March 01, 2023

Singing.....Hunter Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Shane Crotts
 Devotional..... Tim Dooley
 Closing PrayerOlen Clark

OUR RECORD

Week of 02/05/2023

Sunday School.....143 (4)
 Sunday A.M.....137 (11)
 Sunday P.M.....130 (7)
 Wednesday99 (10)
 (Online)
 Contribution.....\$6,009.00
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

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