



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 19, 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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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

There's Only One

Tim Dooley

In Ephesians four Paul is addressing a real problem existing in the church. The problem was division among the brethren. As in his letter to the Corinthians he wanted them to be united. He encouraged them to endeavor *"to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace"* (v. 3). We do this, he says, by walking worthy of the calling with which we were called *"with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love"* (vs. 1-2).

Sure, they all had different individual callings, but they were to be used together for the edification of the whole church, not just for individual glory. The goal was unity, maturity, and faithfulness. The church was meant to be a group of individuals *"called out"* of the world to supply love, strength, and encouragement to one another (vs. 11-16).

However, in verses 4-6, he speaks of some things in which we have no freedom of our own personal ideas, interpretations, or indulgence. Some contend these things of which Paul speaks are so unique in nature that there cannot be another (real or imagined); while others teach that these things are open to individual interpretation. But what exactly is the apostle Paul saying here? He says there is:

One Body – There is only one body that belongs to Christ and to which true Christians are added. Since the church of Christ and the body are the same thing (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23; Colossians 1:18) and since there are many different denominations that claim Christ as their head what is Paul talking about? The one "true" body belongs to Christ (Colossians 2:17) and every other, while it may claim to be His, is not the one "true" body.

One Spirit – While the Bible speaks of many different "spirits" there is only one true Spirit from above that is able to teach and guide us to heaven.

One Hope – People place their hopes and dreams on many things the true Christian recognizes as hopeless dreams. There are many hopes that men have but only one that will result in what we really want and need (Romans 8:24).

One Lord – People serve many different lords. People call on lords to save them. The world is filled with idolatry, service, and worship to lords that cannot save. He means here that there is one "true" Lord in whom we have hope. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6).

One Faith – How many faiths are there? The dictionary defines faith as "complete trust or confidence in someone or something." The Greek word means to have a "persuasion" or "conviction." The Muslim has a faith; as do the Buddhist, Jews, Hindus, Spiritualists, humanists, Atheists, Deists, and Pantheist. So, what does Paul mean here? There is only one "true, saving" faith (Romans 1:5)!

One Baptism – There have been and are many baptisms. The Bible speaks of no less than seven. Yet by the time of Paul's epistle to the church at Ephesus there was only one valid baptism and it was the one that would save them (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-40; Acts 19:1-5; 1 Peter 3:21).

One God and Father of All – Here is the culminating statement. The Christian needed to remember that their heavenly Father was the one true and living God (1 Thessalonians 1:9). He was above all, through all and in them all. So, they needed to be united on these truths and work together for edification and eternal life.

Aren't you glad there are no divisions among us today? Oh yeah, right! Why are there divisions among us? Because people are following or are a part of many different bodies, spirits, hopes, lords, faiths, baptisms, and gods. Let's take a moment for honest reflection and ask ourselves who are we serving, what do we believe, is it helping to unify, am I contributing to the edification of the saints? Am I on the right path to heaven?

Church Calendar





PRAYER LIST

Jon Bolton, is scheduled for surgery to remove his gall bladder and mass on his liver.

Majeane Dillard, mother of Dean Dillard, fell and broke her femur.

Linda Griggs has lung cancer and will have radiation and chemo.

Ronnie Griggs, Jr. had right leg amputated below the knee..

Gloria Jones had back surgery this past Thursday.

Cathy Swanson, sister of Michael Dillard, has been placed on home health & home hospice.

Rita Cheryl Blunt, mother of Tonya Dillard, has COPD.

Michael Spencer, cousin of Tonya Dillard, has stage-4 cancer.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

John Bodie (cancer), **James Clark** (brother of Olen Clark), **Roger Clayton**, **Shane Crotts** (dialysis), **Grace Crotts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Tonya Dillard**, **Marissa Grigsby** (Shaler's mother), **Ronnie Griggs, Jr.**, **Carol Hood**, **Alfred Jones** (brother of Perry Jones), **Brenda Jones** (mother of Kathy Dye), **Amanda Martin** (daughter of Tim & Kathy Dye), **Betty McNeely** (sister of Richard Jennings), **Corey Politte**, **April Pounders**, **Olivia Pounders**, **Randy Reeder** (son of Grace Lyon), **Novene Robertson**, **Davis & Clemmer Families**.

Shut-Ins: J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Kathy Dye, Joe Reed

Nursing Home: Majeane Dillard, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Sue Stroud, Sue Marques, Bobbi Jean BoBo

Military List: Derek Bradley, Anderson Parks



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 19.....Barbara Crotts

February 22.....Jennie Bell

February 22.....Nancy Frohn

February 22.....Jodi 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 25: Those Who Let Us Down

Today's Happenings

- **Care Team #3** (Steve & Lana Todd) will meet for "Pot Luck" in the fellowship building following services.
- The Monthly **Youth Devo** will be at 5:00 in the home of Shaler & Madison Grigsby.
- **Young Adult Ministry** Outing, (Andy & Victoria) kids will go bowling in Tupelo this afternoon.

SYMPATHY

We wish to offer our deepest sympathies to Tim & Colleen in the passing of their dear friend Jim Pritt of Ohio. Please keep the Pritt family, as well as Tim & Colleen in your prayers.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Ladies Tuesday Bible Class has chosen to help provide baby quilts for "First Choice" and twin size quilts for the "Ukraine Mission." Eleta Grimmitt has graciously offered the use of the "She Shed", and her equipment & material. If anyone is interested in helping, please text or call Eleta to schedule use of the "She Shed" (662-347-5977).

SENIOR OUTING

The Senior group carpool to Pickwick, TN on Saturday, February 25th and eat at the "Top of the River" restaurant. Reservations are for 5:00. We will leave from the church at 3:30. The last Senior trip was a "blast", expect this one to be the same, please make plans to go. There is a signup sheet in the foyer.

BAPTISM

Margaret Baker, a friend of Benita Garner, was baptized into Christ on Monday afternoon, assisted by Tim Dooley. We rejoice with Margaret in her decision to put on Christ. Please make welcome our new sister-in-Christ. Her address is, 202 E. Witt St., Apt. #10, Blue Springs, MS 38828



Dooley Noted...

If you forgot Valentine's Day last week, don't worry, it happens a lot. Like birthdays and anniversaries. But know that God's love is consistent, unwavering, and sure. Just remember to love Him as He loves you. – Tim

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **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.
- **March 12th** - Area Wide at Gloster St. congregation in Tupelo.
- **March 16th** - Men's Ministry meet in annex building at 7:00 pm.
- **March 19th** - Junior Bible Bowl at Gloster St. congregation in Tupelo @ 3:00 pm.
- **March 26th** - Monthly Youth Devo at the home of Bill & Nancy Frohn.
- **March 29th** - 5th Wednesday Night Singing.



FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

Hell: The Eternal Punishment

Matthew 25:41-46

Tim Dooley

- I. The Concept of Hell is Often _____
 - A. Some say a _____ God would never allow such a place to exist (Matthew 25:41; Romans 3:24-26; 11:22).
 - B. Some say God is to blame since he made things the way He did (Romans 9:19-24).
 1. Christ was sent to save
 2. Christ died on the cross
- II. The _____ of Hell (Matthew 25:41-46)
- III. What is Hell Like?
 - A. Hell is in the eternal spiritual realm (Matthew 25:30; Revelation 20:14-15; Matthew 25:30; Mark 9:48)
 - B. Spiritual Application.
 1. _____ (Luke 16)
 2. _____
 3. _____
- IV. _____ Will Be in Hell?
 - A. The _____ and _____ (Matthew 25:41)
 - B. Those _____ of Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:5-10)
 - C. Those who _____ from grace (2 Peter 2:20)

NOTES:

SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

The Demonstration of Our Conversion

I Thessalonians 1:9-10

Tim Dooley

- I. A Life of _____ (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).
 - A. Prior to Conversion We Serve _____ (Romans 6:6, 13, 18; 12:1-2)
 - B. After Our Conversion We Enjoy _____ (Matthew 18:3; Hebrews 12:28-29)
 - C. Citizenship Requires Certain Aspects of Service:
 1. Providing for _____ (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)
 2. Helping the _____ (Ephesians 4:28)
 3. Restoring the _____ (Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20)
 4. Preaching and teaching _____ Matthew 28:18-20)
 5. _____ God (Hebrews 13:15; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19)
- II. A Life of _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:7)
 - A. _____ Sanctification (Exodus 13:2, 12; Luke 2:23; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10-12; 3:1-3).
 - B. _____ of Sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 6, 11-12)
- III. A Life of Steadfastness
 - A. Stand fast in the _____ (1 Thessalonians 3:8, 3; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:4, 14-16)
 - B. In the Face of _____ (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Corinthians 10:13)
 - C. In the _____ of Our Calling (1 Corinthians 15:58).

NOTES:



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

LEAD SINGING.....Mike Brown
 SONG.....891 This Is the Day That the Lord Hath Made
 ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Botts
 SONG883 Seek Ye First
 SONG..... 619 Take Time to Be Holy
 SCRIPTURE READING..... Dean Dillard
 OPENING PRAYERShane Crotts
 SONG694 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way
 SERMONTim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?
 SONG742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 LORD'S SUPPER Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton, Jason Jennings,
 Hunter Jennings
 SONG 250 How Sweet, How Heavenly
 CLOSING PRAYERDane Coggin

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Andy Brown
 SONG 000
 SONG 000
 OPENING PRAYERJoe Owen
 SONG000
 SONG 000
 SERMON Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG 000
 SONG 000
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Shaler Grigsby
 USHER.....Jackson Coggin/Jason Jennings
 LOCK.....Jason Jennings
 SECURITY.....Dan Cobb
 GREETERS.....Greg & Kim Clayton

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Clay Jennings
 OPENING PRAYERTerry Stubblefield
 DEVOTIONAL..... Andy Brown
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Brian 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

Sunday, March 05, 2023

Greeters..... Phil & Paige Young
 Announcements.....Bill Botts
 Singing.....Mark Jennings
 Lord Supper.....David Clayton, Dane Coggin, Dillon Clayton, Paul Ormon
 Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton
 Opening PrayerAndy Brown
 Closing Prayer.....Greg Clayton
 UsherDean Dillard/Kevin Simmons
 Lock.....Jason Jennings
 Security.....Jason Jennings

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
 Opening Prayer.....Andy Clemmer
 Closing Prayer.....Dan Cobb

Wednesday, March 08, 2023

Singing.....Dillon Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Jason Jennings
 Devotional..... Shaler Grigsby
 Closing PrayerRoger Clayton

OUR RECORD
Week of 02/12/2023

Sunday School.....158 (6)
 Sunday A.M.....154 (7)
 Sunday P.M.....139 (10)
 Wednesday108
 (Online)
 Contribution.....\$5,512.00
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

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