



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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February 26, 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

Slow and Steady

Tim Dooley

Seldom is anything accomplished, and done well, through haste. It takes slow and steady determination, hard work, and persistence in nearly every aspect of our lives. Church and personal spiritual growth; family, friends, and neighbor relations; civic activities, and hobbies all prosper from a slow and steady approach. Let me give you a few examples.

One does not become a great outdoorsman, chef, or craftsman without a lot of time and energy invested into those activities. The relationships that I am involved in only get better with time and energy. I love my wife more today than I did nearly 29 years ago when we were married. As time goes, I become a better father and friend. I know that through trial and error, hard work, and dedication I will become a better man. However, I still have a lot of growing to do.

In the past two years that I have been here at New Albany, we have seen growth. We are involved in more and have more things happening, but are not we where we need to be? It will take a lifetime of slow and steady growth to be what God wants us to be.

How is our service? How is our faithfulness? Do we know the Bible as well as we should? Can it be that some of the things we used to think to be true are not? Do we need to continually keep an open Bible and an open heart before us? Is not this what took place when Apollos was taken aside by Aquila and Priscilla and taught "more perfectly" (Acts 18:26). Was Apollos offended by their attempt to teach him and correct him? Don't you think Apollos might have had a special place in his heart for their love and help?

The Bible likens our lives here to a farmer who plows his field with patience and determination. Those who look back are not fit to be called His children (Luke 9:62). Paul said he had not yet reached the pinnacle of perfection, but he "pressed on" with steady determination (Philippians 3:13-14). He also tells us to be of the same mind and of the same judgment (Romans 12:16; 1 Corinthians 1:10).

There is one glaring exception to this "slow and steady" rule. Those who are not right with God should not procrastinate in reconciling with the Creator of their souls. Note the example of the Philippian Jailer and his family who, upon hearing the Word of God, "straightway" or "immediately" was baptized in obedience to Christ (Acts 16:33). The verbiage here means literally, "it was done at once."

If you are not a baptized child of God today, do not put it off, do it now! If you are a child of the King and you have not run with patience the race set before us, come back to God. Act immediately to be reconciled to the Creator of your soul. Then you can face eternity slow and steady, with persistence and determination. Be faithful!

Church Calendar



Dooley Noted...



Spring is almost here and you know what that means? Sinus cocktails, snot shots, whatever you want to call them, are on the rise. A lot of our members are struggling with the "crud" so let's be mindful of one another and keep each other in our prayers (cough, sneeze). – Tim



PRAYER LIST

.**James Clark**, brother of Olen Clark, health is declining.
Eleta Grimmert was admitted to Tupelo hospital Monday with breathing difficulty, and had a heart ablation Tuesday.
Randy English is taking treatments at home for bronchitis.
Georgia Shocklee was admitted to the ER with bronchitis, she is resting at home.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

John Bodie (cancer), **James Clark** (brother of Olen Clark), **Roger Clayton**, **Shane Crofts** (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (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**, **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

2023 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We wish to thank **Tim Dye** and **Jenna Carpenter** for all their hard work in the production of the new 2023 Church Pictorial Directory. We are elated to announce that the 2023 Directory is complete and on the table in the foyer for pickup. We ask that you get one per family, please.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

If you have not signed up for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" on March 11th, or if you have never participated, you are missing a fun time and wonderful fellowship. Please sign up today if possible, so that details can be finalized. There is a signup sheet in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see Tim or Colleen.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to **Tonya Dillard** in the passing of her cousin **Michael Spencer** this past week. Please keep **Tonya** and the **Spencer** family in your prayers.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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 26: Thank God for the Blessings He Gives
 (Physical and Spiritual)

At Day's End

Is anybody happier because you passed this way?
 Does anybody remember that you spoke to them today?
 The day is almost over and its toiling time is through;
 Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's dipping fast,
 That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?
 Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did and said;
 Does the person whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it?
 Was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
 As you close your eyes in slumber,
 do you think that God will say
 "You have earned one more tomorrow by
 The work you did today."

~ author unknown ~

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men."

Galatians 6:10



FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

Heaven: The Eternal Reward

Acts 1:9-11

Tim Dooley

- I. This World Is Not My _____
 - A. A pilgrimage (Ecclesiastes 12:7; 1 Peter 2:11)
 - B. A sojourn (Hebrews 13:14; Acts 7:6; 1 Peter 1:17)
- II. How _____ Heaven Must Be
 - A. A place of comfort and _____ (Revelation 14:13; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 21:4)
 - B. Indescribable _____ (1 Corinthians 2:9; John 14:2; Hebrews 11:16)
 - C. A _____ and _____ (1 Corinthians 9:25; 2 Timothy 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4)
 - D. An _____ (Romans 8:17; Hebrews 9:15; 1 Peter 1:4)
- III. O For a _____ with God
 - A. _____ will be there
 - B. All _____ brethren will be there (Hebrews 12:22-23)
 - C. We will abide there in that home _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

NOTES:

SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

The Apostasy at Thessalonica

I Thessalonians 2:1-13

Tim Dooley

- I. The _____ of the Apostasy
 - A. There Was a Loss of Love for the Truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10)
 - 1. The truth is the means by which men are...
 - a. _____ from sin (John 8:32)
 - b. _____ from the guilt of sin (1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 1:22-23)
 - c. _____ from the evil world (John 17:17)
 - 2. The truth is necessary for _____ (Ephesians 4:15)
 - 3. The falling away came when men turned their _____ from the truth (2 Timothy 4:1-4)
 - B. When Men Stop Loving the Truth
 - 1. Become _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11)
 - 2. Find _____ in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:12)
 - 3. Become _____
 - 4. They Are _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:10)
- II. The _____ About Apostasy
 - A. Apostasy is Always a Real and Present _____
 - B. Israel's _____ (Romans 15:4; Jeremiah 2:4-8, 13, 32; 5:30-31; 6:19)
 - C. The New Testament's _____ (Philippians 1:1; John 4:23-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; 5:8-22)
- III. The _____ of Anticipation
 - A. Christ Will _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4)
 - B. Current _____ Should Serve as a Warning
 - C. A Falling Away _____ of the Coming of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

NOTES:

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

LEAD SINGING.....Mark Jennings
 SONG.....9 A Wonderful Savior
 ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Bill Botts
 SONG.....684 This World is Not My Home
 SONG..... 11 Above the Bright Blue
 SCRIPTURE READING..... Clayton Hill
 OPENING PRAYER.....Tim Dye
 SONG.....716 Walking Alone at Eve
 SERMON.....Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....356 Jesus is Tenderly Calling
 SONG.....452 Night with Ebon Pinion
 LORD'S SUPPER..... Greg Clayton, Roger Clayton,
 Jason Jennings, Hunter Jennings
 SONG..... 40 Be With Me Lord
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Ronnie Griggs

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Mike Brown
 SONG..... 990 You Are the Song That I Sing
 SONG..... 436 Nearer, Still Nearer
 OPENING PRAYER.....Kevin Simmons
 SONG.....271 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 SONG..... 383 Just Over in the Gloryland
 SERMON..... Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG..... 31 Almost Persuaded
 SONG..... 611 Take the Name of Jesus with You
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Perry Jones
 USHER.....Jackson Coggin/Mark Jennings
 LOCK.....Mark Jennings
 SECURITY..... Dane Coggin
 GREETERS.....Steve & Lana Todd

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

SINGING.....Hunter Jennings
 OPENING PRAYER.....Shane Crotts
 DEVOTIONAL..... Tim Dooley
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Olen Clark

Sunday, March 05, 2023

Greeters..... Phil & Paige Young
 Announcements..... Brian Carpenter
 Singing.....Mark Jennings
 Lord Supper.....David Clayton,
 Dane Coggin, Dillon Clayton, Paul Ormon
 Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Andy Brown
 Closing Prayer.....Greg Clayton
 Usher.....Dean 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 Prayer.....Roger Clayton

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Greeters.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons
 Announcements..... Brian Carpenter
 Singing.....Richard Jennings
 Lord Supper.....David Clayton,
 Dane Coggin, Dillon Clayton, Paul Ormon
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin
 Opening Prayer.....Mike Brown
 Closing Prayer.....Kurt Clayton
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Randy Wall
 Lock.....Kevin Simmons
 Security.....Mark Jennings

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Mark Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Joe Owen
 Closing Prayer.....Steve Hill

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Singing.....Owen Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Perry Jones
 Devotional..... Mason Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Hunter Jennings

OUR RECORD
 Week of 02/19/2023

Sunday School.....138 (6)
 Sunday A.M.....138 (16)
 Sunday P.M.....146 (7)
 Wednesday.....90 (10)
 (Online)
 Contribution.....\$4,246.50
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

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