



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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March 19, 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

Waiting...At The End Of The Road

Tim Dooley

One morning while eating breakfast and watching the news a commercial came on T.V. for an event for children that was going to take place. I was reminded of days gone by and the innocence of childhood. As my wife and I shared memories together I was quickly confronted with the pain and heartache that comes when those innocent children who grow into adults and make sinful choices. What can we do with (or for) those we love and cherish who turn their backs on righteousness and choose a life of sin?

I am sure that you would receive almost as many different answers to this question as the number of people to whom you would ask it. Yet in a couple of conversations I've had with men, I love and respect; this one common thought continued to permeate. Sometimes all we can do is be there for them when (and if) they come home.

There could be no more relevant story to this situation than the story of the Prodigal Son. In Luke 15 Jesus tells a story that has repeated itself countless times over the centuries and I believe will continue to for as long as mankind is allowed to continue on the earth. A son, who takes all that has been given him, leaves home, and wastes it in sin. Placing ourselves in the shoes of the father I can't help but think that he daily prayed for his son. He must have walked out to the edge of the road daily and stood for hours hoping to see his boy return just over the horizon. Before his son left he did all he could do and now all he could do was be there for him when he returned home.

But also consider that the father also had other responsibilities to tend to each day. Another son to care for, a home, a business...he did not let his sorrow and grief overcome him to the point that he was negligent in his own duties. I am sure that those around him knew of his concern for his lost son. But he did not let those concerns affect his relationship with those around him. And when the boy "came to himself" what a joyous reunion took place. The willingness of the son to repent and come home and the fact that the father was there, waiting for him when he returned, both contributed to the successful reunion.

Some may ask even today, "Where is God?" The answer to this is also found in our parable. He is where He has always been. Waiting for us at the end of the road to come home. Hebrews 13:8 says, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*" Where is He? Waiting at the end of the road for you to come home. "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light*" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Dooley Noted...



So thankful for our care teams and the good work they do. Please be active in your care team if you're not already. – Tim

Church Calendar





PRAYER LIST

Randy Wall had an MRI on his shoulder that likely will require surgery, also x-rays of his lungs and leg. Please keep Randy & Christie in your prayers.

Gene Sloan, father of Brad Sloan, had an arterial bypass in his leg on Tuesday. He is also recovering from a bad fall.

John Bodie is waiting to be scheduled for cancer treatments in Arkansas. Keep John & Kim in your prayers.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

John Bodie, **Roger Clayton**, **Shane Crotts** (dialysis), **Grace Crotts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Tonya Dillard**, **Marissa Grigsby** (Shaler's mother), **Linda Griggs**, **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

RESPONSE

Michael Dillard responded to the invitation this past Sunday asking for forgiveness. Please pray for Michael to be the Christian example and father he desires to be. We appreciate Michael & his family's willingness to serve here at New Albany.

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Luke & Erin (Wall) Goff, for the loss of Luke's father, Bill Goff on March 12, 2023. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Skyline Church of Christ.

CARE TEAM EVENTS

- Care Team #4 (Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield) will meet Wednesday, **March 22nd** @ 5:15 in the fellowship building. Please bring finger foods.
- Care Team #3 (Steve & Lana Todd) will have potluck following services on **March 26th**.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- March 26th** - Monthly Youth Devo hosted by Bill & Nancy Frohn.
- March 29th** - 5th Wednesday Night Singing.
- April 1st** - First Sunday Fellowship meal. Elders, Deacons, Ministers meet at 1:45.
- April 7th-9th** - **Lad-to-Leaders** in Little Rock, AR. Sign up sheet in the foyer.
- April 16th** - Area Wide at Fulton.
- April 16th** - Organizational meeting for Area Wide and Bible Bowls at East Main Tupelo congregation @ 2:00 pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 19.....Dan Cobb
 March 19.....Clay Jennings
 March 20.....Kyland Morgan
 March 21.....Bill Botts
 March 21.....Maggie Garrett
 March 23.....Isabella McMillen
 March 27.....Mary Martin Crotts
 March 28.....Roger Clayton
 March 29.....Caleb Jennings

TODAYS HAPPENINGS

- Junior Bible Bowl at Gloster St. @ 3:00 pm.
- Care Team #2, Dillion & Emily Clayton, will meet in the fellowship building following services today.
- There will be a come-and-go baby shower for *Erin & Luke Goff* this afternoon from 1:30-3:00 at the Young Residence, 1597 CR478.

All men are invited to attend the Men's Workshop at East Main Church of Christ on Saturday, March 25th. This is open to all men and teenage boys. There will be 3 lessons presented. Andy Clemmer is planning to attend, if you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Andy (662) 816-5887.

FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

Absence Makes the Heart Grow...

James 1:21-25

Tim Dooley

- I. Absence Makes the Heart Grow _____
 - A. Absence from the _____ (John 14:23-24)
 - 1. Faith is the key (Ephesians 3:14-19; Romans 10:17)
 - 2. The presence of Christ in our hearts (1 Peter 3:15; Philippians 2:5; 1 Peter 2:19-21)
 - B. Absence from Our _____ (Romans 8:29; Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 9:24-26; Hebrews 12:1-2; Matthew 5:16; Colossians 4:5-6)
 - C. Absence from the _____ (Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 12:26-27; Romans 12:3-5; 1 Corinthians 12:14-20)
- II. Presence Makes the Heart Grow _____
 - A. _____ Must Always Be Present (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
 - B. _____ Must Always Be Present (Luke 8:11; Colossians 3:16; James 1:21)
 - C. _____ Must Always Be Present (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - D. _____ Must Always Be Present (Hebrews 10:25)
 - E. _____ Must Always Be Present (Luke 2:49)

NOTES:

We want to thank the church for all the calls, card, food, prayers, and visits during this tough time. We are so blessed to have a wonderful church family. Love you all

*In Christian Love
The Dillardts*

SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

Called by God

1 Thessalonians 2:12

Tim Dooley

- I. God Calls Men to Great _____
 - A. Into His _____ (Colossians 1:12-14; 1 Peter 1:10-11)
 - B. To _____ (Colossians 1:27; Philippians 3:20-21)
- II. God Calls Men to Holy _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:7)
 - A. God's people are challenged to be " _____ " (1 Peter 1:15-16; 2:9)
 - B. God's people are challenged to " _____ " holiness (2 Corinthians 7:1)
 - C. Without holiness we cannot see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 4:12)
- III. God Calls Men by the _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Romans 1:17)

NOTES:

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

LEAD SINGING.....Phillip Young
 SONG.....3 A Charge to Keep I Have
 ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Brian Carpenter
 SONG.....788 Wonderful Words of Life
 SONG.....197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord
 SCRIPTURE READING..... Clayton Hill
 OPENING PRAYER.....Tim Dye
 SONG.....154 Give Me the Bible
 SERMON.....Tim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....389 Let Him Have His Way with Thee
 SONG.....742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 LORD’S SUPPER..... David Clayton, Dane Coggin,
 . Dillon Clayton, Paul Orman
 SONG.....593 Sun of My Soul
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Martin Crotts

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Richard Jennings
 OPENING PRAYER.....Kevin Simmons
 SERMON..... Tim Dooley
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Clay Jennings
 USHER.....Dean Dillard/Andy Brown
 LOCK.....Matt Jennings
 SECURITY.....Matt Jennings
 GREETERS.....Shaler & Madison Grigsby

BIBLE STUDY— WEDESDAY, MARCH 22TH—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Thomas Wall
 OPENING PRAYER..... Bill Frohn
 DEVOTIONAL..... Phillip Young
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Troy Robertson

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

OUR RECORD

Week of 03/12/2023

Sunday School.....138 (0)
 Sunday 1st Service.....148 (11)
 Sunday 2nd Service.....122 (6)
 Wednesday86 (6)
 (Online)
 Contribution.....\$5,412.00
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Greeters.....Randy & Christy Wall
 Announcements..... Brian Carpenter
 Singing.....Andy Brown
 Lord Supper.....David Clayton,
 Dane Coggin, Dillon Clayton, Paul Ormon
 Scripture Reading.....Thomas Wall
 Opening Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby
 Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Griggs
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Kurt Clayton
 Lock.....Kurt Clayton
 Security.....Randy Wall

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Phillip Young
 Opening Prayer.....Clint Stroupe
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Jennings

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Singing.....Clay Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Conner Miller
 Devotional.....Terry Stubblefield
 Closing Prayer.....Mason Simmons

Sunday, April 02, 2023

Greeters.....
 Announcements.....
 Singing.....
 Lord Supper.....
 Scripture Reading.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Closing Prayer.....
 Usher.....
 Lock.....
 Security.....

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Closing Prayer.....

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

Singing.....
 Opening Prayer.....
 Devotional.....Tim Dooley
 Closing Prayer.....

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