

THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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April 02, 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
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 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

What's Holding Me Back?

Tim Dooley

Wednesday evening, Terry Stubblefield talked about how we can grow and achieve goals. Sometimes, however, we find it hard to accomplish what we desire because we can't seem to step away from ourselves and see the true state of our being. We do not see ourselves as the "weaker brother;" it is always the one we disagree with. We do not see ourselves as hypocrites; it is the one who does not live as I live. We do not see ourselves as arrogant; it is always the self-righteous other-man. We do not see ourselves as unfriendly; it is always the aloof and inhospitable neighbor. But the fact is we are all plagued by these inadequacies and it is time we step back from our own tainted view and realize that such things are not just holding back the church, but ourselves. When I do (and being honest with what I see) I realize that it is not always the other man, often it is me!

The apostle Paul mentions another plague among the church (Philippians 2:14-16) and it would serve us all well to consider the inspired message.

One, Paul says in verse 14, "Do all things without complaining and disputing." To fully grasp the meaning of this text it is paramount that we understand the words that Paul uses. The word "complaining" comes from the Greek word that portrays the image of a child who walks around muttering his discontent because he has to do something he doesn't want to and isn't able to do what he wants. He is not getting his way but since there is not anything he can do about it he pouts and mopes about it.

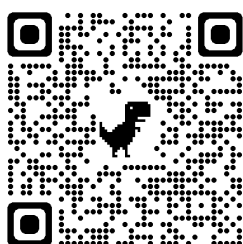
The second word here, "disputing" or "questioning," "is always to be understood in the evil sense, rationalizing thoughts and calculations – it reflects intellectual rebellion against God" (Wayne Jackson). The idea here is even though I know God said to "Obey those who rule over you" (Hebrews 13:17) I do not like their decision and so I intellectualize my opposition to their authority in this matter of opinion. But also note that he says "Do ALL things..." Not some things, or the things you like, or the opinions or decisions you agree with, but ALL things.

Two, the sentence continues, "...that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault..." (v 15). Paul says here that in order for us to be "blameless and harmless" and be "children of God without fault" we must do all things without the aforementioned "complaining and disputing." Here the teaching is profound, if I do not follow the admonition to do "all things without complaining and disputing" then I CANNOT be "blameless and harmless" and CANNOT be "children of God without fault."

Three, Paul says, "...in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world..." (v 15). We need to be mindful that our attitudes and actions do not occur in a vacuum and do not go unnoticed. They have an overpowering effect on those around us. Not only can I have a negative influence on my spiritual family but I also hinder my ability to win others for Christ.

It is principal for us to remember that when we become Christians we die to our own selfish interests (Mark 8:34-35; Romans 6:11). Earlier in this same chapter Paul commands us "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4). Being a faithful child of God truly isn't about me it's about serving God and others. What's holding me back?

Church Calendar



Dooley Noted...

Preach as though you'll never preach again. A dying man, to dying men. – Tim





PRAYER LIST

John Bodie will have a picc line inserted on Tuesday and start chemo on Wednesday in Arkansas.

Linda Griggs is at home. She will begin radiation and chemo treatments.

Joe Reed's knee replacement surgery on Wednesday went well.

Randy Wall had shoulder surgery on Monday and doing well..

Roger Clayton had a biopsy Wednesday and is awaiting results.

Continued Prayers:

Roger Clayton, Shane Crofts (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (Shane's mother), **Arelus & Ernestine Dye, Tonya Dillard, Marissa Grigsby** (Shaler's mother), **Linda Griggs, Ronnie Griggs, Jr., Eleta Grimmitt, 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: Majejan Dillard, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Sue Stroud, Sue Marques, Bobbi Jean BoBo

Military List: Derek Bradley, Anderson Parks, Alex Kraus (grandson of Jerry & Eleta Grimmitt)

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Matthew 25:36

2nd Annual North Mississippi Lectureship Friends and Family Day

Our Annual "Lectureship" & "Friends and Family Day" is only a month away. Please mark your calendar for April 5th-7th and make plans to attend every service! Keynote Speaker will be Mike Johnson from Richmond, KY. Flyers and details are on the table in the foyer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 3rd.....Shelley Adams
April 4th.....Dex Crofts
April 6th.....Bonnie Owen
April 7th.....Shaler Grigsby

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 2nd.....Paul & Maria Ormon
April 7thJoe & Bonnie Owen
April 16th.....Tim & Colleen Dooley
April 17thAlvin & Kaye Parks
April 28th.....Larry & Linda Ashmore

TODAYS HAPPENINGS

- First Sunday fellowship meal following services.
- Elders, Deacons, Ministers meet @ 1:45
- Easter Egg Hunt for all kids following lunch.

LADS-TO-LEADERS

This weekend several of our young people will be competing in Little Rock, AR, at the Lads to Leaders Convention with other young people around the mid-south. They have been working really hard preparing in various areas such as song leading, scripture reading, speeches and other activities that will help them learn to be the future leaders of the church. Those competing this year are *Ellis Brown, Cade Carpenter, Molly Clayton, Owen Clayton, Mary Martin Crofts, Maggie Garrett, Preston Garrett, Ryleigh Garrett, Isabella McMillen, Reagan Sloan, and Tara Sparks.* We are so proud of these young people!

RESPONSE

We rejoice that Jackson Formsma made the decision Monday to put on Christ in baptism, assisted by his brother Parker Formsma. Please welcome and encourage Jackson in is Christian walk. We are so happy for Jackson and Parker.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **April 13th**— Men's Ministry meet @ 7:00 in the annex building (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)
- **April 16th** - Area Wide at Fulton.
- **April 16th** - Organizational meeting for Area Wide and Bible Bowls at East Main Tupelo @ 2:00 pm.
- **April 23rd** - Monthly Youth Devo at home of Janice Griffin.
- **May 5th-7th** - 2nd Annual North Mississippi Lectureship and Friends and Family Day.
- **June 4th-7th** - Vacation Bible School



FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

The Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:32-43

Tim Dooley

- I. What We Know About This Man
 - A. He Is Called A _____
 - B. He Was _____ (v 41)
 - C. He Was a _____ Man
 - D. He Was a _____ Man (Romans 6:23)
 - E. He Still Had a _____ (1 Timothy 4:2)
- II. His Awful Circumstances
 - A. _____ (Matthew 27:33)
 - B. _____ (Matthew 27:44)
 - C. _____ (John 19:31-32)
- III. What He Did That Day (Luke 23:40-42)
 - A. He _____ His Companion (v 40)
 - B. He _____ Acknowledged His Guilt
 - C. He Believed in the _____ and _____ of the Savior
 - D. He Courageously _____ Christ
- IV. His Request (23:42)
 - A. He Knew Two Things:
 - 1. He was a _____
 - 2. Beside him was the _____
 - B. His Request Caused _____ (Luke 15:7)
- V. The Promise He Received (v. 43)
 - A. The Lord did more than the thief asked or thought (Ephesians 3:20)
 - B. Not some day in the future but that very day
 - C. A Promised place in _____ (Luke 16:22-25; Acts 2:31)
- VI. The Thief and The Two Covenants
 - A. This Thief Lived and Died Under the _____ (Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 9:16)
 - B. Christ Had the Power to Save
 - C. The New Covenant makes _____ a condition of salvation (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 10:48)

NOTES:

SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

Receiving God's Word

I Thessalonians 2:13

Tim Dooley

- I. Why Is Receiving God's Word _____ (Psalm 119:105, 11)?
 - A. Spiritual and Physical _____ (Matthew 4:4).
 - B. Eternal _____ (John 8:32; 1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 1:22-23; James 1:21)
- II. What Does It Mean to Receive God's Word?
 - A. _____ (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Corinthians 2:9-13)
 - B. _____ (Leviticus 10:1-21; 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Acts 3:22-23)
 - C. _____ (Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:3; James 1:21; Romans 1:16-17)
- III. How Do We Benefit from Receiving God's Word?
 - A. _____ (Hebrews 4:12)
 - B. _____ (John 8:31-32)
 - C. _____ (Matthew 4:4)
 - D. _____ (Psalm 119:105)
 - E. _____ (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - F. _____ (James 1:21)

NOTES:

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

LEAD SINGING.....Mike Brown
SONG.....**908** Awesome God
ANNOUNCEMENTS Steve Todd
SONG**889** There’s Something about That Name
SONG.....**447** Near to the Heart of God
SCRIPTURE READING..... Owen Clayton
OPENING PRAYERDavid Clayton
SONG**825** I Love My Savior, Too
SERMONTim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....**50** Are You Washed in the Blood?
SONG**950** Lamb of God
LORD’S SUPPER Randy Wall, Phill Young,
 Thomas Wall, Ricky Adams
SONG**851** Blue Skies and Rainbows
CLOSING PRAYERAndy Brown

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Andy Brown
OPENING PRAYERGreg Clayton
SERMONTim Dooley
CLOSING PRAYER..... Kurt Clayton
USHER.....Brian Carpenter/Dane Coggin
LOCK.....Andy Brown
SECURITY.....Phillip Young
GREETERS.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton

BIBLE STUDY— WEDESDAY, APRIL 5TH—6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Hunter Jennings
OPENING PRAYER Mike Brown
DEVOTIONAL..... Tim Dooley
CLOSING PRAYER.....Olen Clark

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 03/26/2023

Sunday School.....158 (4)
 Sunday 1st Service.....152 (10)
 Sunday 2nd Service.....144 (8)
 Wednesday N/A (0)
 (Online)
 Contribution.....\$6,091.00
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

Sunday, April 09, 2023

Greeters.....Jason & Amy Jennings
 Announcements.....Steve Todd
 Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
 Lord Supper.....Randy Wall, Phil Young,
 Thomas Wall, Ricky Adams
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin
 Opening PrayerPhilip Young
 Closing Prayer.....Richard Adams
 UsherJason Jennings
 Lock.....Jason Jennings
 Security.....Joe Owen

Sunday Second Service

Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Bill Botts
 Closing Prayer.....Roger Clayton

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Singing.....Dillon Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Shane Crotts
 Devotional.....Shaler Grigsby
 Closing PrayerDan Cobb

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Greeters.....Mark & Alyce Jennings
 Announcements..... Steve Todd
 Singing.....Mark Jennings
 Lord Supper.....Randy Wall, Phil Young,
 Thomas Wall, Ricky Adams
 Scripture Reading.....Dean Dillard
 Opening PrayerAndy Clemmer
 Closing Prayer.....Dillon Clayton

UsherMark Jennings
 Lock.....Mark Jennings
 Security.....Richard Adams

Sunday Second Service

Singing.....Shaler Grigsby
 Opening Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby
 Closing Prayer.....Dane Coggin

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Singing.....Owen Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Mark Jennings
 Devotional.....Shane Crotts
 Closing Prayer Clay Jennings

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