



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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May 07, 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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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 the apostle Paul addresses a real problem that existed in the church of the first century. The problem was division among the brethren. As with the Corinthian letter he wanted the Christians 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 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 for individual glory and honor. The goal was unity, maturity, and steadfastness. The church was meant to be a group of individuals "called out" of this world to supply love, strength, and encouragement to all the others "called out" (vs. 11-16).

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

**One Body** – Not many different bodies? Yes. There is only one body that belongs to Christ and to which true Christians are added. Since the church and the body are one and the same thing (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23; Colossians 1:18) and since there are many different denominational bodies 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** – Do people place their hopes and dreams on many things Christians recognize as being hopeless? 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** – Do people serve many lords? Do people call on lords to save them? The world is filled with idolatry, service, and worship to lords that cannot save. Paul means here that there is one "true" Lord in whom we have hope (John 14:6). Christ even spoke of those who would call Him Lord but not obey Him (Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46).

**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." Muslims have a faith; so does the Buddhist, the Jew, the Hindu, the Spiritualist, the humanist, the Atheist, the Deist, the Pantheist and so on. So, what does Paul mean here? There is only one "true, saving" faith (Romans 1:5)!

**One Baptism** – Are there and have there been many baptisms? The Bible speaks of no less than seven. While there was a time when all these baptisms were valid and had a purpose 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 Christians at Ephesus 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 today? Because people are following or are a part of many different bodies, spirits, hopes, lords, faiths, baptisms, and gods. Let us take a moment for honest introspection and ask ourselves who are we serving, what do we believe, is it helping to unify the brethren, am I contributing to the edification of the saints? Am I on the right path to heaven? Think about it!



Church Calendar

## Dooley Noted...



Welcome to our friends and family that have joined us today. It's always great to have you all worshipping with us. The empty seats at the table always make us long to be together. – Tim



## PRAYER LIST

**Carol Hood** is at home on hospice care.

**John Bodie** came home Tuesday from Arkansas, awaiting results to determine further cancer treatment.

**Dan Cobb's** bypass surgery Monday was successful.

**Prebble Foster**, grandmother of Diana Foster & neighbor of the Carpenters, had cancerous tumor removed from her brain.

### Continued Prayers:

**Shane Crotts** (dialysis), **Grace Crotts** (Shane's mother), **Ronnie & Jennie Bell**, **Arelus & Ernestine Dye**, **Tonya Dillard**, **Marissa Grigsby** (Shaler's mother), **Linda Griggs**, **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*

## SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Benita Garner in the passing of her aunt, Eddie Mae Brownlee, May 2, 2023.

## BLOOD DRIVE

New Albany Church of Christ  
Friday, May 26, 2023  
3:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
In the Fellowship Hall

Your help is needed now to end a SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE  
There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for you to choose a time. If you have any questions, please see Kevin Simmons.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please remember to mark the dates June 4th-27th, for our Vacation Bible School. Your help is needed to make it a great VBS. Please check with Andy & Victoria Brown for how you can help!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 2nd.....Madison Grigsby  
May 3rd.....Anderson Parks  
May 4th.....Ruston Adams  
May 7th.....Randy Wall  
May 11.....Viva Dillard  
May 12.....Tim Dye  
May 19.....Bobby Marques  
May 22.....Lee Ann Gaillard  
May 22.....Colt Wilhite  
May 27.....Olen Clark

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 20th .....Bill & Karen Botts

## TODAY'S CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- We will have fellowship meal following services. All are welcome.
- We will honor our 2023 High School Seniors following today's meal. Jenna Carpenter, Masey Kate Adams, and Luke Jennings will have a table setup to display their awards and accomplishments.
- Our youth will go to Nettleton today for the Area Wide Youth Meeting.. Van will leave at 4:15.



## BRIDAL SHOWER



A Bridal Shower is planned for Grace Thompson, bride elect of Ruston Adams, May 21st from 2:00-3:30 pm at the fellowship building. Grace is registered at Amazon and Calico Mushroom.

## Summer Youth Activities

Beginning the first part of June our 6th grade and under will have weekly activities in which they can participate. "Terrific Tuesday" will meet every Tuesday for scheduled events. There is a schedule list on the table in the foyer for your convenience. If you have any questions, please see Andy & Victoria Brown.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS/ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **May 18th** - Men's Ministry meet @ 7:00 pm in annex building.
- **May 19th** - The Yahoo Group will to Ripley and eat at "Biscuits". The Van will leave at 4:30. Signup sheet in the foyer.
- **May 21st** - Monthly Youth Devo hosted by Greg & Kim Clayton (**NOTE:** date change from May 28th)
- **May 24th** - Team Todd #3 will meet @ 5:30 in the fellowship building. Please bring finger foods.
- **May 28th** - Fellowship meal (**we will not have fellowship meal 1st Sunday in June**)
- **May 31st** - Fifth Wednesday night singing.
- **June 4th-7th** - Vacation Bible School

**FIRST SERMON OUTLINE**

**“One God and Father of All”**

Mike Johnson (Richmond, KY)

**SECOND SERMON OUTLINE**

**This One Thing**

Philippians 3:12-14

Tim Dooley

**NOTES:**

- I. WE HAVE NOT \_\_\_\_\_
- A. \_\_\_\_\_
1. There's always room for \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Corinthians 10:12)
  2. There's always room for \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 3:18)
  3. We all \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:10)
  4. Christ should be our ultimate \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Peter 2:21)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
1. We get \_\_\_\_\_
  2. We get \_\_\_\_\_
  3. We get stuck in \_\_\_\_\_
  4. We get off the right \_\_\_\_\_
- II. WE MUST \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Toward What (v. 12; Acts 26:16-19; v. 14; Hebrews 12:1-2)
- B. How?
1. He forgets those things which are \_\_\_\_\_  
(Philippians 3:13; 1 Corinthians 10:6)
  2. He \_\_\_\_\_ to those things  
which are ahead (Luke 9:62; Matthew 6:19-20)

**NOTES:**



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

**LEAD SINGING**.....Andy Brown  
**SONG**.....(Power Point) Here I Am to Worship  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** ..... Kevin Simmons  
**SONG** .....(Power Point) Wonderful Merciful Savior  
**SCRIPTURE READING**.....Brian Carpenter  
**OPENING PRAYER** .....Paul Ormon  
**SONG** .....(Power Point) Ancient Words  
**SERMON** .....Keynote Speaker: Mike Johnson, Richmond, KY  
**INVITATION SONG**.....197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord  
**SONG** .....950 Lamb of God  
**LORD’S SUPPER** ..... Joe Owen, Greg Clayton,  
 Olen Clark, Kurt Clayton  
**SONG**.....638 The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me  
**OFFERING**..... Joe Owen  
**SONG** .....453 Not a Step without Jesus  
**CLOSING PRAYER** .....Alvin Parks

— DISMISS TO CLASS —

**WORSHIP—SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.**

**LEAD SINGING**.....Phillip Young  
**OPENING PRAYER** .....Mike Brown  
**SERMON** .....Tim Dooley  
**CLOSING PRAYER**..... Steve Todd  
**USHER**.....Matt Jennings/Dane Coggin  
**LOCK**.....Dane Coggin  
**SECURITY**.....Dane Coggin  
**GREETERS**.....Richard & Kathy Jennings

**BIBLE STUDY— WEDESDAY, May 10th—6:30 P.M.**

**SINGING**.....Hunter Jennings  
**OPENING PRAYER** ..... Mike Brown  
**DEVOTIONAL**.....Shaler Grigsby  
**CLOSING PRAYER**.....Andy Brown

**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 04/30/2023**

Sunday School.....137 (4)  
 Sunday 1st Service..... 151 (9)  
 Sunday 2nd Service..... 142 (2)  
 Wednesday .....107 (0)  
 (Online)  
 Contribution.....\$5,661.00  
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Greeters.....Greg & Kim Clayton  
 Announcements.....Kevin Simmons  
 Singing.....Mike Brown  
 Lord Supper.....Joe Owen, Greg Clayton,  
 Olen Clark, Kurt Clayton  
 Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer .....Mason Simmons  
 Closing Prayer.....Terry Stubblefield  
 Usher .....Matt Jennings/Andy Brown  
 Lock.....Jason Jennings  
 Security.....Jason Jennings

**Sunday Second Service**

Singing.....Andy Brown  
 Opening Prayer.....Phil Young  
 Closing Prayer.....David Clayton

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

Singing.....Dillon Clayton  
 Opening Prayer.....Roger Clayton  
 Devotional.....Phil Young  
 Closing Prayer .....Shane Crotts

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Greeters.....Steve & Lana Todd  
 Announcements.....Kevin Simmons  
 Singing.....Mark Jennings  
 Lord Supper.....Joe Owen, Greg Clayton,  
 Olen Clark, Kurt Clayton  
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin  
 Opening Prayer .....Randy Wall  
 Closing Prayer.....Thomas Wall  
 Usher .....Matt Jennings/Kevin Simmons  
 Lock.....Mark Jennings  
 Security.....Mark Jennings

**Sunday Second Service**

Singing.....Mike Brown  
 Opening Prayer.....Bill Botts  
 Closing Prayer.....Dane Coggin

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

Singing.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer.....Andy Clemmer  
 Devotional.....Andy Clemmer  
 Closing Prayer .....Michael Dillard

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