



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

www.nacoc.us

August 13, 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
 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

Hold Fast

Tim Dooley

One of the saddest occurrences in this life is to witness the falling away of a Christian. Sadder yet is the death of a Christian who has failed to walk worthy of his calling and stepped into eternity separated from the gift of God's love he once held to be precious. Peter wrote *"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire"* (2 Peter 2:20-22).

This is why I have taught that the most important word in all of Scripture is the word "faithful." It is my deepest desire to hear the Father of our souls say to each of us *"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord"* (Matthew 25:21, 23). Seven times in the King James Version the phrase "hold fast" is used (1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 3:6, 4:14, 10:23; Revelation 2:25, Revelation 3:3). This teaches us at least two things: 1) The Calvinistic doctrine of "once saved, always saved" is erroneous, and, 2) If we hope to spend eternity with God we must be faithful!

So, I want to share just a few thoughts about the idea of "holding fast" to our salvation:

- 1. Remember Why You Became a Christian!** You obeyed the gospel in order to be cleansed from your sins, not to continue in them (Romans 6:1-9). You were baptized to be delivered *"from this present evil world"* (Galatians 1:4) so we should keep ourselves *"unspotted"* from it (James 1:27). You came to the cross to obtain salvation (2 Timothy 2:10). *Hold Fast!*
- 2. Remember What Lies Ahead!** Jesus gave us a glimpse into the Day of Judgment and stated unequivocally that there would be only two options: One for the disobedient and one for the righteous (Matthew 25:46). Hell is too horrible of a place for anyone to ever have to go and was not a place intended for the souls of men, but for Satan and his angels (Matthew 25:41). *Hold Fast!*
- 3. Remember We Have Not Yet Attained!** While the blood of Christ has saved us through our obedience to the gospel we have not yet been perfected (Philippians 3:12), and will not be until the Lord comes. So, Paul said, "I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me." So we run with certainty *"that ye may obtain"* the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24). So we must be faithful; we must... *Hold Fast!*

Have you obeyed? Do you have the hope of what lies ahead? Have you held fast?



Church Calendar



Dooley Noted...



"Our eternal destination is predetermined by the road we choose to travel." – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Gerald Jones, stepfather of Kathy Dye, is in Memphis Hospital with a broken back & two brain bleeds, due to a fall.
Leslie Reed, cousin of Christy Wall, has been moved to a stepdown and is slowly improving following auto accident on July 13th.
Marty Stillman, father of Ja Lyn Ormon, remains in critical condition in ICU in Jackson, MS, fighting infection & long recovery.
Lisa Newell, aunt of Jackson & Parker Formsmma, is at MD Anderson, Houston, TX., receiving cancer treatments.
Phil & Paige Young are recovering from Covid.

Continued Prayers:

John Bodie (cancer), **Rex & Jennie Bell**, **Shane Crofts** (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (Shane's mother), **Ralph Clayton**, **Arelus Dye**, **Tonya Dillard**, **Prebble Foster**, **Alfred Jones** (brother of Perry Jones), **Gloria Jones**, **Amanda Martin** autoimmune disease (daughter of Tim & Kathy Dye), **Betty McNeely** (sister of Richard Jennings), **Corey Politte**, **April Pounders**, **Olivia Pounders**, **Randy Reeder** (cancer) son of Grace Lyons, **Novene Robertson**, **Sue Davis & Sharon Clemmer Families**.

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

Nursing Home:

Majejan Dillard (mother of Dean Dillard), **Lucille Gibson**, **Sue Marques**, **Sue Stroud**, **Bobbi Jean BoBo** (Hwy 178), **Joy Rowland** (sister of Eleta Grimmett)

Military List:

Anderson Parks, Alex Kraus (grandson of Jerry & Eleta Grimmett)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 13th Ronnie Griggs
 August 15th.....Jessica Garrett
 August 19th.....Kim Clayton
 August 19th.....Kyleigh Sweezer
 August 29th.....Phillip Young
 August 29th.....Georgia Shocklee
 August 29th.....Haley Wilson
 August 30thRichard Adams
 August 30thAlyce Jennings
 August 30th.....Troy Robertson
 August 31st.....Cade Carpenter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 18th.....Shane & Barbara Crofts
 August 21st.....Roger & Kathy Clayton

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- There will be a come-and-go baby shower today for *Haley & Austin Wilson*, at the fellowship building from 1:30-3:00.
- The **Area Wide Youth** Meeting is at Zion's Rest in Marietta. The church van will leave at 4:00.

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 20th**, Care Team #3 (Team Todd) will meet for Pot Luck immediately following services
- **NOTE Date Change:** The date for the Thursday night Men's Ministry meeting has been changed from August 17th to August 24th.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Dale & Ashleigh Kelly in the loss of Dale's father, Steve Kelly who passed away August 7, 2023. Services were held Friday at East Main Church of Christ in Tupelo.

LADIES

There is a signup sheet in the foyer for any of the ladies that are interested in a Wednesday night Ladies Class beginning September of the upcoming fall quarter.

TEACHERS FALL QUARTER

Please be mindful that teachers are needed for the upcoming fall quarter (Sept.-Nov.) There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer. Please see Jason Jennings.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the fresh meat that you brought to us August 3, 2023. These items help our houseparents out so much, when it comes to fixing meals and keeping our food cost down.

We are proud you support our children in this special way.

May God bless you in all your kind deeds.

*Sincerely yours,
 Jon O'Keefe
 Executive Director*

Pine Vale Children's Home

Please Remember Encouragement Cards in the Pew in Front of You

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- "Men's Coffee" each Thursday morning @ 7:00 a.m. at Two Sisters Diner.
- **Ladies Bible Class** each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the annex building .
- **August 23rd, Yahoo Group** will tour the Toyota plant @ 9:00am, with Mike Brown as tour guide.
- **August 24th**, Men's Ministry will meet at 7:00 pm in the annex building **NOTE:** Date change from the 17th to 24th.
- **August 27th** , Monthly Youth Devo hosted by Brian & Shelby Carpenter.
- **August 27th** , **Care Team #2** (Dillon & Emily Clayton) Singing at New Albany Health & Rehab @ 2:00 p.m.
- **August 30th** , 5th Wednesday Night Singing.
- **September 3rd**, FHU Guest Speaker: Coby Lawrence at 11:00 am service
- **September 3rd** - 1st Sunday Fellowship Meal

FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

Action and Reaction

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Tim Dooley

- I. _____ by God (v. 13)
 - A. From the _____ (Ephesians 3:9)
 - B. Sanctified by the _____ (1 Corinthians 6:11)
 - C. Faith in the _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:10)
- II. _____ by the Gospel (v. 14)
 - A. The _____ (Matthew 11:28-30)
 - B. The _____ (2 Thessalonians 1:10)
- III. _____ in the Gospel (vs. 15-17)
 - A. _____ Fast (1 Corinthians 16:13)
 - B. _____ On (Romans 12:9)
 - C. Be _____ (Ephesians 6:22; Colossians 4:8)
 - D. Be _____ (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Notes:

SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

Christians in the Communities of Social Media

1 Colossians 3:23-24

Tim Dooley

- I. _____ (Ephesians 5:16; Psalm 90:12; 1 Corinthians 10:23; 6:12)
- II. _____ (1 Corinthians 15:33)
- III. _____ (Psalm 101:3; Proverbs 7:5-27)
- IV. _____ (Proverbs 15:2; 21:23; 29:11; Ephesians 4:29; Mark 9:42; Romans 14:13)
- V. _____ (Matthew 24:4; Mark 13:5; 1 John 4:1; John 8:32; Philippians 4:8)
- VI. _____ (Acts 4:9; Galatians 1:10)

Notes:

.

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

LEAD SINGING.....Philip Young
 SONG722 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Dane Coggin
 OPENING PRAYERDavid Clayton
 SONG595 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
 SERMONTim Dooley
 INVITATION SONG.....767 Who at the Door is Standing?
 SONG752 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
 LORD’S SUPPERBill Botts, Shane Crotts, Matt Jennings, Paul Ormon
 SONG.....118 Count Your Blessings
 OFFERING.....Bill Botts
 SONG983 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
 CLOSING PRAYERDillon Clayton

DISMISS TO BIBLE CLASS 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP-SECOND SERVICE-11:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Tim Dye
 LEAD SINGING.....Richard Jennings
 OPENING PRAYERAndy Clemmer
 SERMONTim Dooley
 CLOSING PRAYERBill Frohn
 USHER.....Brian Carpenter/Kevin Simmons
 LOCK.....Dan Cobb
 SECURITY.....Mark Jennings
 GREETERS.....Paige & Phil Young

BIBLE STUDY— WEDESDAY, August 16th - 6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Conner Miller
 OPENING PRAYERTroy Robertson
 DEVOTIONAL.....Tim Dooley
 PRAYER.....Mark Jennings

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Greeters.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons
 Announcements.....Tim Dye
 Singing.....Andy Brown
 Lord Super.....Bill Botts, Shane Crotts,
 Matt Jennings, Paul Ormon
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin
 Opening PrayerGreg Clayton
 Closing Prayer.....Kurt Clayton
 UsherBrian Carpenter/Randy Wall
 LockMatt Jennings
 Security.....Matt Jennings

Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.

Singing.....Phillip Young
 Opening Prayer.....Jason Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Griggs

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Singing.....Thomas Wall
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Dooley
 Devotional.....Joe Owen
 Closing PrayerRichard Jennings

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Greeters.....Randy & Christy Wall
 Announcements.....Tim Dye
 Singing.....Mike Brown
 Lord Super.....Bill Botts, Shane Crotts,
 Matt Jennings, Paul Ormon
 Scripture Reading.....Clayton Hill
 Opening PrayerMichael Dillard
 Closing Prayer.....Martin Crotts
 UsherBrian Carpenter/Andy Brown
 LockSteve Todd
 Security.....Randy Wall

Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.

Singing.....Andy Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Perry Jones
 Closing Prayer.....Hunter Jennings

Wednesday, August 30th 2023

Singing.....**5th Wednesday Night**
 Opening Prayer.....Clay Jennings
 Devotional.....Mark Jennings
 Closing PrayerJoe Owen

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 08/06/2023

Sunday School.....131 (1)
 Sunday 1st Service.....136 (5)
 Sunday 2nd Service.....141 (5)
 Wednesday111 (6)
 *(Online)
 Contribution.....\$5,036.00
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

NEW ALBANY CHURCH OF CHRIST

P. O. Box 148 / 511 Highway 15 South

New Albany, MS 38652

(662) 534-4649

www.nacoc.us

office@nacoc.us