



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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## 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

## Christian Giving

Tim Dooley

One of the great banes of preaching is to have to address topics that society, and many in the pew, have no desire to hear. The sad truth is, that many preachers and elderships have acquiesced to the worldly mindset in order to keep the numbers up and the contributions coming in. A recent survey of preachers noted the size of the congregation, amount of contributions, and size of ministerial staff as the leading indicators of success in ministry. To that end, many have either stopped preaching on or changed their views on, certain issues. Why? Because people don't want to hear it! They don't want you meddling in their "personal lives." But preaching and teaching the truth is going to "meddle" because God demands "personal" changes in our lives in order to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). With that in mind allow me to go to a little "meddling."

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Paul writes, "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*" Simply stated, easily understood, and filled with the power of inspiration. So why is it so many Christians fail to live up to this biblical text? I heard a missionary once say, "The money is out there in the brotherhood, we just have to get it out of their pockets." Sad indeed that so many good works are hindered because of greed, worldliness, and biblical unfaithfulness. Consider with me the following points:

**We Are Stewards, Not Owners.** In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells a story of a man who delivers his own wealth to his servants, when he returned those servants were called to give an account of their stewardship. Everything we have is thanks to the blessings of God. 1 Timothy 6:7 tells us, "For we brought nothing into *this* world, and *it is* certain we can carry nothing out." Someone says, "Well, I worked hard for everything I have, God hasn't given me anything." People all over the world work just as hard as you do and don't have the blessings you have. Conversely, there are people all over the world who do not lift so much as a finger compared to you who have much more. God gave you a brain, a strong back, and opportunities. What you have you have because of Him! Consider also that Matthew 25 places our eternal destiny squarely on this issue! Martin Luther once said, "I have tried to keep things in my hands and lost them all, but what I have given into God's hands I still possess."

**We Are Commanded, Not Encouraged.** Many who want to dilute the word of God in order to make it more "palatable," or "appealing," want to hear God use words like encourage, suggest, or recommend. The problem with this is God requires certain things of us in order for us to reap eternal benefits. Passages like Matthew 25, Hebrews 13:16, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 all make certain demands. "But I live in the land of the free," shouts the American. Yes, you do and God allows all men the freedom to choose to do good or not. To those who choose to not do good, sin (James 4:17).

**We Are To Be Christ-Like, Not World-Like.** Christians are supposed to be different than the rest of the world, not conformed to it (Romans 12:1-2). We are to let our light shine before men (Matthew 5:16). God predestined His children to be changed into the image of the Son (Romans 8:9). But being like the world will cause Christians-in-name-only to be lost for eternity. "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17). What example did Jesus leave us in regard to this issue (1 Peter 2:21)? "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

So how is your giving to the Lord and His work? Is there more you can do? Do you need to spend some time reflecting on how God has blessed you and how you are using those blessings? Do you need to take a long hard look at your life and your budget? Do you have a budget? Someone once said, "If you give what you do not need, it isn't giving." And remember God said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).



Church Calendar



## PRAYER LIST

**Jerry Grimmatt** is still at home taking treatments for his legs, but he is much improved.

**Arelus Dye** to have a biopsy on the mass that was found.

**Georgia Shocklee** is still extremely weak following chemo.

**Yolanda Stubblefield** is at home recovering from pancreatitis.

**Dixie White** is experiencing heart problems and awaiting results of test that were run on Friday, November 3rd.

**Phillip Young** has a mass on his neck and was to see ENT this past Thursday.

**Cancer Patients:** **John Bodie**; Georgia Shocklee (lymphoma);

**Ralph Clayton** (father of Greg & Kurt); **Lisa Newell** (aunt of Jackson & Parker Formsmas); **Sherry Parker** (sister of Steve Todd);

**Randy Reeder** (son of Grace Lyon); **William Wilson** (brother of Gloria Jones); **Bobby Owen** (neighbor of Betty Young)

**Continued Prayers for family and friends:**

**Shane Crofts** (dialysis), **Grace Crofts** (Shane's mother),

**Arelus Dye, Tonya Dillard, Prebble Foster, Alfred Jones**

(brother of Perry Jones), **Gloria Jones, Gerald Jones** (stepfather of Kathy Dye) **Amanda Dye Martin** autoimmune disease (daughter of Tim & Kathy Dye); **Betty McNeely** (sister of Richard Jennings),

**Corey Politte, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Leslie Reed**

(cousin of Christy Wall), **Novene Robertson, Marty Stillman**

guillain barre' (father of Ja Lyn Ormon); **Jackie Sweat** heart patient

(aunt of Alyce Jennings), **Brad Sloan (MS), Donald Wilson**

(diabetes), **Clemmer/Davis families;**

**Shut-Ins:** Kathy Dye, Ernestine Dye, J.L. Eaton, Joe Reed, Rex & Jennie Bell

**Nursing Home:** **Majeau Dillard** (mother of Dean Dillard),

**Lucille Gibson, Sue Marques, Sue Stroud, Bobbi Jean BoBo**

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

## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Benita Garner in the death of her uncle, Lonnie F. Brownlee, 83 years of age. Mr. Brownlee passed away Monday, October 30, 2023 in Bartlett, TN. Funeral services are being provided on November 10th by Memphis Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens, Memphis, TN.

## SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Christy Wall and her extended family in the death of her cousin, Linley Howell, 22 years old, on October 28, 2023 in Florence, AL.

## 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 .
- November 5th - Elders, Deacons and Minister meet following fellowship meal.
- November 16th - Men's Ministry meet at 7:00 p.m. in the annex building.
- November 29th - 5th Wednesday Night Singing.
- December 1st. - Men's Annual Breakfast Meeting in the fellowship building



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 3rd.....Paul Ormon

November 6th.....Janice Griffin

November 8th.....Madison Clint Stroupe

November 13th.....Joe Reed

November 16th....Jackson Coggin

November 16th....Linda Clark

November 21st....Grant Wilson

November 22nd...Ellis Brwon

November 23rd...Betty Young

November 24th....Halei Leahey

November 28th.....Jerry Grimmatt

November 29th.....Amy Martin

November 30th.....Sissy Bullock

## TEACHERS NEEDED



There is a signup sheet in the foyer for those interested in teaching bible classes for the upcoming winter quarter and the 2024 calendar year (see Jason Jennings please).

## YOUTH EVENTS

- **Area Wide Youth Meet** at Skyline Church of Christ in Tupelo on November 12th @ 5:00 p.m. for a study of "Faith and Salvation."
- **Jr. Bible Bowl & Breakfast** will meet November 18th at East Main Church in Tupelo @ 9:00 a.m. for a study of Acts 8-14.

## FAVORITE RECIPES

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class need your help please. We are preparing a recipe book of each families best or favorite recipe. If you would like to contribute, please see Lea Anne Gaillard (662) 668-0282. Thank you.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your Directory, the following members have recently moved or are moving:

**Clay & JaLyn Ormon**

1010 CR 380

New Albany, MS 38652

**Dan & Jordan Owen**

85 Wise Bend Rd.

Pontotoc, MS 38863

## SIGNUP SHEETS FOR 2024

Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for signup sheets for 2024 calendar year. If you are interested in preparing the Lord's Supper or hosting a Monthly Youth devo in your home on the 4th Sunday of the month, please signup.

**Please Remember  
Encouragement Cards  
in the Pew in Front of  
You**

**FIRST SERMON OUTLINE**

**Jesus and Prayer**

Luke 22:39-45

Tim Dooley

- I. Christ Prayed with \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:10)
  - A. Is submission a sign of \_\_\_\_\_?
  - B. Parable of Pharisee and Publican (Luke 18:9-14).
  - C. Most evident in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:39-42).
- II. Christ Prayed with \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 26:42; John 11:41-42; Matthew 21:22)
- III. Christ Prayed with \_\_\_\_\_ (John 11:41; Matthew 15:36)
- IV. Christ Prayed with \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 6:12; Luke 22:44)
  - A. Are they \_\_\_\_\_?
  - B. Are they \_\_\_\_\_?
  - C. Are they \_\_\_\_\_?

**NOTES:**

**SECOND SERMON OUTLINE**

**Nothing but the Blood Can....**

I Peter 1:18-23

Tim Dooley

Nothing but the Blood Can . . .

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ A Savior (v. 20).
  - A. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 3:8; John 1:1, 14; Philippians 2:5-8)
  - B. Jesus Fulfilled all \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 53:3; Matthew 8:20)
  - C. Taught A Better Way to Live (Matt 5:27-48; 1 Peter 2:22; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 2:15)
  - D. Perfectly Modeled \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:9)
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ the Sinner (vs. 18-19).
  - A. Redeemed and \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Sinners need redemption (Romans 3:23; 3:10; 6:16-17; Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 9:17)
  - C. There's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Blood (Romans 6:14; Revelation 5:9; Romans 5:1, 9; 1 John 1:7)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ from Sin (v. 22).
  - A. Sin always demanded \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 3:21; 4:2-4; 8:20-21; Leviticus 4:4-5; 17:11)
  - B. The blood of Christ was the only sufficient blood (Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:4-14)
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation (v. 24-25).
  - A. That blood will never lose its \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 7:25)
  - B. Its power is \_\_\_\_\_ available (Revelation 22:17; Romans 10:13; 6:3-6)
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ the Saints (v. 23).
  - A. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ work!
  - B. The blood of Christ continues to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:7).

**NOTES:**

**Dooley Noted...**



Thanks to the Young's and Mark Jennings for the great Trunk-or-Treat last Sunday evening. What an encouraging turnout! To see so many coming together to fellowship and have fun was amazing and uplifting. And I'm personally awarding Miss Betty Young winner of the costume contest. I love this church family. - Tim

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

LEAD SINGING.....Mike Brown  
 SONG .....738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings  
 SONG.....542 Purer in Heart, O God  
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Brian Carpenter  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Richard Jennings  
 SONG .....819 I Shall Not Be Moved  
 SERMON.....Tim Dooley  
 INVITATION SONG.....337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?  
 LORD’S SUPPER.....Joe Owen, Andy Brown, Kurt Clayton;  
 Kevin Simmons, Dillon Clayton, Dane Coggin  
 SONG.....950 Lamb of God  
 OFFERING.....Joe Owen/Kevin Simmons  
 SONG .....637 The Last Mile of the Way  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Perry Jones

**DISMISS TO BIBLE CLASS 10:00 A.M.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Steve Hill  
 LEAD SINGING.....Andy Brown  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Clint Stroupe  
 SERMON.....Tim Dooley  
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Olen Clark  
 USHER.....Matt Jennings/Mark Jennings  
 LOCK.....Mark Jennings  
 SECURITY.....Joe Owen  
 GREETERS.....Kevin & Stephanie Simmons

**BIBLE STUDY— WEDESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th - 6:30 P.M.**

SINGING.....Dillon Clayton  
 OPENING PRAYER.....Richard Adams  
 DEVOTIONAL.....Andy Clemmer  
 CLOSING PRAYR.....Shane Crotts

**Sunday, November 12th, 2023**

Greeters.....Randy & Christy Wall  
 Announcements.....Steve Hill  
 Singing.....Mark Jennings  
 Lord’s Supper.....Joe Owen, Andy Brown,  
 Kurt Clayton; Kevin Simmons,  
 Dillon Clayton, Dane Coggin  
 Scripture Reading.....Owen Clayton  
 Opening Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
 Closing Prayer.....Conner Miller  
 Usher.....Matt Jennings/Jason Jennings  
 Lock.....Jason Jennings  
 Security.....Richard Adams  
 Prepare Communion.....J Griffin

**Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.**

Singing.....Mike Brown  
 Opening Prayer.....Terry Stubblefield  
 Closing Prayer.....David Clayton

**Wednesday, November 15th, 2023**

Singing.....Clay Jennings  
 Opening Prayer.....Bill Botts  
 Devotional.....Richard Jennings  
 Closing Prayer.....Michael Dillard

**Sunday, November 19th, 2023**

Greeters.....Kurt & Shelly Clayton  
 Announcements.....Steve Hill  
 Singing.....Richard Jennings  
 Lord’s Supper.....Joe Owen, Andy Brown,  
 Kurt Clayton; Kevin Simmons,  
 Dillon Clayton, Dane Coggin  
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin  
 Opening Prayer.....Steve Todd  
 Closing Prayer.....Thomas Wall  
 Usher.....Matt Jennings/Randy Wall  
 Lock.....Randy Wall  
 Security.....Brian Carpenter

**Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.**

Singing.....Mark Jennings  
 Opening Prayer.....Phil Youngs  
 Closing Prayer.....Dan Cobb

**Wednesday, November 22nd 2023**

Singing.....Thomas Wall  
 Opening Prayer.....Greg Clayton  
 Devotional.....**THANKSGIVING**  
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Dooley

**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. Live Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

**OUR RECORD**

**Week of 10/29/2023**

Sunday School.....84 (0)  
 Sunday 1st Service.....156 (0)  
 Sunday 2nd Service.....154 (0)  
 Wednesday.....84 (0)  
 \*(Online)  
 Contribution.....\$6,159.00  
 Budget.....\$5,124.00

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