



# 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

## Weaknesses

Sam Willcut

Do you know your weaknesses?

Life is tough. Temptations are difficult. Satan, the great tempter, knows our weaknesses, for he knows that "... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Yet, just as he knew that Jesus had fasted for forty days and nights and immediately hit Him with his first temptation to attack Him there, he knows our greatest weaknesses and hits us there. We do not like to think about our weaknesses—we accentuate our strengths and diminish our weaknesses. In a certain sense, this is not bad; it is only human of us to do so. However, the difference is whether we are diminishing our weaknesses publicly while striving to deal with them, overcome and solve them, or simply hiding them while privately reveling in them. Consider how the Bible describes our weaknesses. What is your forbidden fruit? The weakness for Eve was that fruit: "*And when [Eve] saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat...*" (Gen. 3:6). For her, it became a tremendous temptation.

What is your forbidden fruit? Is it cigarettes? Is it alcohol? Is it money? Is it cars? What is your forbidden fruit? Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? When Lot and Abraham separated, Lot saw the well-watered plains of the Jordan River Valley and moved his family "*in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom*" (Gen. 13:12). Yet, the very next verse states, "*But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly*" (Gen. 13:13). Later, God told Abraham of what he would do to the cities of Sodom. Knowing that his nephew lived there, he pleaded with God to spare them if he could find ten righteous souls. Yet, it was to no avail. As Genesis 19 describes, Lot and his family fled from their home before God destroyed those wicked cities with fire and brimstone. By inspiration, Peter commented,

For if God...spared not the old world... and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly, and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. (2 Pet. 2:4-9)

Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? Is it the casinos? Is the bar to meet singles? Is it your girlfriend's bedroom or the back of your car in a dimly lit area? Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah?

Who is your Goliath? We all remember him—in First Samuel 17, he was the champion of the Philistines who harassed the Israelites every morning and every night. He would not give up—he did so for forty days (1 Sam. 17:16). He was relentless. He was merciless. He struck fear in them all, including the mighty king, Saul—the one who stood head and shoulders above all other Israelites (1 Sam. 9:2). Among the enemies of God, there was no one more ruthless. He was a thorn in their side until a young boy named David came with complete faith and trust in God and killed him. Who is your Goliath? Is it your spouse who abuses you mentally and berates you emotionally? Is it your coworker who laughs at you because you are a Christian and ignores your feelings with crude language? Who is your Goliath?

Therefore, you may need to avoid some things (forbidden fruit). You may need to avoid some places (Sodom and Gomorrah). You may need to avoid some people (Goliath). The prayer that should be on our lips is the one Jesus taught us: "*And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil*" (Matt. 6:13).



Church Calendar



## PRAYER LIST

**Robert Frohn**, Bill's brother, is in ICU at LSU Medical in New Orleans, due to a fall where he sustained facial injuries.

**Connie Alberson**, mother of Brenna Politte, is recovering from surgery in preparation for dialysis.

**Molly Clayton** is dealing with health issues and is scheduled for testing over the next few weeks to determine if surgery is needed.

**Tonya Dillard**, has pneumonia and a bacterial infection.

**Arelus Dye** will begin laser radiation treatments for 5 consecutive days beginning January 22nd in Memphis

**Eleta Grimmitt** is struggling with health issues.

**Jodi Parks** had knee surgery this past Thursday.

### Cancer Patients:

**John Bodie; Jo Ellen Carruth** (sister of Bill Frohn), **Lena Conner** (sister of Sue Marques), **Arelus Dye, Sandra Davis** (daughter of Betty Boren); **Georgia Shocklee** (recurring lymphoma); **Ralph Clayton** (father of Greg & Kurt); **Sherry Parker** (sister of Steve Todd); **Elizabeth Phagan** (sister of Bobby Marques), **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), **Tonya Dillard, Prebble Foster, Alfred Jones** (brother of Perry Jones), **Gloria Jones, 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), **Marty Stillman** guillain barre' (father of Ja Lyn Ormon); **Jackie Sweat** heart patient (aunt of Alyce Jennings), **Brad Sloan (MS), Donald Wilson** (diabetes), **Dixie White, Clemmer/Davis families;**

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

**Nursing Home:** Majeane Dillard (mother of Dean Dillard), Lucille Gibson, **Sue Marques, Sue Stroud**, Bobbi Jean BoBo, Helen Stubblefield (mother of Terry Stubblefield)

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

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of George "Tom" Petty who passed on January 2, 2024. He was the grandfather of Amy English, and great grandfather of Haley Wilson and Preston Jones.

## RESPONSE

Preston Jones responded to the invitation this past Sunday, asking for forgiveness, strength and prayer to live a godly life. Please pray for Preston, and for us to be an encouragement to him.

## MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDAR

- "Men's Coffee" each Thursday @ 7:00 a.m. at Two Sisters
- Ladies Bible Class each Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. in annex building
- February 18th – Area Wide @ Antioch
- February 23rd-25th — CYC
- March 29th-31st - L2L



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 7th.....Kathy Dye

January 11th.....Alvin Parks

January 11th ....Georgia Claire Stroupe

January 12th.....Corey Politte

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 11th.....Greg & Kim Clayton

January 12th.....Olen & Linda Clark

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- **First-Sunday** fellowship meal following services. All are welcome, please join us.
- **Elders/Deacons/Minister** will meet 1:00 today.
- **Girls Lads-2-Leaders** will meet with Madison Griggs this afternoon a 1:15 to begin practice for upcoming L2L conference that will be held in March.

## JANUARY



- **January 14th**, Area Wide at East Main in Tupelo.
- **January 20th, Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.** Jr. Bible Bowl at Antioch. Questions on the table in the foyer.
- **January 28th**, Monthly Youth Devo at the home of Bill & Nancy Frohn. Boys bring drinks and girls bring chips, please.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Tuesday morning bible study, led by Janice Brown, will resume this Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. We will study Philippians chapter 3. Everyone is welcomed.

## TEACHER, TEACHER

Teacher, Teacher, I hear the little ones say;  
That's all right, they'll learn my name some day.  
I think the Lord must have been pleased  
As the little ones sat upon His knees  
And He too heard this sweet refrain,  
Teacher, Teacher, instead of His name.

Suffer the little ones, I hear Him say;  
Oh, what a blessing to show them the way.  
The way of God's goodness and wonderful plan.  
Is shown to them as we hold their hand  
And lead them ever so carefully  
It's so important for them to see  
That our Lord and Savior lives in me.

I count it a privilege to teach children so small, To lead them gently to the One who is our All,  
To mold their lives in such a way  
That one day we may hear Him say,  
Well done, You've taught them well So both of you may with me Eternally dwell.

Thelma Sherrill

Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers.

**YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:00, 11:00 & Wed. @ 6:30**

**FIRST SERMON OUTLINE**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Ray Kennedy**

**SECOND SERMON OUTLINE**

**GUEST SPEAKER: J. T. Harrison**

Heritage University

Florence, Alabama

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

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

We are in need of host for the 2024 Monthly **Youth Devo** in your homes. Also, for those willing to prepare the **Lords Supper** monthly. Please see the signup sheets in the foyer. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

**Dooley Noted...**

Are you closer to God today than you were last year at this time? Are you closer to your brethren today than yesterday? Are you closer to bringing someone to Christ? Let's fill this house! - Tim



