



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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APRIL 21, 2024

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

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

How Far or How Near?

Tim Dooley

One of the many great lessons of Christian living we learn from the life of the apostle Peter in the New Testament is found in Mark fourteen. We know that whenever Peter was near Jesus he was strong, brave, and faithful. Jesus prophesied that all His disciples would be offended and scattered. Yet Peter swore to not ever be offended even if all others were (Mark 14:29). His fervent insistence that even if he had to die he would never deny influenced the others to say likewise (Mark 14:31). In the Garden of Gethsemane, standing next to the Lord, he was ready to fight and give his life (Mark 14:47). But in one of the saddest passages in all of Scripture, we read that after Jesus was led away Peter "followed afar off" (Mark 14:54). And because of the distance he put between himself and the Lord he denied Jesus three times, just as Jesus had said.

The question we need to consistently have in the forefront of our minds is, "How closely are we walking with Jesus?" Or, "How far off have we followed?" The Hebrew writer said, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22). "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded" (James 4:8).

You see the closer we walk with Him the stronger we will be, the more bravely we will live, more faithfully will we serve. The further away, the weaker, more scared, and disobedient. The further away from Him we are the harder it is to see Him for who He really is. To know His love, patience, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and peace. The closer, however, the more we will grow to be like Him. Walk closely my friends and be faithful.



Church Calendar

Dooley Noted...



Absence, they say, makes the heart grow fonder. But it's been my experience that absence makes the heart grow forgetful. The further I am removed from youthful experiences the harder they are to remember. The longer I am separated from old acquaintances the more difficult it is to recall their names and faces. We need to be careful not to find ourselves detached from Christ. We can't grow to be like Him if we don't walk with Him. "Just a closer walk with thee..." - Tim



PRAYER LIST

Barbara Crotts is at home with the flu.
Johnny Simmons, brother of Kevin Simmons, is in Corinth ICU condition undetermined.

Donald Wilson, brother of Gloria Jones, had a leg amputation.

Continued Prayers: John Bodie, Molly Clayton, Shane Crotts, Tonya Dillard, Arelus Dye, Corey Politte, Georgia Shocklee, Clemmer and Davis Family,

Continued Prayers for family and friends:

Heather Adams, Stephanie Simmons's sister; **Mike Carnery** (Colleen Dooley's brother); **Jo Ellen Carruth** (Bill Frohn's sister); **Lena Conner** (Sue Marques' sister); **Grace Crotts** (Shane Crotts' mother); **Donna Daniel** (mother of Clint Stroupe); **Amanda Dye Martin** (Tim & Kathy Dye's daughter); **Betty McNeely** (Richard Jennings' sister); **Elizabeth Phagan** (Bobby Marques' sister); **Leslie Reed** (Christy Wall's cousin); **Jackie Sweat** (Alyce Jennings' aunt); **Jody Thompson** (sister of Andy Clemmer); **Donald and William Wilson** (Gloria Jones' brothers); **Bobby Owen**

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

Nursing Home: Lucille Gibson, Sue Marques, Sue Stroud, Helen Stubblefield (mother of Terry Stubblefield), Sue Renfrow (mother of Terry Renfrow)

Military List: Derek Bradley, Zakaria Bradley, Anderson Parks



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 23rd.....Kirsten Sloan
April 25th.....Jeffery "Bo" Coleman
April 26th.....Austin Garrett
April 29th.....Randy English
April 29th.....Lana Todd
April 20th.....Parker Formsmma

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 20th.....Bill & Nancy Frohn
April 28th.....Larry & Linda Ashmore

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Everyone is invited for Singing and Devotional @ 2:00 for the residents of New Albany Health & Rahab on Glenfield Road. (care team #1 Dooley will coordinate services). Please take the opportunity to attend.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower will be held for *Kalan Meredith*, bride elect of *Hunter Jennings*, Sunday **April 28th** from 2:00-3:30 at the fellowship building. Kalan is registered at Southern Traditions, Amazon and Walmart. The date set for the wedding is June 8th.

CARE TEAM #2

Care Team #2, Phil & Paige Young, will meet this **Wednesday April 24th** in the fellowship building at 5:30 for a Planning Session. Please bring finger foods. Thank you.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT

The monthly Youth Devo will be **April 28th** at the home of Roger & Kathy Clayton. Girls bring chips and boys bring drinks.

AREA REVIVALS

- The **Ripley Church of Christ** is hosting 1st annual Revive Conference on **April 27-28**. with Speakers: Donnie DeBord, Chad Ramsey and Church Morris
- **May 5th-7th** the **East Main Church of Christ** will host a workshop on helping congregations to grow, conducted by Rob and Nicole Whitacre with House to House Heart to Heart
- **Nesbit Church of Christ** invites you to 2024 Spring Gospel Meeting , **May 5-8**. Guest Speaker: Billy Bland from Coldwater Church of Christ.

(Flyers are on the table in the foyer for more details)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There is a "VBS Work List" sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Super Saturday VBS has been planned for June 1st, which is only a few weeks away. Anyone who can help, please sign-up.

"WORK DAY"

The Elders have scheduled a "Work Day" on **Saturday, May 4th @ 8:00 AM**, to clean the church grounds and buildings. We are thankful and blessed to have these facilities for worship and fellowship, but with ownership comes responsibility. If you are willing and able to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Any questions, see Mark Jennings. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School SUPER SATURDAY

Vacation Bible School has been set for **Saturday, June 1st**. We will have classes for ages nursery-6th grade. Be sure to invite your neighbors and friends. Mark your calendar and plan to help make this a "SUPER SATURDAY VBS" The theme is "Operation Creation".



- **April 25th- Men's Ministry** will meet at 7:00 pm in the annex building
- **May 5th** - 1st Sunday Fellowship Meal
- **May 5th** - Elders, Deacons and Minister meet at 1:00
- **May 16th** - Men's Ministry meet @ 7:00 pm in the annex building

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

Fill This House With Obedience

1 Peter 1:13-17

- I. ONE MUST BE OBEDIENT TO BE _____
 - A. The Soul is _____ Through Our Obedience (1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
 - B. he Soul is _____ Through Obedience to the Truth (2 Corinthians 5:17; Acts 8:39)
- II. ONE MUST BE OBEDIENT TO _____
 - A. Sinners Live in _____ and Disobedience (2 Peter 2:20; 1 Peter 4:3-5; 2 Peter 2:3; Romans 10:1-3)
 - B. Saints Live in _____ and Faithfulness (Colossians 1:10)
- III. TWELVE THINGS OBEDIENT CHRISTIANS DO
 1. Desire God's _____ (1 Peter 2:2)
 2. Abstain from _____ (1 Peter 2:11)
 3. _____ to authority (1 Peter 2:13-17)
 4. Imitate _____ (1 Peter 2:21)
 5. _____ each other (1 Peter 1:22; 3:8)
 6. Control their _____ (1 Peter 3:10)
 7. Turn away from _____ (1 Peter 3:11)
 8. _____ without ceasing (1 Peter 3:12)
 9. Able to _____ their faith (1 Peter 3:15)
 10. _____ God (1 Peter 5:7)
 11. _____ the Devil (1 Peter 5:8)
 12. _____ (2 Peter 1:5-11)

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SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

Encountering Jesus

John 4:-16-30; 39-42

- I. He _____ Her Heart (vs. 16-19)
 - A. Jesus knew her heart (John 2:25).
 - B. It was necessary she be convicted of her sin and need for the Living Water.
- II. He _____ Her Worship (vs. 20-27)
 - A. She quickly changed the subject.
 - B. Familial Worship (v. 20).
 - C. Religious Ignorance (v. 22).
 - D. Jesus reveals to her three simple aspects of true worship (v. 24):
 1. We must worship _____
 2. We must worship God in _____
 3. We must worship God in _____ (Colossians 3:17; John 17:17).
- III. He _____ Her Faith (vs. 25-26).

Conclusion:

- 1. Her response (vs. 27-30; 39-42)
- 2. Your Response?

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