



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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APRIL 28, 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

Being Prepared

Tim Dooley

Ezra is a wonderful story of repentance and reconciliation. We see the great power of the One true and living God of heaven as He works in the lives of His children. The journey that Ezra and the Levites undertake as they return from captivity to the city of Jerusalem and the temple is one that required much perseverance and faithfulness. They would have to overcome opposition from enemies and evil forces, stand up in the face of many dangers, and always place their trust in the Lord. They would also have to make difficult decisions and take decisive actions in order to be purified and reconciled to God.

From Ezra 7:10 we learn a valuable lesson about being prepared. Everything that was accomplished by this great man of God and the children of Israel was only possible because, first and foremost, Ezra prepared his heart to... 1) Seek the law of the Lord; 2) do what the law required; and 3) teach the law to others. Then, and only then, could the blessings of God be fully secured.

You and I will never reach our full potential, be as effective for the cause of Christ as we should be, and be prepared for eternity until we too, like Ezra, prepare our hearts to seek God's will, be prepared to be obedient to His will, and be prepared to teach it to those with whom we come into contact. Only then can we be known by God as His children, blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ, and faithful unto death. Have you prepared your heart?

What steps do we need to take in order to prepare our hearts? One, we must humble ourselves. Pride will bring us low in both this life and in eternity (1 Peter 5:6). Two, it is imperative that we be honest with ourselves, our current state, and with God. Reflect on why we are in our current state and take ownership of our lives. Three, ACT! "The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12).



Church Calendar

Dooley Noted...



Patience and the right tools make the work easier and successful. This week I cost myself an extra \$70 by not adhering to this truth. Thanks to Brian Carpenter for helping me get the job done right. Paul said there were those who had zeal without knowledge (Romans 10:2). Let's make sure we work for the Lord with patience and the right tools. Or else it might cost us a whole lot more than \$70! -Tim



PRAYER LIST

Shane Crotts is at home and slowly improving.
Arelus Dye's CT scan revealed his tumor is shrinking. No other treatments at this time.

Johnny Simmons, brother of Kevin Simmons, remains in Corinth hospital, slowly improving.

Tonya Dillard continues to struggle with her health.

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: **Anderson Parks**, Derek Bradley, Zakaria Bradley,

"VBS WORK LIST"

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. If you can help, please sign-up.

THANK YOU

*To my New Albany church family
Thank you for your many expressions of
concern for me; prayers, visits, food, cards,
and so much more.
Please continue to pray for me as I
continue the cancer treatments.
I love you all and am thankful to be
part of such a loving congregation
Georgia Shocklee*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 29th.....Randy English
April 29th.....Lana Todd
April 29th.....Parker Formsmma
May 2nd.....Ja Lyn Ormon
May 7th.....Randy Wall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 28th.....Larry & Linda Ashmore
May 20th.....Bill & Karen Botts

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Bridal Shower for Kalan Meredith, bride elect of Hunter Jennings, in the fellowship building from 2:00-3:30.
- Monthly Youth Devo @ 5:00 p.m. at the home of Roger & Kathy Clayton.

Area Wide Youth

Area Wide Youth Meeting (meal provided) will meet Sunday, **May 5th** at the **Nettleton Church of Christ** at 5:00 p.m. The van will leave at 4:15.

"WORK DAY"

The Elders have scheduled a "Church Work Day" on **Saturday, May 4th @ 8:00 AM**, to clean the church grounds and buildings. If you are willing and able to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Any questions, see Mark Jennings. Thank you.

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 **Tupelo East Main Church of Christ** will host a "Congregational Evangelism Training Seminar" 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 5th-8th** Guest Speaker: Billy Bland from Coldwater Church of Christ.
 - **Nettleton Church of Christ** Spring Gospel Meeting, **May 5th-8th**, 2024. Guest Speaker: David Shearer, Minister at Marshalltown, IA.
- (Flyers are on the table in the foyer for more details)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **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.
- **May 19th** - Singing & Devo at **New Health and Rehab** (Care Team #3 Bill & Nancy Frohn will coordinate services)
- **May 22nd** -Care Team #3 (Bill & Nancy Frohn) will host lunch @ 12 for clients of New Haven Center for Adults.
- **May 26th** -Monthly Youth Devo at the home of Kurt & Shelley Clayton
- **May 29th** - **5th Wednesday Night Singing**

FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

The Goodness and Severity of God

Romans 11:21-25

- I. THE GOODNESS OF GOD
 - A. In His _____ (Genesis 1:26-29; 2:18)
 - B. In Man's _____ (Genesis 3:15; 22:17-18; Isaiah 53)
 - C. In Giving His _____ (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1:16-17; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:4)
 - D. In the _____ of Christ (1 Timothy 3:16; Philippians 2:5-11)
- II. THE SEVERITY OF GOD
 - A. In the _____ of Man (Genesis 3:14-24)
 - B. In the _____ (Genesis 6:8-12)
 - C. In the _____ Things (Genesis 19:26; Numbers 15:32-36; 20:7-12; Acts 5:1-11)
- III. THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD IN ETERNITY
 - A. Eternal and Unimaginable (Matthew 25:34-70; 1 Corinthians 2:9).
 - B. Severity (Matthew 25:41-46)
 - C. Unknowing, Disobedient and Unfaithful (2 Thessalonians 1:8; Matthew 7:21-27; Revelation 2:10; 20:12; James 2:14-26)

NOTES:

SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

Fields White for Harvest

John 4:31-38

- I. _____ Over Physical (vs 31-33; Romans 8:6-7; 14:17)
- II. _____ of Life (v 34; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Romans 12:2; 8:29; Matthew 5:13-16)
- III. The Harvest Is _____ (v 35; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:4)
- IV. All Who Labor Are _____ (v 36-38; Matthew 20:1-16; 1 Corinthians 3:9; 9:10)

NOTES:

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

