



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

July 28, 2024

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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

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, Security, Seniors,
 Fellowship/Special Days,
 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

Afraid, Astonished, and Offended

The story of the Maniac of Gadara in Mark 5:1–20 has always amazed me. Here is a man that was so crazed and powerful that he could not be tamed or controlled, even with chains. The amazing thing though was that the men of that country did not seem to be afraid of him, rather, they were annoyed by his existence and behavior. So they tried, time and again, to chain him, restrain him, to try to get him “under control.”

When Jesus shows up the man runs to Jesus and falls down to worship, but the lead demon speaks out saying, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me” (v. 7). Jesus orders the demons within the man to come out of him and they are cast out into the swine at their request, but then are subsequently destroyed running down a steep place into the sea (vs. 12–13).

Now here is the amazing thing, verse 15 says, “Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.” Why were they afraid? In chapter six the woman with an issue of blood was afraid when she was healed. Herod was afraid when he supposed that John was risen from the dead. The disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water. Because of Jesus many were astonished and offended.

It is indeed sad that this is true even today! A lack of knowledge and understanding, and a surplus of sin, will cause us to be afraid of that for which we have no need to be afraid. Come to know Jesus, obey him, be faithful to him, and know that “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love” (1 John 4:18).



Church Calendar

Dooley Noted...



On Monday I watched most of the House Oversight Committee’s hearing with the director of the Secret Service. What has always amazed me about these hearings is how often the person testifying is unable, or unwilling, to just give a straight and honest answer, a yes or no. Now I know that it isn’t always possible because some of the questioning itself is disingenuous and intended to be a “gotcha” question. But let us also be careful in how we answer others. Let your yes be yes, and your no be no. a provide things honest in the sight of all men. –Tim



Prayer Cards:

Joe Reed fell and was taken to the Tupelo ER, **Gloria Jones** fell and is confined to bed rest, **J.L. Eaton** is in the local hospital room 238. **Randy Wammack**, father of Tammy Byars, will begin Chemo treatments for his cancer. **Peggy Miller** continues to struggle with her health.

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

Continued Prayers for family and friends:

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

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

Nursing Home: **Sue Marques, and Sue Stroud** N.A. Health & Rehab
Lucille Gibson - Magnolia Health;

Helen Stubblefield (Terry Stubblefield's mother) Church St. Manor, Ecu
Sue Renfrow (Terry Renfrow's mother) Allen, TX
Bobbi Jean BoBo N.A. Health & Rehab
Brenda Jones (Kathy Dye's mother).

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: 1st Lt. Anderson Parks (son of Alvin & Kaye Parks), Derek Bradley, Zakaria Bradley



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 31stKerry Gaillard
July 31st.....Preston Wilson
Aug. 1st.....Dane Coggin
Aug. 5th..... Martin Crotts
Aug. 6th.....Ricky Adams
Aug. 6th.....Joe Owen
Aug. 8th.....Kathy Jennings
Aug. 10th.....Sue Stroud



TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

- Congregational Back-To-School Party from 2:00—4:00 PM. At Pontotoc Skating Rink.
- Sunday, July 28th, Area Wide in Pontotoc at Church Street Church of Christ at 5:00 P.M.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Townsend McGraw** for being baptized into Christ on July 17, 2024 at Maywood Christian Camp.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower honoring Jenna Carpenter, bride elect of David Clayton on Sunday, August 11 2:00 - 3:30 PM at the fellowship building. She is registered at Amazon and Southern Traditions.

SYMPATHY

- We express our deepest sympathy to Zach and Ashlee Wallace in the loss of Ashlee's grandfather, Gary Weaver. Funeral services were held this past week.
- We also express our deepest sympathy to Roger and Kathy Clayton in the loss of Kathy's sister, Faye Robinson, Funeral services were held this past week.

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED

If you are willing to teach Bible Class during the upcoming quarter, September—November, a sign up list is in the foyer or see Jason Jennings.

CARE TEAM #2 (Phil & Paige)

We are collecting items for NMMC NICU Wee Care Room. Parents of NICU patients are often here for weeks/months. Please help their stay easier by donating items/money. A list of needed items are on the table in the foyer or you can contact Phil.

LADIES TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Tuesday morning Bible class will resume on Tuesday, August 6 at 10AM in the annex building.

CARE TEAM #1 (Dooley)

Care Team #1 is collecting backpacks only for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. If you can help with this effort, please bring the backpacks and we will store them in the Youth Minister's Office in the annex building.

THANK YOU!!!!

*My Dear Church family,
I can't thank you enough for all the calls and cards I have received. I especially thank you for the prayers said for me. These are the things that help me endure.
Lots of love always,
Peggy Miller*

CONGRATULATIONS—IT'S A GIRL

Liem and Rachel Tran are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ellis Idell Tran, born July 23, 2024 weighing 2lbs 12oz. She is in NICU Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, NYC. Proud grandparents are Joey and Tammy Byars.

- **July 31st - 5th Wednesday Night Singing.**
- **August 4th - 1st Sunday Fellowship meal.**
- **August 4th - Elders, Deacons, Minister meet at 1:15pm**
- **August 11th - Bridal Shower** for Jenna Carpenter, bride elect of David Clayton, 2:00-3:30 in the annex building.
- **August 11th - Area Wide** at Zions Rest Church of Christ in Marietta @ 5:00pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FIRST SERMON OUTLINE

I Hate Your Stinking' Guts!

I John 3:14-15

I. WHAT THIS VERSE DOES NOT SAY

- A. It Does Not Say That We Are to Like Everyone
- B. It Does Not Say That We Are to Like What Men May Do
 - 1. God hates sin (Colossians 3:5-6).
 - 2. God expects His children to hate sin (Psalm 97:10; Revelation 2:6; Jude 23; Psalm 119:104)
 - 3. Nowhere does God say He hates the sinner, and He doesn't want us to hate the sinner, or our enemies, either (Romans 5:8)

II. HATRED OF OTHERS IS FORBIDDEN

- A. God Has _____ Condemned Hatred (Lev 19:17-18; Matt 5:43-44)
- B. _____ Is It Condemned?
 - 1. It stirs up _____ (Proverbs 10:12; Genesis 37)
 - 2. It leads to _____ (1 John 3:15; 2 Samuel 13:21-29; Genesis 4:1-11; John 15:18-23)
 - 3. It harms you _____
 - 4.. It makes you a _____

III. LOVE IS THE _____

- A. Love Is _____ (John 15:12)
- B. Love and Hate _____ (1 John 2:9-11)
- C. Love Is a Badge of _____ (John 13:35)

IV. HOW TO CONQUER HATE WITH LOVE

- 1. Be _____
- 2. _____ For Them (Matthew 5:44)
- 3. Do Something _____ (Matthew 5:44)

NOTES:

SECOND SERMON OUTLINE

The Story of Lazarus

John 11

I. The _____ (vs. 1-16)

- A. The _____
- B. The _____
- C. The _____

II. The _____ (vs. 17-37)

- A. _____ In the Grave Shall Be Resurrected (John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 15:14-20).
- B. Why Did Jesus _____ (vs. 35-37)?
 - 1. Empathized with their _____
 - 2. Sorrowed by their _____
 - 3. Burdened by what He was about to do to _____

III. The _____ (vs. 38-44)

- A. The Importance of _____ (vs. 17, 39)
- B. The Importance of _____ (vs. 40-42)
- C. The Importance of Calling Lazarus by _____ (v. 43)

IV. The _____ (vs. 45-57)

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