



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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Jan. 26, 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

First Worship..... 9:00
Sunday School.....10:00
Second Worship.....11:00
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30

MINISTER

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 Jennings662-316-1305
Phil Young.....662-316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....662-316-6420-
Benevolence; Pine Vale; Mission Work/
Outreach
Dane Coggin ... 662-419-8308-Worship
Assignments (everything associated with
worship)
Steve Hill.....662-316-5193 -Care Groups;
New Members; Visitors
Jason Jennings.....662-801-3260-Security
Qualifications; CYC Registration;
Maintenance and Grounds
Mark Jennings.....731-609-3309-
Fellowship/Special Day; Maintenance;
Seniors; Security Qualifications
Zack Mayer—662-551-8291—Youth;
(CYC & EYC Registration/Planning)
Kevin Simmons.... 662-512-8451 -
Education; VBS; Ladies Ministry; Mission
Work/Outreach
Randy Wall..... 662-316-9255-
Fellowship/Special Days; Maintenance

Church Calendar



(OUR WEEKLY FOCUS)

HATRED

Question: Is hatred always wrong?

Answer: No. Hatred normally has a bad connotation in the minds of most. This, no doubt, is due to the numerous passages in the Bible forbidding such. Never would I permit where God forbids! Hate was spoken of in Luke 14:26, as "loving less" when the Lord taught that He could not be served properly by man unless he "hate" his family members and "his own life also." Yet in I Jn. 3:15, a man is called a murderer if he "hates his brother." There is not a contradiction to be found here, but a different use of the term. The Lord actually "loves those who hate evil" (Ps. 97:10), and finds joy in them (101:3). Hatred becomes a problem, actually a sin, when it is focused at someone. The Lord broke tradition by requiring His followers to "love their enemies" instead of hating them (Matt. 5:43) and placing judgment upon them proportionate to their forgiveness of others (Matt. 6:15). We are told to "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Lk. 6:37).

Hatred is considered as a "work of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19, 20) and listed as one of the "seven abominations of God" within the heart of man (Prov. 26:24-26).

"Hatred stirs up strife; but love covers all sins" (Prov. 10:12). When a brother hates another it is serious, because he is abiding in death (I Jn. 3:1-15). How can a man love God whom he cannot see when he cannot love man who he can see (I Jn. 4:20)? The lesson to learn is that hatred is an abhorrence of that which is bad not a castigation of character. We must hate sin, but never the sinner, thus exhibiting the mindset of our Lord (Heb. 8:12).

—Mike King





Prayer Cards:

Continued Prayers: John Bodie, Betty Boren, Shane Crotts, Tonya Dillard, Arelus Dye, Ernestine Dye, Luke Jennings, Gloria Jones, Peggy Miller, Corey Politte, Clemmer and Davis Family

Continued Prayers for family and friends:

Heather Adams, (Stephanie Simmons's sister); **Audree Ashley**, (Granddaughter of Jerry and Eleta Grimmett); **Ruby Evans**, (Pam Renfrow's mother); **Prebble Foster**, (Diana Foster's grandmother); **Brenda Jones** (Kathy Dye's mother); **Amanda Dye Martin** (Tim & Kathy Dye's daughter); **Donald and William Wilson** (Gloria Jones' brothers);

Shut-Ins: Kathy Dye, Novene Robertson

NA Health and Rehab: Sue Marques, Sue Stroud, Bobbi Jean BoBo

Helen Stubblefield (Terry Stubblefield's mother) Church St. Manor, Ecu

Sue Renfrow (Terry Renfrow's mother) Allen, TX

Ruby Evans (Pam Renfrow's mother) Beaver Dam, Ky

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

FIRST CHOICE WOMEN'S CENTER

Our congregation will participate beginning today in the "Bottle-Boomerang" fundraiser for the First Choice Women's Center here in New Albany. **We participated in this good work last year and most importantly we raised \$938 for the local center.**

Bottles are available to put a donation or extra change for the First Choice Women's Center here in New Albany. Please return your bottle by **Sunday, February 16**. If you have any questions please see Bonnie Owen.

Stressed Out

A preacher back in the 1800s was feeling extremely stressed and loaded down with the troubles and pressures that came through his ministry. One day he came home and was greeted by his young daughter, Minnie, whose legs were paralyzed. He was about to carry a package from the mail upstairs when Minnie said, "Daddy, I will carry that package upstairs for you." The preacher replied, "Minnie dear, how can you carry the package?" With a smile on her face, Minnie said, "If you will give me the package, I will hold it while you carry me." This sweet gesture from his daughter reminded him of the way God wants to help us with our own burdens.

God is fully aware of the stresses and burdens we bare. He also wants to help us with them. In the book of Isaiah, God gave Israel a reminder, *"Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; and I will bear you and I will deliver you"* (46:3-4).

The stresses of life can become extremely heavy and burdensome. We don't have to bear all of this alone. He cares when we are stressed out. Let's remember that God is willing to take the load for us (Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 5:7). What a loving God we serve!
~ Brett Petrillo ~



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 15- Jake Crotts
- 15- Jason Jennings
- 17- Amy Jennings
- 23- Shane Crotts
- 31- Brenna Politte

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Stephanie Simmons
- 4- Sawyer Jones
- 4- Ruby Watkins
- 5- Paige Young
- 6- Owen Clayton
- 8- Alexis Watkins

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- 11- Kim and Greg Clayton
- 12- Linda and Olen Clark

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Youth devo tonight at 5:00 at David and Jenna's home. Girls bring desserts and boys bring drinks.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Next Sunday, Feb. 2, is our Monthly Fellowship Meal. Please make plans to attend and enjoy Christian fellowship and a wonderful meal.

OUR SICK

We have several who have been sick and are sick with terrible colds, flu, high fever, and COVID. Please check on these people to see if there is anything that they need or if you know of a need the deacons or elders would be happy to help.

WHAT KIDS SAY ABOUT MOTHERS

Why did God make mothers?

- Think about it, it was the best way to get more people.
- To help us come out when we were getting born.
- Mainly to clean house.
- She's the only one who knows where to find the scotch tape.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Tuesday Morning - Ladies Bible Class will meet Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the annex.
- Thursday Mornings - Men's Coffee at 2 Sisters Diner at 7:00 AM.
- January 26- Youth Devo David and Jenna's home at 5:00PM **Girls bring desserts, boys bring drinks**
- January 29- 5th Singing night at the fellowship building 6:30 PM

When You Feel Like Job

James 5:11

I. THREE TRIALS

A. Trial of _____ Chapter 1

B. Trial of _____ Chapter 2

C. Trial of _____ Chapters 3-38

II. THREE TRUTHS

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

NOTES:

NO PLACE TO QUIT

Hebrews 12:1-4

I. THE TEXT DISCUSSED

A. Verse 1

1. "Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses"

2. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,"

3. "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,"

B. Verse 2

1. "Looking unto Jesus"

2. "The author and finisher of our faith"

C. Verse 3 "Lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls"

D. Verse 4

II. THOSE WHO QUIT

A. 2 Timothy 4:10

B. John 6:66

III. THOSE WHO DID NOT QUIT

A. Jeremiah 20:7-10

B. Ezekiel 24:18

C. Acts 4:19-20

D. Matthew 14:1-12

E. 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Luke 9:62; Matthew 10:22; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 6:19-20

NOTES:

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

