

THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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May 4, 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

OFFICE

Office.....662-534-4649

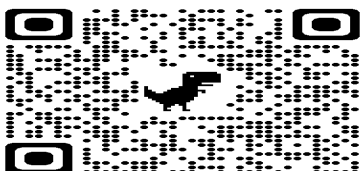
ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....662-252-9762
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
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



Making Evangelism Personal ~ by: Rodney Nulph

Evangelism is the lifeblood of the church! If the saved fail to share, sinners will remain separated from the Lord. It is each Christian's responsibility and blessed privilege to share the Gospel with those we meet (Mk. 16:15-16). While most Christians understand the Lord's directive, some are guilty by failing to make this directive personal. If evangelism is to be successful, it must be personal! **"Go ye, means go me!"** Yet, how can the "average" child of God make evangelism personal?

Firstly, evangelism must be a **priority**. It is quite interesting to note that just prior to our Lord's ascension and exaltation, He made evangelism a priority for His followers. Teach, baptize and teach some more (Matt. 28:18-20) was the Lord's plea. This edict was to become their daily priority and ours as well. For evangelism to be our priority, it must extend past the wall of the meeting-house! Although congregational evangelism efforts are great and needed (Gospel meetings, door-knocking, supporting missionaries, et al), they are no substitute for personal, individual evangelism. Have you made evangelism personal? Is it an individual priority for you? We must change the often present mentality of "let someone else do it" when it comes to spreading the Lord's message. Evangelism must be a priority!

Secondly, Evangelism requires a **person**. While the world is certainly our "target" for evangelism (Mk 16:15), it begins with an individual person. Jesus saw individuals (Matt. 4:18). Both Philip and Ananias were directed to individuals (Acts 8:26-28; 9:1ff). Interestingly, God counts by ones; one sheep (Lk. 15:3-7), one coin (Lk. 15:8-10), and one boy (Lk. 15:11-32)! If our Lord was to return today and ask you the name of the person you are actively seeking for His cause, could you honestly name a person? Making evangelism personal requires a person!

Thirdly, evangelism necessitates a **plan**. Success in any area of life requires a strategy or plan. Technique is extremely important when it comes to sharing the message of salvation. This plan involves inspection. Inspect and evaluate where the person is religiously that you desire to evangelize (Acts 8:30a). This plan also must include inquiry. Questions are powerful tools in the evangelist's arsenal (Acts 8:30b). This plan must also include instruction. Sadly, this is where some stop. We often know where our friends and family are religiously through inspection, and we even engage in religious conversations and inquiry with these same ones, but sadly, some fail to complete the process by instructing. Instruction is the final key to evangelism (Acts 8:35). Could it be that many have neglected the Lord's directive for evangelism? The Lord's church will never reach her full capacity until each and every member accepts his/her responsibility in evangelism. Evangelism must be personal! Personal evangelism that pleases the Lord is evangelism that involves a plan. May it be said of each Christian that which was said of our Master, He came to "seek and save the lost" (cf. Lk. 19:10). **Who are we seeking?**



Prayers



Roger Clayton will have a biopsy on his colon, May 9th and heart test on May 15. Kathy Dye's stress test has been re-scheduled to May 13th.

Continued Prayers: John Bodie, Betty Boren, Brian Carpenter, Shane Crofts, Tonya Dillard, Arelus Dye, Ernestine Dye, Jennifer Greer, Peggy Miller, Corey Politte, Clemmer and Davis Family

Continued Prayers for family and friends:

Heather Adams, (Stephanie Simmons's sister); **Jo Ellen Carruth** (Bill Frohn's sister); **Ruby Evans**, (Pam Renfrow's mother); **Prebble Foster**, (Diana Foster's grandmother); **Fanney Garner**, (Benita Garner's niece); **Judy Gurley**, (Dana Holzlander's mother); **Brenda Jones** (Kathy Dye's mother); **Amanda Dye Martin** (Tim & Kathy Dye's daughter); **Elizabeth Phagan**, (Bobby Marques' sister); **William Wilson** (Gloria Jones' brother);

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, Ecru Sue Renfrow (Terry Renfrow's mother) Allen, TX Ruby Evans (Pam Renfrow's mother) Beaver Dam, Ky Joy Simmons is in assisted living at the Dogwood Plantations.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Derek Bradley, Zakaria Bradley



MAY BIRTHDAYS



2- Ja Lyn Ormon
3- Tammy Byars
7- Randy Wall
7- Ashlee Wallace
11-Viva Dillard
12-Tim Dye
15-Kalan Jennings
19-Bobby Marques
22-Lea Anne Gaillard
22-Colt Wilhite
27-Olen Clark

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

20-Bill and Karen Botts
24-Jonathan and Eve Garrison

From the Heart

A desert wanderer found a crystal spring of unsurpassed freshness and decided to bring some to his king. Barely satisfying his own thirst, he filled a leather bottle and carried it many days beneath the desert sun to reach the palace. By that time the water had become stale due to the old container in which it was stored. But the king tasted it with expressions of gratitude and delight, and sent away the loyal heart filled with gladness. After he left, others sampled it and expressed their surprise at how bad it was. "Ah!" said he, "It was not the water I tasted, but the love that prompted the offering."

What we bring to God is marked by multiplied imperfections, but He looks beyond that to the motives. We may think our singing voice is "stale and rank," but God listens with delight. Out prayers may not be filled with eloquence but God wants to hear what is on our hearts. Could our worship be better sounding, better looking? Perhaps! Yet God is primarily looking for the love that prompted the offering.

"...the Lord looketh on the heart" ~ I Samuel 16:7

TODAYS' HAPPENINGS

Andy Ulmer will be our speaker today for both services.

Areawide youth Devo at Pontotoc (Church Street) Church of Christ at 5:00 pm today.

SUNDAY-MAY 18TH

On Sunday, May 18th, we will be honoring our high school graduates and also have our monthly fellowship meal following our services. This will all take place in the fellowship building. Our high school seniors graduating are: **Jackson Coggin, Clayton Hill, Kyland Morgan, Tara Sparks and Madison Clint Stroupe.**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Ladies' Bible Class Every Tuesday Morning in the Annex at 10 AM
- Men's Coffee every Thursday Morning at 7AM at Two Sister's Diner
- May 15-Men's Monthly Ministry
- May 18- "Senior Sunday" (honor our 5 graduating high school seniors) -and Monthly Fellowship Meal
- May 18- Third Sunday visit at New Albany Health and Rehab at 2:00 pm Team # 2 is hosting.
- May 25-Monthly youth devotion. Roger and Kathy Clayton will be hosting.

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

ARE YOU TRULY INVOLVED

Andy Ulmer

Define Involvement: To draw in as a participant, to connect with, to relate closely to connect, to include or be included.

What is Porcupine Syndrome? _____

How do we avoid it? Acts 2:42 says _____

Koinonia? _____

- Acts 2:42-45
- 1) Entered into by Everyone
 - 2) It was time of need
 - 3) Spontaneous
 - 4) Never forces

Why be involved in the Church? _____

Romans 12:9-16

Why be involved in the Lord's Church? _____

I Corinthians 12:20-27

What are the 3 things that make up true involvement?

- _____ vs 25
- _____ vs 27
- _____ vs 27

NOTES:

ARE YOU TRULY GROWING

Andy Ulmer

Define Growing: 1a: increasing in size or amount
b: becoming greater in prevalence, popularity, or influence

Do you understand the need of on-the-job training?

Christianity is not a _____ sport.

Gleaning from God's word is not a _____ plan.

Growth takes more than involvement, also _____.

John 10:10

Acts 17:10-11 What did the Bereans do?

Matt. 5:6 _____ desire, need that must be _____.

Hebrews 5:11-14 _____

Hebrews 6:1 God doesn't _____.

Genesis 39:2, Genesis 39:21, Acts 7:9-10 God was with _____.

NOTES:

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

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Greeters.....	
Singing.....	Dillon Clayton
Opening Prayer	Kevin Simmons
Scripture Reading.....	Terry Renfrow
Sermon.....	Daniel Manning
Lord's Supper:	N/David Clayton-Randy
English, Clayton Hill	S/Richard Adams,
Hunter Jennings, Mike Brown	
Closing Prayer.....	Rickey Adams
Usher.....	Andy Clemmer/Steve Hill
Lock	Steve Hill
Security.....	Matt Jennings

Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.

Singing.....	Phillip Young
Opening Prayer.....	Ronnie Griggs, Jr
Sermon.....	Daniel Manning
Announcements.....	Phil Young
Closing Prayer.....	Phil Young

Wednesday Night May 14, 2025 6:30 PM

Singing.....	Clay Jennings
Opening Prayer.....	Phil Young
Devotional.....	Zack Mayer
Closing Prayer	Jason Jennings

Greeters.....	
Singing.....	David Clayton
Opening Prayer	Justin Elliott
Scripture Reading.....	Travis Harden
Sermon.....	Dustin Semore

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English, Clayton Hill S/**Richard Adams,**
Hunter Jennings, Mike Brown
Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson
Usher....**Andy Clemmer**/Mark Jennings
LockMark Jennings

Security.....Randy Wall
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Singing.....	Dillon Clayton
Opening Prayer.....	Shane Crofts
Sermon.....	Dustin Semore
Announcements.....	Tim Dye
Closing Prayer.....	Tim Dye
<u>Wednesday Night May 21—6:30PM</u>	
Singing.....	Dillon Clayton
Opening Prayer.....	Hunter Jennings
Devotional.....	Thomas Wall
Closing Prayer.....	Kevin Simmons

OUR RECORD
WEEK 04/27/2025

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| Sunday School..... | 110 |
| Sunday 1st Service..... | 125 |
| Sunday 2nd Service..... | 119 |
| Wednesday..... | N/A |
| Contribution..... | \$ 7,820.00 |
| Budget..... | \$ 6,450.00 |

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