



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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July 20, 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

Wide Open

Gwin, Greg

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians with the news that he intended to visit them. However, his visit would be delayed because he was pursuing opportunities in Ephesus. He said: *“I shall come to you after I go through Macedonia . . . and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter . . . if the Lord permits. But I shall remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries”* ([1 Corinthians 16:5-9](#)).

Notice, especially, that Paul perceived great prospects in Ephesus. He could see a tremendous potential for “effective service.” Did he mean that everyone in that city was eagerly receiving the gospel message? Was everyone anxious to hear the truths that Paul was preaching? Could it be that the whole city might be converted to Christ?

The answers to these questions – **NO!** In fact, during this visit to Ephesus a riot broke out in opposition to what Paul was preaching. Demetrius, a silversmith who made shrines to the idol goddess Diana, led a great uprising. *“The whole city was filled with confusion,”* and some of the disciples were taken captive. Paul’s own personal safety was at risk ([Acts 19:23ff](#)).

When Paul wrote about that *“wide door for effective service,”* he also knew that *“there are many adversaries.”* He was not blind to the dangers that surrounded him, but he was still excited about the good that could be accomplished.

The lesson for us is this: the reality of opposition does not diminish the potential for good and effective work. There never has been, and never will be, a time when God’s truth and His people are unopposed. Even in adversity we need to be looking for “open doors” for proclaiming the Word. Don’t wait for the perfect situation. Don’t hesitate because of “adversaries.” There is much to do and doors of opportunity are ‘wide open’ for the gospel. Think!





Prayers



Amber Harden is in Tupelo hospital room 278, She had surgery Friday to implant a defibrillator. Hopefully she will be coming home today or tomorrow.

Grace Lyon has been moved to the Union County Rehab on Bratton Road for rehab. Room #404.

Richard Jennings surgery went well and he is able to be back with us.

Robert Dean New, grandfather of Raegan Potts, had a biopsy of his liver this week. He will get the results of testing in two weeks.

Prayers: John Bodie, Betty Boren, Shane Crotts, Tonya Dillard, Arelus Dye, Ernestine Dye, Kathy Dye, Jennifer Greer, Matt Jennings, Corey Polite, Austin and Haley Wilson, Clemmer and Davis Families

Continued Prayers for family and friends:

Heather Adams, (Stephanie Simmons's sister); **Jo Ellen Carruth** (Bill Frohn's sister); **Judy Gurley**, (Dana Holtzlander's mother); **Brenda Jones** (Kathy Dye's mother); **Nicholas Thomas Jones**, grandson of Perry Jones; **Amanda Dye Martin** (Tim & Kathy Dye's daughter); **William Wilson**, **Mary Williams**, (Gloria Jones' brother & sister);

Shut-Ins: Kathy Dye, Novene Robertson

NA Health and Rehab: Sue Marques, Sue Stroud

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

Joy Simmons is in assisted living at the Dogwood Plantations.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Derek Bradley, Zakaria Bradley.

VBS

VBS begins today, at 6:30 to 8:30 PM. All ages sixth grade and under are welcome to attend. Invite your friends and families.

WELCOME

Just a few more weeks and Daniel Manning and his family will be here. Our monthly fellowship meal will be on Sunday, August 10th. Please make every effort to attend. To welcome the Manning family we will give them gift cards. Please pick up a gift card from your favorite place. Amount is up to you. Place the card in the box in the foyer before Aug. 10th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Men's Coffee every Thursday Morning at 7am at Two Sister's Diner
- Fabulous Friday every Friday through July (6th grade and under)
- 7-20- Monthly Singing at New Albany Health and Rehab at 2:00 PM Care Team 2—Travis Harden's Team
- 7-20 — 7-23 VBS from 6:30-8:30 pm ALL CHILDREN FROM CRADDLE ROLL- 6TH GRADE ARE INVITED!!!!
- 7-25- There will be a "Lock In" this Friday evening for the 7th grade and up at the fellowship building beginning at 7:30 PM till 8:00 AM
- 7-27- **All are invited** to a skating party Sunday, July 27, at the Pontotoc skating rink, from 4:30-6:30.
- 7-30 — 5th Wednesday Night Singing at the Fellowship Building



JULY BIRTHDAYS



2— Karen Botts	22-Michael Dillard
9—Arianna Golden	22-Hunter Jennings
9—Kevin Harris	22-Matt Jennings
9—Brad Sloan	22-Townsend McGraw
12-Kim Mayer	23-Christy Phillips
12-Millie Owen	26-Shavon McWilliams
14-Steve Hill	26-Meadow Mae Polite
15-Bryn Manning	27-Dixie White
17-Kylie Brock	31-Kerry Gaillard
20-Molly Clayton	31-Preston Jones
21-Cayden Rogers	

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1-Steve and Andrea Hill	12-Clint and Dawn Stroupe
7-Brian and Shelby Carpenter	14-Perry and Gloria Jones
9-Joe and Bonnie Owen	25-Bobby and Sue Marques
11-Tyler and Courtney Mayer	

HAPPENINGS TODAY

Phillip Hines will be our speaker for both services.

Monthly Singing at New Albany Health and Rehab. Team # 2 -Travis Harden's team will be hosting. Please make plans to attend this great service to the residents there.

VBS begins tonight at 6:30-8:30. Come and don't forget to invite your friends?

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL July 23

Tim Dye

Out of the Mouth of Babes

Shadrach, Meshach and a billy goat were thrown into a fire.

There was tennis in the Bible. It says Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

God's Text Message

Psalm 119:105

A. The Bible Tells Us What to

"Your word is a lamp to my feet"

Luke 24:27; Matthew 16:6

B. The Bible Tells Us How

"A light to my path"

Psalm 37:23; Proverbs 2:20; Psalm 119:9,11,133

NOTES:

How Could a Loving God Send People to Hell?

2 Peter 3:7-9

A. Is There a Place Called Hell?

Matthew 5:22, 29-30; 13:42; 25:46

B. Could a Loving God Send People to Hell?

"Loving"

**1 John 4:8-10; John 3:16;
2 Corinthians 5:21**

"Send"

"People"

Matthew 25:41; Acts 11:13-14

NOTES:

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

Singing.....
Opening Prayer.....
Devotional.....
Closing Prayer.....

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