



# THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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July 27, 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 Jennings .....662-316-1305  
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

## “I WISH I HAD TAKEN MY KIDS TO CHURCH LESS”

David Sproule

An elderly woman lay motionless on her bed, drawing shallow breaths, occasionally casting loving glances at her family and speaking ever-so softly. In a few hours, she would take her final breath.

This beautiful lady was the gentle matriarch of a wonderful Christian family. She had raised three faithful children, lovingly stood by her husband's side as he served as an elder in the Lord's church for three decades, and she was esteemed highly by every member of her church family.

Her children and grandchildren had gathered at her bedside. They were talking and singing, and just loving on their Granny. They were tenderly trying to glean as much wisdom from her as they could, even in these last hours, but without pressing her too much. Finally, one of the granddaughters asked, “Granny, if there was one thing that you could have done differently, what would it have been?” In a crackling and yet silky voice, Granny responded, “I wish I had taken my kids to church less.” The room went silent. Everyone glared at each other. *What did she just say?* Only a few seconds passed, but it seemed like minutes. Granny playfully peeked her eyes open. Her life was fading but her wit was still strong. “What nut said that?” she quipped. “Not this one for sure! Honey,” she motioned to her granddaughter, “I wouldn't change a thing in the world! My family is all in the church and Gramps is with the Lord! There's nothing better than that!”

May I ask all parents a question? *When you are laying on your death bed, what do you want more than anything else for your children?*

In your final breaths, what do you want to be able to say? “My boy won the little league championship and was the MVP”? “My daughter set new school records in every track event she ran”? “My son was the easiest child to raise and followed every one of our rules”? “My daughter graduated at the top of her class and went on to be the first female CEO of her company”? “My children paid to put me in the best assisted living facility in the state”?

OR, do you long to say in those last moments of earth-bound life, “*My family is all in the church*”? What parent doesn't want to be able to say that? But, a dream like that doesn't come true just by wishing it! It takes effort! It takes perseverance! It takes personal sacrifice! AND, it cannot start too early! “Train up a child in the way he should go” begins with your priorities even before a child's birth!

No Christian parent would ever say, “I wish I had taken my kids to church less,” for “going to church” helps us to instill those eternal longings we yearn for all of them to have!

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## Prayers



**Prayers:** John Bodie, Betty Boren, Shane Crofts, Tonya Dillard, Arelus Dye, Ernestine Dye, Kathy Dye, Jennifer Greer, Amber Harden, Matt Jennings, Grace Lyon, Corey Politte, Stephanie Simmons, 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); **Donna Daniel**, Clint Stoupe's mother; **Judy Gurley**, (Dana Holztlander'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

**Joy Simmons** is in assisted living at the Dogwood Plantations.

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

## VBS

**VBS was AWESOME** Now that we are out of the "jungle" - we can say a HUGE "Thank You" to ALL that had a part in making this year's VBS successful! It took an "army" to make our VBS successful—and each and every one of you made it happen. THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU to all the parents who brought their children every night and we appreciated all our visitors. They learned about God from their teachers and had fun being together!

## FELLOWSHIP /WELCOME MEAL

Just 2 more weeks and Daniel Manning, Bryn, (daughters Robin and Sydney) will be worshipping with us. Our monthly fellowship meal will be August 10th. Please make every effort to attend and welcome the Mannings. (As a welcome gift), bring a gift card from anywhere you would like, for any amount. Place your gift card in the box in the foyer under the information board. Please do this BEFORE August 10th if possible.

## MOVING

The moving truck will be here on July 29th at the Manning's residence. All that will and are able please come to help unload the truck. A text will be sent when we know the time of the truck's arrival time.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



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

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1-Save 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

Jay Justus will be our speaker for the 1st service and Patrick Chapman will be our speaker for the 2nd service.

All adult classes will meet in the auditorium during the class period. Jay will be presenting the India missions.

Skating party from 4:30 –6:30 this afternoon at the Pontotoc Skating Rink. All are invited.

## WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL July 30

Greg Clayton

## THANK YOU

A big **"THANK YOU"** to all involved in the "Fabulous Friday" every Friday this summer, for planning, preparing and doing encouraging/fun things with our children. Thank you parents for bringing your children!

Mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

Jude 1:2

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Men's Coffee every Thursday Morning at 7am at Two Sister's Diner
- 7-30 — 5th Wednesday Night Singing at the Fellowship Building
- Aug 5—Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class -10 am - in the annex. Our study will be the book of Galatians.
- Aug 10—Fellowship/ Welcome Meal.

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

### Cleansing the Temple

(Mk. 11:15-19, Mt. 21:12, Lk. 19:45, Jn. 2:12-22)

#### 1.- God Cares for the Weak

Temple Tax  
Money Changing  
Correct Change  
Animal Sales  
Weighing  
Profits  
Injustice

#### 2.- God Is inclusive

Temple Design  
Isaiah 56:7  
I Kings 6:7  
Mk. 11:16  
Mishnah  
Hosea 6:6

#### 3.- Jesus Shown as Messiah

John and Chronology  
Malachi 3:1-5  
Mk. 11:18-19  
Multitude Ps.  
69:9/Jn.2:17-19

#### NOTES:

### Learning from the Prayers of Jesus

Scripture Reading John 17:1-5

1. First, Jesus prayed \_\_\_\_ frequently or continually \_\_\_\_.
2. Second, Jesus taught His \_\_\_\_ disciples \_\_\_\_ to pray.
3. Third, Jesus' greatest prayer has the \_\_\_\_ greatest \_\_\_\_ meaning for us!
  - a. Circle One – Jesus prayed for \_\_\_\_ himself \_\_\_\_.
  - b. Circle Two – Jesus prayed for His \_\_\_\_ Apostles \_\_\_\_.
  - c. Circle Three – Jesus prayed for \_\_\_\_ All \_\_\_\_.

#### NOTES:

**Please Remember “Encouragement Cards” in the Pew in Front of You**

Sunday, Aug 3, 2025

Greeters.....

Singing.....

Opening Prayer .....

Scripture Reading.....

Sermon.....

**Lord's Supper: N/  
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Closing Prayer.....

Usher....Lock .....

Security.....

**Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.**

Singing.....  
Opening Prayer.....  
Sermon.....  
Announcements.....  
Closing Prayer.....  
**Wednesday Night, Aug 6, 2025 6:30 PM**

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

**Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025**

Greeters.....  
Singing.....  
Opening Prayer .....  
Scripture Reading.....  
Sermon.....  
**Lord's Supper** N/  
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Closing Prayer.....  
Usher.....  
Lock .....  
Security.....

**Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.**

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17)
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Live Faithful Life (Revelation 2:10)

Sunday School.....	142
Sunday 1st Service.....	153
Sunday 2nd Service.....	127
Wednesday.....	N/A
Contribution.....	\$ 8,950.00
Budget.....	\$ 6,450.00

Closing Prayer.....  
**Wednesday Night Aug 13, 2025—6:30PM**  
 Singing.....  
 Opening Prayer.....  
 Devotional.....  
 Closing Prayer.....

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