

THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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August 10, 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

OFFICE

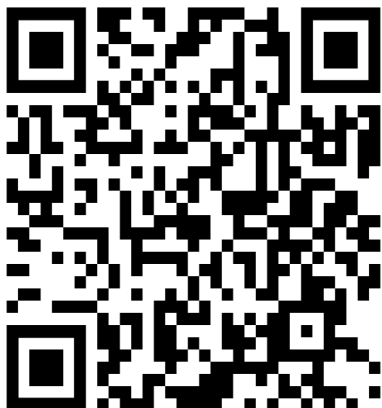
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Outreach
Steve Hill.....662-316-5193 -Care
Groups; New Members; Visitors
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Registration; Maintenance and Grounds
Mark Jennings.....731-609-3309-
Fellowship/Special Day; Maintenance;
Seniors; Security 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



Become As Little Children

Joe Slater

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. (Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17)

Jesus spoke these words to His disciples, being “greatly displeased” with them because they rebuked people who were bringing little children to Him (Mark 10:13, 14). Luke specifies that these were infants (18:15). Far from avoiding them, Jesus upheld children as models for those who would please God. Even more information appears in Matthew 18:3 where, on a different occasion, Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Yes, one must convert (turn around, change course) in order to become as a little child.

While Jesus taught us to be child-like, too often we act child-ish. Babies can be fussy, self-centered, and demanding. Have you ever known any church members like that? Certainly Jesus was not advocating such!

What qualities do little children have that Jesus wants us to incorporate into our own lives? First, consider how trusting they are. Under ordinary circum-stances, children lose no sleep worrying about whether Mom and Dad will provide for the next day’s needs. They are totally dependent on their parents, and they trust them without reservation. Likewise, we are totally dependent on God; every good thing comes from Him (James 1:17). Trusting Him as a loving Father is a key element of Biblical faith. Not only must we believe God exists, but we must trust Him to reward “those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Second, think about how teachable little children are. They are eager to learn, and their minds are like sponges, soaking up everything taught to them. Jesus invites everyone to “learn from Me” (Matthew 11:29). He also said that “everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me” (John 6:45). How teachable are you? Do you think of Bible study as a dry, dull, boring waste of time, or are you child-like in your eagerness to learn all you can about Jesus?

What other child-like traits help us come to the Lord and serve Him? Let each of us change wherever needed to become more like little children, “for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:15-16 (NIV).

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, “whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Luke 18:16-17



Prayers



Shane Crofts has been in the hospital this past week but is at home now awaiting answers from the doctors.

Diana Foster was badly burned on her right hand Friday evening. She was taken to LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis. She will have surgery in the coming days.

Terry Renfrow received a good report from the doctors this week.

Margaret D. Baker had outpatient surgery on Tuesday of this week and she is at home recovering.

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, Terry Renfrow, Austin and Haley Wilson, Clemmer and Davis Families

Continued Prayers for family and friends:

Heather Adams, (Stephanie Simmons's sister); **Jo Ellen Caruth** (Bill Frohn's sister); **Judy Gurley**, (Dana Holzlander's mother); **Brenda Jones** (Kathy Dye's mother); **Nicholas Thomas Jones**, grandson of Perry Jones; **Amanda Dye Martin** (Tim & Kathy Dye's daughter); **Robert New**, (Raegan Potts' grandfather); **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, Ecru

Joy Simmons is in assisted living at the Dogwood Plantations.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Derek Bradley, Zakaria Bradley

FELLOWSHIP /WELCOME MEAL

We are happy to have Daniel, Bryn, Robin, and Sydney Manning worshipping and working with us!

Our monthly fellowship meal will be today in the fellowship building immediately after 2nd service. Everyone is invited to join in great fellowship together and welcome our new minister and his family.

TEACHER SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet for any teacher that is interested and will be willing to teach a Bible Class this next quarter. The new quarter will begin September 3. At this time the grades will advance to their new class room. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Simmons.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



5-Martin Crofts	22-Ashley Kelly
6- Ricky Adams	29-Terry Renfrow
6- Joe Owen	29-Georgia Shocklee
8- Kathy Jennings	29-Dawn Stroupe
10-Sue Stroud	29-Haley Wilson
12-Bailey Mayer	30-Richard Adams
13-Ronnie Griggs, Sr.	30-Alyce Jennings
15-Jessica Garrett	30-Troy Robertson
19-Kim Clayton	31-Cade Carpenter
20-Phillip Young	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

18-Shane & Barbara Crofts	21-Roger & Kathy Clayton
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HAPPENINGS TODAY

Fellowship Meal/Welcome to the Manning Family

There will be a elders, deacons, preacher meeting after our fellowship meal at 1:15.

The Area Wide will be at Mayfield this afternoon at 5:00. Casey Mayer is the driver of the bus. The bus will leave at 4:15.

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL AUGUST 13

Jason Jennings

SIGN UP SHEET

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for the ladies who would like to go to Antioch Church of Christ for their Ladies' Day on Saturday, August 16. There is a flyer on the bulletin board concerning this event. Please sign up as soon as possible so we will be able to send them a count.

YAHOO GROUP

Make plans to go to Hurt's Grill on Hwy 4 from Ripley on this Friday, August 15th. Sign up sheet is available in the foyer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Men's Coffee every Thursday Morning at 7am at Two Sister's Diner
- Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class -10 am - in the annex.
- Aug 10—Fellowship/ Welcome Meal./Elders Meeting @ 1:15 PM
- Aug 10— Area Wide at Mayfield 5:00 PM
- Aug 15— Yahoo Group Outing-Kurt's Grill
- Aug 16— Ladies' Day at Antioch
- Aug 17— Monthly Singing at NA Rehab at 2:00 PM Team # 1 Casey Mayer hosting— All are invited!
- Aug 21— Men's Ministry in the annex at & 7:00 PM
- Aug 24— Monthly Youth Dev.@ Ricky and Betty Adam's Home at 5:00 PM

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

THE FAMILY OF GOD

I. THE FAMILY WHO HAS BEEN BORN AGAIN

- Physical birth (John 3:3-4) — all must be born physically into the kingdom of men, but more importantly, born into the _____ kingdom.
- Spiritual birth (John 3:5-6; Acts 2:37-38; Eph. 5:25-26) — we must be born of _____ and _____ to enter God's family.
- Blessings (Eph. 1:3-7; Eph. 3:15) — adopted as _____, given all _____ **blessings** in Christ, redeemed and forgiven.

II. THE FAMILY WHO SERVE

- We submit (Eph. 5:21, 24; Rom. 13:1-5) — to one another, to our _____, and to governing _____.
- We serve each other in griefs & joys (Rom. 12:15-21) — rejoice with those who _____, weep with those who _____.
- We share similar expectations (Heb. 9:27) — appointed once to _____, then the _____.

III. THE FAMILY WHO IS VICTORIOUS

- God is our strength (Psa. 73:26).
- Victory in Christ (1 Cor. 15:57-58) — thanks be to God who gives us the _____; be steadfast, unmoveable, always _____ in the Lord's work.

NOTES:

WHY DID MY SAVIOR COME TO EARTH?

I. TO MAKE KNOWN THE UNKNOWN

- Hebrews 1:1 — God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the _____.
- Exodus 20:18 — And all the people saw the thunders... and they _____, and stood afar off.
- Exodus 33:20 — Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and _____.
- John 1:18 — No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son... he hath _____ him.
- John 14:9 — He that hath seen me hath _____ the Father.
- Colossians 2:9 — For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the _____ bodily.

II. TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE IMPOSSIBLE

- Genesis 3:4 — And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely _____.
- Hebrews 10:4 — For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should _____ away sins.
- Hebrews 10:12 — But this man... offered one _____ for sins for ever.
- Hebrews 10:17 — And their sins and iniquities will I remember no _____.

III. TO REDEEM THE UNREDEEMABLE

- Ephesians 2:1 — And you hath he quickened, who were _____ in trespasses and sins.
- Ephesians 2:12 — That at that time ye were... having no _____, and without God in the world.
- Ephesians 2:13 — But now in Christ Jesus ye... are made _____ by the blood of Christ.

NOTES:

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

WORSHIP SUNDAY-FIRST SERVICE - 9:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....David Clayton
 SONG738 "We Will Glorify the King..."
 SONG.....756 "When We All Get to Heaven"
 OPENING PRAYERTerry Stubblefield
 SONG679 "They Will Know We Are Christians"
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Owen Clayton
 SERMONDaniel Manning
 INVITATION SONG.....179 "God Is Call the Prodigal"
 SONG.....764 "When We Meet In Sweet Communion"
 LORD'S SUPPER N/Paul Ormon-Zack Wallace, Steve Hill
S/Kevin Simmons-Thomas Wall, Terry Renfrow
 OFFERING.....Paul Ormon/Kevin Simmons
 SONG842 "A Common Love"
 CLOSING PRAYERRicky Adams

DISMISS TO BIBLE CLASS 10:00 A.M.**WORSHIP SUNDAY-SECOND SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.**

LEAD SINGING.....Dillon Clayton
 OPENING PRAYERRicky Adams
 SERMONDaniel Manning
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Greg Clayton
 CLOSING PRAYERGreg Clayton
 USHER.....Dean Dillard/Kurt Clayton
 LOCK.....Kurt Clayton
 SECURITY.....Randy Wall

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY—August 13—6:30 PM

SINGING.....Hunter Jennings
 OPENING PRAYERTravis Harden
 DEVOTIONAL.....Jason Jennings
 CLOSING PRAYER.....David Clayton

Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025

Greeters.....Kurt and Shelly Clayton
 Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening PrayerPhillip Young
 Scripture Reading.....Clay Jennings
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning
Lord's Supper N/Paul Ormon, Zack Wallace,
 Steve Hill S/Kevin Simmons, Thomas Wall,
 Terry Renfrow
 Closing Prayer.....Olen Clark
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Steve Hill
 LockSteve Hill
 Security.....Joe Owen

Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.

Singing.....David Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Richard Adams
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning
 Announcements.....Richard Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Richard Jennings

Wednesday Night Aug 20, 2025—6:30PM

Singing.....Clay Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Hunter Jennings
 Devotional.....Steve Hill
 Closing Prayer.....Dillon Clayton

Sunday, Aug 24, 2025

Greeters.....Jason and Amy Jennings
 Singing.....Mark Jennings
 Opening PrayerBill Botts
 Scripture Reading.....Jason Jennings
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning
Lord's Supper: N/Paul Ormon, Zack Wallace,
 Steve Hill S/Kevin Simmons, Thomas Wall,
 Terry Renfrow
 Closing Prayer.....Martin Crotts
 Usher.....Dean Dillard/Jason Jennings
 LockJason Jennings
 Security.....Richard Adams

Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.

Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Randy Wall
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning
 Announcements.....Phil Young
 Closing Prayer.....Phil Young

Wednesday Night, Aug 27, 2025 6:30 PM

Singing.....Mike Brown
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Dye
 Devotional.....Jason Jennings
 Closing PrayerDan Cobb

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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)

**OUR RECORD
WEEK 08/03/2025**

Sunday School.....140
 Sunday 1st Service..... N/A
 Sunday 2nd Service.....N/A
 Wednesday.....106
 Contribution.....\$ 5,629.00
 Budget.....\$ 6,450.00

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