



THE INFORMER

Church of Christ ~ New Albany, Mississippi

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August 31, 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Minister

Daniel Manning.....803-673-6865
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



The Face of God

"In a father's strong arm and a mother's smile, In the winsome ways of an innocent child; In a canopy of blue and clouds of white, In the sparkling host of a sable night... I saw the face of God." —Frank Chesser, Portrait of God

The Apostle John wrote, "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12). It is impossible to truly picture the face of God, though many have tried. Painters have attempted to portray Jesus, and even God the Father, but all fall short. Yet the words of Chesser's poem remind us that glimpses of God can be seen in His creation—especially, as the poem says, "in the winsome ways of an innocent child."

As a father, I feel this deeply. Recently, while rocking my daughter Sydney to sleep, I sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" and noticed her wide smile. One verse struck me: "Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see..." In that moment, her innocent joy gave me just a glimpse of what perfection must be, and of the holiness of a God whom we cannot see.

Paul wrote in Romans 1:20 that God has revealed Himself through creation, leaving mankind "without excuse." The heavens declare His glory, yet nature alone cannot tell us *what God has said*. For that, we need His revealed Word. Through the Spirit, God has shown us His will (1 Corinthians 2:9–13), and in Christ and His church He has given us "all spiritual blessings" (Ephesians 1:3).

One day, we will no longer imagine His face—we will see Him on His throne. John describes it in Revelation 4:2–3: "And, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne..."

Until then, we look for His face in the blessings around us—in creation, in His Word, and in the innocent smile of a child. God bless you all, and have a wonderful week! - Daniel Manning



Prayers



Please remember these we have mentioned and others that need our prayers.

Sympathy is extended to **Tyler and Heather Boyd** due to the death of Tyler's grandfather in McMinnville, TN. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Please remember others that need our prayers.

Prayers: John Bodie, Betty Boren, Shane Crotts, Tonya Dillard, Arelus Dye, Ernestine Dye, Kathy Dye, Diana Foster, Jennifer Greer, Matt Jennings, Richard 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); **Connie Alberson**, (Brenna Politte's father), **Ray Butler**, Kirsten Sloan's father; **Kathy Calvert**, (Pam Renfrow's sister); **Jo Ellen Carruth** (Bill Frohn's sister); **James Helms**, (Great grandson of Jerry and Eleta Grimmett); **Brenda Jones** (Kathy Dye's mother); **Nicholas Thomas Jones**, grandson of Perry Jones; **Amanda Dye Martin** (Tim & Kathy Dye's daughter); **Robert Dean New**, (Reagan 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, 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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

29-Haley Wilson	30-Richard Adams
29-Terry Renfrow	30-Alyce Jennings
29-Georgia Shocklee	30-Troy Robertson
29-Dawn Stroupe	31-Cade Carpenter

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1- Lillie Jennings	16-Ryleigh Garrett
1- Novene Robertson	17-Bill Frohn
7- Vincent Ormon	18-Reggie McWilliams
13-Gloria Jones	23- Shelly Clayton
13- Collins Wilson	24-Jennifer Greer
14-Pam Renfrow	28-Arelus Dye



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7-Casey & Kim Mayer	20- Jeffrery & Catherina Coleman
15 Jerry & Eleta Grimmett	
17- Steve & Lana Todd	27- Clay & Ja Lyn Ormon

HAPPENINGS TODAY

Daniel Manning will be preaching both services.

Phil and Mark's Fellowship Picnic this afternoon— **eat at 5:00**. There will be tea, if you would like something different to drink you may bring 2 liter drinks. Please bring rotel, or any kind of dips and desserts everything else will be furnished. Come earlier if you would like to play games, bring games and bring your lawn chairs.

All are invited to the Fellowship Building!!!



There will be a bridal shower for Madison Griggs at the fellowship building on Sunday, September 21st., from 1:30 until 3:00. Madison is registered at Southern Traditions and Amazon. All ladies are invited.

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL SEPTEMBER 3

JUSTIN ELLIOTT

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.
- September 7- First Sunday Fellowship Meal
- September 7- Area Wide Youth Meeting in Verona
- September 18- Men's Ministry at 7:00 PM in the annex
- September 21- Bridal Shower for Madison Griggs—she is registered at Southern Traditions and Amazon
- September 21- Monthly Singing at NA Health and Rehab. Team #2—Travis Harden's team is hosting
All are encourages to attend
- September 28- Monthly Youth Devotional—Chad Mayer and Justin Elliott hosting.

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

I. A Disciple in Word

1. Definition of "Disciple"

- ◇ From Greek *mathētēs* — meaning _____ or _____
- ◇ More than facts — a close relationship with a _____
- ◇ Not exclusive to Christians

2. Use of the Word in Scripture

- ◇ Found over _____ times
- ◇ Sometimes the twelve _____ (Matthew 10:1)
- ◇ Sometimes larger groups (Matthew 12:49)
- ◇ A disciple seeks to be like his _____ (Luke 6:40)
- ◇ In Acts, all followers of Christ (Acts 6:12), (Acts 9:36), (Acts 11:26)
- ◇ Later NT terms: Christians, saints, brethren, believers

II. A Disciple in Deed (Luke 9:23–24)

1. Desire

- ◇ True discipleship starts with _____ Desire
- ◇ Without desire → no _____ (Luke 14:18)

2. Denial of Self

- ◇ Surrender your will: (Romans 12:1)
- ◇ Live _____ life not yours (1 Peter 4:1–2), (Galatians 2:20)

3. Taking Up Your Cross Daily

- ◇ Represents _____ & _____ (Matthew 27:26)
- ◇ Follow Christ in _____ (2 Timothy 3:12), (2 Timothy 2:3–4)
- ◇ Count the cost (1 Peter 3:18), (Luke 14:27), (1 Corinthians 15:31)

4. Follow After Jesus

- ◇ Continue in His Word (John 8:31)
- ◇ Serve Him faithfully (John 12:26)

I. Ready Your Heart

1. Learn How to Love Properly

- Love God with all your _____, _____, _____, _____
- Love your _____ (Luke 10:27)

2. Change the Contents

- "For as he _____ in his heart, so is he" (Prov 23:7)
- Good man brings forth _____, evil man brings forth _____ (Matt 12:35)
- Watch what you put in your _____

3. Concentrate Your Mind

- Bring every thought into _____ (2 Cor 10 :3-5)
- Conquer the enemy's _____
- How:
 - Read God's _____
 - Meditate _____
 - Talk with _____ people
 - Examine yourself in _____

II. Pursue God's Word

1. With Your Heart Readied

- Seek God with your _____ (Ps 119:10)
- Love His _____ above all (Ps 119:127)
- Prepare the heart before learning God's _____

2. With Your Priorities Straight

- Seek first God's _____ and righteousness (Matt 6:33)
- Devote your life to _____, study, and growth (2 Tim 2:14-16)
- Prepare for the world to hear and obey God's _____

III. Obey God's Commands

1. Action is Necessary

- Be doers, not hearers only (James 1:21-22)
- Don't just look in the _____ and ignore needed change (James 1:23)

2. Obedience is Possible

- God's word is living, powerful, and discerning (Heb 4:12)
- Read it, _____ it, and _____ it
- Reflect on your progress and growth as a _____

3. Be Ready to Share

- Follow Christ to become a fisher of _____ (Matt 4:19)
- Teach all _____, baptize in the name of the _____, Son, and Holy _____. (Matt 28:18-20)
- Sanctify God in your _____ and be ready to give an _____ for your _____. (1 Pet 3:15)
- Prepare heart, train mind, test your being for _____.

LEAD SINGING.....Mark Jennings
 SONG732 “We Praise Thee, O God”
 SONG.....215 “Hear Me When I Call”
 OPENING PRAYERAndy Clemmer
 SONG.....761 “Where He Leads I Will Follow”
 SCRIPTURE READING.....Casey Mayer
 SERMONDaniel Manning
 INVITATION SONG.....763 “Why Keep Jesus Waiting”
 SONG.....644 “Tis Set, The Feast Devine”
 LORD’S SUPPER N/Paul Ormon-Zack Wallace, Steve Hill
S/Kevin Simmons-Thomas Wall, Terry Renfrow
 OFFERING.....Paul Ormon/Kevin Simmons
 SONG908 “Awesome God”
 CLOSING PRAYERBill Frohn

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

DISMISS TO BIBLE CLASS 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SUNDAY-SECOND SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

LEAD SINGING.....Mark Jennings
 OPENING PRAYERKurt Clayton
 SERMONDaniel Manning
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Greg Clayton
 CLOSING PRAYERGreg Clayton
 USHER.....Dean Dillard/Zack Mayer
 LOCK.....Zack Mayer
 SECURITY.....Brian Carpenter
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY—September 3, 2025 —6:30 PM
 ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Jason Jennings
 SINGING.....Clay Jennings
 OPENING PRAYER.....Richard Jennings
 DEVOTIONAL.....Justin Elliott
 CLOSING PRAYER.....Conner Miller

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 08/24/2025

Sunday School.....N/A
 Sunday 1st Service.....179
 Sunday 2nd Service.....132
 Wednesday.....134
 Contribution.....\$ 7,375.00
 Budget.....\$ 6,450.00

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Greeters.....Randy & Amy English
 Singing.....Phillip Young
 Opening PrayerZack Mayer
 Scripture Reading.....Terry Renfrow
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning
Lord’s Supper: Casey Mayer, Chad Mayer, Perry Jones; Joe Owen, Zack Mayer, Tyler Mayer
 Closing Prayer.....Troy Robertson
 Usher.....Matt Jennings/Mark Jennings
 LockGreg Clayton
 Security.....Greg Clayton

Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.

Announcements.....Steve Hill
 Singing.....Richard Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Clint Stroupe
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Dye

Wednesday Night, Sept. 10, 2025 6:30 PM

Singing.....Richard Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Casey Mayer
 Devotional.....Ricky Adams
 Closing PrayerRicky Adams

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Greeters.....Steve & Andrea Hill
 Singing.....Dillon Clayton
 Opening PrayerPaul Ormon
 Scripture Reading.....Brian Carpenter
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning

Lord’s Supper: Casey Mayer, Chad Mayer, Perry Jones; Joe Owen, Zack Mayer, Tyler Mayer

Closing Prayer.....Steve Todd
 Usher.....Matt Jennings/Kevin Simmons
 LockDan Cobb
 Security.....Dan Cobb

Sunday Second Service 11:00 a.m.

Announcements.....Steve Hill
 Singing.....Phillip Young
 Opening Prayer.....Terry Stubblefield
 Sermon.....Daniel Manning
 Closing Prayer.....Richard Jennings

Wednesday Night Sept. 17, 2025 6:30PM

Singing.....Hunter Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Phil Young
 Devotional.....Zach Wallace
 Closing Prayer.....Mike Brown

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