

WFC News

I wanted to take just a minute to update you on some of the work that we are doing on the UAM campus. Our Thursday night Bible studies started back this Fall Semester after a delay from the first hurricane. We have transitioned inside on Thursday nights after the initial push to have our Bible studies outside. The free meals on Thursday nights resumed beginning the second week of September after an initial delay at the request of UAM. Due to concerns and the smaller group size this year, I have been preparing Thursday night meals and that seems to be working the best currently. This opportunity to serve may be opened to others during the Spring Semester. Thank you to all those who have asked about meals already, your help is always appreciated.

We have been involved with events that UAM has hosted and our students are active in the limited Intermural sport activities that UAM is having this year. We recently had Spirit Week in which we were able to participate in activities, including painting a Spirit Wall that was placed outside the WFC building. We were also able to host an invitation only ping pong tournament at the WFC building.

I was recently invited to a meeting with the Chancellor and the UAM Executive board. I am sad to report that the stress during these strange times is having a negative effect on UAM students. UAM is seeing a drop in grades and attendance, with students not showing up in person to classes. The meeting was focused on helping students better cope and what can be done to improve student engagement and moral. I felt the meeting was positive for us. I hope we will see a lifting of some of the restrictions that we have been trying to operate under this semester. Please continue to pray for the Students and Staff of UAM. Pray that God will open doors for us as we continue the work.

~Brad Tolbert

MINISTERS

Pulpit Minister
Paul Mowrer

Campus Minister
Brad Tolbert

Youth Minister
Jason Meier

Secretary
Cathy Mowrer

ELDERS

Mike Beard
Larry Fisackerly
Joe Moore

Deacons

Marty Baker
Chris Bryant
Ray Linder
Jason Meier
Jeff Newton
Josh Pettigrew
Kerry Rice
Jeremy Wilson

Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM

Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them. Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down.

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?... For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:31; 38-39.



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

November 1, 2020

PRAISE TO GOD

I recently read through the Psalms in my daily Bible reading. As I read each day, my attention was drawn to the fact that the psalmists' focus was on praise to God. I know, that sounds like a silly thought, but each psalm praises God for His greatness, love, mercy, and yes, even His vindication for wrongs done. Even though each psalmist faced difficult times in their lives, the majority of each psalm is praise to God. David on the run for his very life, suffering through physical sickness, concern for his family, yet filled with praise to God for His show of power and love and care for the "insignificant."

And as I continued to read from day to day, I began to consider our worship and praise to the Lord. Do we praise God for His greatness and power? Do we acknowledge His creation and changing of the seasons? Do we focus on His guiding hand through the good and bad of life? Do we thank Him that He has given us another day—to praise Him!?

I fear that in our lives as Christians, the tendency of our thoughts may have become more focused on the created, than the Creator. What would happen in our lives, if we focused our words more to glorifying God and less focus on our infirmities? What would happen in our worship, if our focus really was more about the Lord and less about us? These questions are not so much about our personal needs, but more about the greatness of God and His wonderful love for us. In fact, God has so much love for us that He knows our needs before we ever approach His throne of grace.

A brief visit to the Old Testament and the "failures" of the Israelites will show us that much of their struggles were because they took their eyes off the Lord and looked at their own personal needs. Note the Israelites standing on the shore of the Red Sea with the Egyptians hot on their heels. Or, perhaps the Israelites longing for bread, meat and water in the wilderness. God chastised them for their lack of faith and trust in Him. When we focus our praise on God, we remove that focus from our lives and place it where it truly belongs—Almighty God! ~P. Mowrer

"I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."

~Psalm 9:1-2

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HEART-TO-HEART

Margaret Harris is home following gall bladder surgery this past Tuesday.

John Staudinger is recovering at home following surgery on his face and eye this past week.

Christy Rice, daughter of **Donnie & Janice Wright**, is scheduled for surgery to remove a mass on her spinal cord Wed., Nov. 4 at Methodist Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Mamie Meier is scheduled for cataract surgery Thursday, November 5.

Change of Address: The **Chris Conley family** has relocated to Fordyce AR. We wish them God's blessings in their future. They are living at 233 Calhoun 177 in Fordyce. Mail may be sent to: **Mr. & Mrs. Chris Conley**
P.O. Box 696
Fordyce, AR 71742

We are once again sponsoring a cottage from the **Paragould Children's Home** for Christmas. Money may be given to either **Stacy Usry** or **Shirley Fisackerly**.

Everyone is invited to fill the baby bed with love, honoring:
Corey & Valerie Bryant
 and their new baby girl!
 They are registered at:
Babylist.com/baby
 Gifts will be taken to Georgia
 November 6th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1 - *Worship live streamed at 9:30*
- Nov. 2 - Election Day, 2020
- Nov. 3 - Wed. evening Bible Class @ 6:30

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Lyndell Baker...Tony & Judy Beard...Jacque Davidson...Barbara Durham...Jean Enlow...Margaret Harris...Joe Moore...Rusty & Lori Rabb...John Staudinger...Rita Stiles... Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Clara Cooper...Betty Henry...Betty McGuire...Linda Rabb...Bob & Pat Turner...Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Corey Bryant... Donnie Collins...Braydn Curtis...Noah Draper...Tucker Koonce...Matthew May...Neil Rampy...Christian Stepanovich...Mathew Tannehill... Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Robert Akin...Tim Atkinson...Butch Baker...Valerie Bryant (due in Dec.)...Candice Carter...Lydia Cowgill...Megan Dyson (due in Nov.)...Alpheia Evans...Mike Frost...Terry Gibson...Eloise Harris...Lavon & Betty Light...Ronnie Light...Rita McBroom...Stephen McKinney...Mamie Meier...Percy & Dana Morris...George Nickolson...Janetta Pugh...Howie, Christy, & Anna Rice...David & Loyce Ray...John & Christine Riddle...Kelsy Robinson (due in Apr.)...Joe Rogers...Eddie Don Russell...Homer Shirey...Tess Smith...Mary Jane Speer...Marvin Spencer...Harold & Mary Stuart...Sharon Sullivan...Brooke Thompson...Joe Thompson...Joel Thompson...Cherie Webb...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Nov 2 Lane Usry
- 3 Marty Baker
- 4 Shawna Cook
- 8 Jim Dyson
- 9 Angela Naron
- 11 Heather Perry
John David Vanderzualm
- 15 Pam Beard
Ryan & Stacy Usry
- 16 Leah Bryant
- 19 Dillon & Sarah Rabb
- 20 Shirley Fisackerly

November Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 2 Luke 1-4
- 3 Luke 5-8
- 4 Luke 9-12
- 5 Luke 13-16
- 6 Luke 17-20
- 7 Luke 21-24
- 8 John 1-4

Card of Thanks

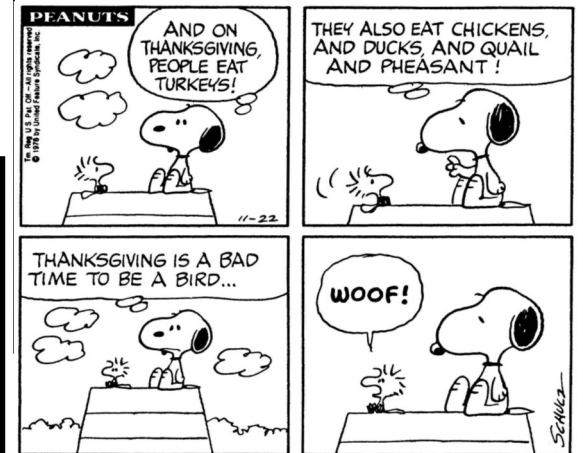
Dear Monticello church family,
 Thank you guys for the calls and the cards and prayers. Love you guys – that made my day!!!

Love,
 Donnie Grace Gordon

“God will protect you with His pinions; you will have refuge under His wings. His faithfulness is a protective shield” **Psa.1:4.**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Attendance

Bible Class	
Sunday AM Worship	99
Sunday PM Worship	
Wed. Evening	70
Contribution	\$ N/A

Schedule of Volunteers for Communion to Shut-in

MISSIONS

Truth for Today
 In Search of the Lords' Way
 Ghana Radio

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Nov 1	Terry Boykin
Nov 8	Terry Boykin
Nov 15	Leah Bryant
Nov 22	Leah Bryant

Ladies November Duties

Cards: Angela Naron
Food: Pam Beard
Pens & Cards: