

A New School Year Needs Prayer!

We are facing a new school year and once again I ask that you spend time in prayer. *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people” (Ephesians 6:18).* After a difficult past school year, we are looking hopefully toward a more normal year. We are facing continued COVID-19 cases in the community bringing it’s own stresses and changes on the UAM campus. We are remaining flexible in hopes of reaching as many students as possible with whatever opportunities we are given.

Join us in praying for the coming school year. Pray for faculty, staff, students, and their families as we face the challenges of a new year. Pray that the gospel message will be taught in all it’s truth and power.

Pray for Open Doors. *“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains” (Colossians 4:2–3).*

Pray that God’s Word Will Spread. *“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you” (2 Thessalonians 3:1).*

Pray for Protection. *“And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith” (2 Thessalonians 3:2).*

Partners in prayer. *“I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me” (Romans 15:30).*

Your prayers are needed. Please pray daily for the work on the UAM campus and the students we are reaching. ~Brad Tolbert

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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



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

“...speaking the truth in love...” Eph. 4:15

August 8, 2021

THIS BOOK THE BIBLE

This book called the Bible is the great manual of the soul, it is the textbook of life. Here is a book which really does answer the question of life. How does it do that? Well, see how it begins. It does not say, ‘Are you not feeling well’ or ‘Do you want healing?’ ‘Do you want a bit of happiness and joy? Come along!’ No, that is the way of the cults. That is not the Bible. The Bible is different. We have a problem and we begin to read... ‘In the beginning God...’ That is the Bible. You see, the Bible never starts with man — it always starts with God. And the whole trouble with the modern world is that it starts with man and ends with man, and so it ends in confusion and chaos. ~Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Facebook, Feb. 13, Bruce Rampy)

I know, I’m back to my “pet-peeve” — our need as God’s people to spend more time in God’s Word; to fill our minds with those things of God which will help us to live more holy lives for Him (**1 Pet. 1:16**); to search out the paths which will lead to life eternal. But sadly, our tendency today as children of God is to bend God to fit our beliefs and our way of life.

Jack P. Lewis (Professor Emeritus of Harding School of Theology) penned the following: “Progressive” scholars would make the Bible into a human book, humanly manufactured by communities. They believe as readers of biblical literature, they could form their own opinions and add their own cultural biases to what God said. They argue God didn’t say anything; they simply read it and make their own cultural version of it. They argue that since all have biases, one cannot objectively understand God’s word. So...they can interpret (add to, subtract from, or edit) the Bible according to their own thinking and desires.

Others are applauding Scripture as first, but not the only authority. Jesus said He will judge us by His words (**Jn. 12:48**), not His words plus human traditions. **Rev. 20:11-15** says we’ll be judged by the things written in His books—not by the books of men. Jesus’ words and His books will have the only and the last say. They are both first and last. Let us believe the Lord.

We may agree that the Bible is holy inspired by God (**2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21**), but do we read it as God’s inspired Word? Do we apply it to our lives as God’s Word leading us to eternal life? Giving it lip service alone is no better than those “progressive” scholars mentioned above. Let us look deeply into the Word (Jesus Christ) of life (Jn. 1:1-5)! ~P. Mowrer

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

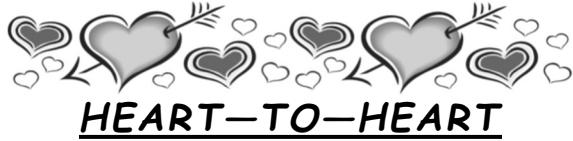


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Our sympathy is extended to **Chris Bryant** and **Family** on the passing of his Grandfather, **Charles Thompson**. Funeral services were held this past Friday in Prairie Grove.

Our sympathy is also extended to the **Bailey, Baker, Koonce,** and **Shirey** families, on the passing of their cousin, **Mildred English Mayfield**. A memorial service was held this past Tuesday in San Antonio, TX.

Judy Beard's brother, **Jerry Lawrence**, is recovering following surgery to remove melanoma cancer from his head.

Congratulations to **2021 Drew County Fair Parade Marshal and Homestead Family, Jason, Lydia, Joanna, & Jessica Meier!**

We welcome **Ryan & Bonnie Halbert** to Monticello and the church family here. Ryan is the new Assistant Superintendent at Drew Central and Bonnie will be teaching English at Hermitage. Following is their address and telephone number:

Ryan & Bonnie Halbert
368 North Longview Road
Fountain Hill, AR 71642
Ph. # 870-261-8978

This Sunday evening is our **Second Sunday Singing** followed by the **July/August Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship**. **Home-made ice cream** is encouraged as we also kick-off back to school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - *Worship livestreamed at 10:30*
Second Sunday Singing @ 5:00
Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship
Aug. 14 - Beal/Perry Wedding/Honey Do Shower

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...LaVerne Potter... Rita Stiles... Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Eloise Harris...Betty Henry...Betty McGuire...Neva McKeown...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis... Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Bernice Adcock..Kathryn Burton..Terra Chambers.. Levi Davis...Mike Frost..Terry Gibson...Michael Gilbert..Gay Gunter...ommy Hancock...Tina Jacks.. Mike James...Tina Jarvius...Johnny Jeter...Jerry Lawrence..Ronnie Light..Ben Nichols..Kelly Owens Bill Payne...Paul Peacock...Christy Rice...David & Loyce Ray...John & Christine Riddle...Suzette Russell... Frank Sawyer...Homer Shirey...Elizabeth (Moore) Stepanovich (due in Dec.)...James Walton. William Woods...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Aug. 12	Sheila Collins
16	Roger Harris Jill Curtis <i>(both inadvertently left off August calendar)</i>
17	David & Paula Wilson
20	Jimmy & Sandra Higgins
22	Josie Pettigrew
23	Kelly & Anna Koonce Mandy Tolbert
26	Brad Tolbert
27	Lindsey Baker Mike Beard

August Daily Bible Reading Schedule

9 Isaiah 19-21
10 Isaiah 22-24
11 Isaiah 25-27
12 Isaiah 28-30
13 Isaiah 31-33
14 Isaiah 34-36
15 Isaiah 37-39

HEART-TO-HEART cont.

Everyone is invited to a **Wedding Shower/Honey Do** for **Mari Beal & John Mark Perry** Saturday, August 14 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Registry information can be found at: www.theknot.com. She is listed in the registry as **Jo'Marea Beal**. Questions, please see **Becky Rice** or **Lydia Meier**.

The **WFC ministry** is in need of drivers to pick up students for worship. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you can help.

Note of Thanks

Dear Monticello church,

Thank you for your generous graduation gifts. We are so thankful for you. We appreciate your prayers and support as we begin our new journey. Thank you!

John Mark Perry and Mari Beal

Be Sincere

We often say our prayers,
but do we ever pray?
and do the wishes of our heart
go with the words we say?

We may as well kneel down
and worship gods of stone
as offer to the living God
a prayer of words alone.

For words without the heart
the Lord will never hear,
nor will He to those lips attend
whose prayers are not sincere.

~ The Biblical Messenger

MISSIONS

Truth for Today
In Search of the
Lord's Way
Ghana Radio

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Aug 8 Angela Naron
Aug 15 Barbara Newton
Aug 22 Barbara Newton
Aug 29 Sara Newton

Ladies August Duties

Cards: Linda Forrest
Food: Angela Naron
Kristen Smith

Attendance

Bible Class	72
Sunday AM Worship	91
Sunday PM Worship	68
Wed. Evening	68
Contribution	\$4,590

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