

Who Do You Worship?

Henry Ward Beecher, the famous pulpit orator, once had to be absent and his brother was invited to speak for him. The church house was crowded, but when it became evident that the eloquent Henry Beecher was not going to appear, many started to leave. Beecher's brother was not disturbed. He stood up before the murmuring crowd, called for silence and said, "All who came this morning to worship Henry W. Beecher may now leave. The rest will remain and worship God."

What are we doing in our assemblies? Some, like the Athenians, come only to hear the preacher say something (**Acts 17:20-21**). Is it relevant? Is it positive? Are mental guidelines used in judging sermons? Some attend to judge the singing, the prayers, or the friendliness of the congregation. These go away with a host of criticisms.

Why do we gather for worship? Some are here to get it over with for a week; to get their tickets validated once more. But those who are here because they need strength in carrying their crosses know the value of worship. Worship has nothing to do with the song leader or the talent of the preacher. It has to do with you and your God.

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MINISTERS

Pray for our
Minister search!

Campus Minister
Brad Tolbert

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Joshua Pettigrew

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Mike Beard
Larry Fisackerly
Joe Moore

Deacons

Marty Baker
Chris Bryant
Ray Linder
Jason Meier
Jeff Newton
Joshua 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

October 24, 2021

Some things are difficult to believe!

If we are honest with ourselves, I think you will agree that the bible asks us to believe some things, that from a purely human and worldly perspective, are hard to believe. The resurrection of the dead is something that many have dreamed of. If you have lost a loved one to death you know that there is a longing to see that person again, a desire for them to be returned to you healthy and happy. We also know that we don't have the power to do this. Paul the apostle addresses a group of Christians that is struggling with their belief. They are questioning what they have been taught, and some are saying that "there is no resurrection" (**1 Corinthians 15:12**). They seem to fear that when they died that would be the end, and they will simply cease to exist. Paul addresses their concern and brings their focus back to Christ.

"But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." (**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**)

Just because something is hard to believe doesn't mean it's not true. One of the central core teachings from the New Testament is that Jesus was raised from the dead. This momentous event is crucial in the plan laid out by Jesus during his ministry. From a purely human perspective this is an event that is hard to believe, but it is true and we must hold it close to our heart.

Brad Tolbert, Weevils for Christ

Memory Verse

"I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart." - **Psalm 40:8**

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Neva McKeown** (Peggy Moore's mother) who passed away Wednesday. Visitation will be Oct. 25 at 10AM at the Rock Springs Methodist Church with funeral service following at 11AM.

Let's keep remembering to pray for **Joe Moore** who is still dealing with kidney stones.

Roger Harris's surgery went well this past week.

Congratulations to **Ainsley Barnett** for making All Region Choir.

Further tests have revealed that **David Ray** does not have Lupus.

Turner Roberts (Jerry and Laura Smith's grandson) has many upcoming surgeries.

Mignon Griffin is back home and feeling much better.

Judy Johnson (aunt of Joshua Pettigrew) fell and fractured her skull. She is out of the ICU but has a long recovery ahead.

Rusty Blanks (Becky Rice's step brother) is having trouble with his vision.

Mike James (Harding Professor) passed away last week.

Sawyer Tannehill (Jill Curtis's grandson) is out of the hospital but still under observation.

Raegan Robinson (Barbara Dyson's granddaughter) is in Children's Hospital in Little Rock undergoing tests.

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30 with guest speaker **Jerry Keene**

-Meet and greet w/ **Jerry Keene** at 2-3:30

-Evening worship at 5:00 (teens and up meet in the auditorium)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger Harris... Joe Moore...LaVerne Potter...Rita Stiles... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...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

Shanna Baker... Alli Cooper... the family of Donald Dinger...Jeannie French...Mignon Griffin...Tina Jarvius... family of Mike James...Johnny Jeter... family of Atley Johnson... Deane Johnson...Shirley Majors... the family of Neva McKeown... Austin & Andrea Oesch...Judy Purvis...David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Raegan Robinson... Willie Rodriguez...Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Homer Shirey...Elizabeth(Moore) Stepanovich(due in Dec.)... Katie Strickland... Sawyer Tannehill... Robert and Sue Thomas... family of Joe Thompson...James Walton... Wayne Witson.. William Woods...Sue Woodward...Gerald Wright...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Today! 24 Jerry Smith
- Oct. 29 Kelly Koonce
Mark Sponaugle
Ryan Thompson
- 30 Jim & Barbara Dyson
- Nov. 2 Lane Usry
- 3 Marty Baker
- 4 Shawna Cook
- 8 Jim Dyson
- 9 Angela Naron
- 15 Pam Beard
Ryan & Stacy Usry
- 16 Leah Bryant
- 19 Dillon & Sarah Rabb

*****Heart To Heart cont'd*****

Weevils for Christ is responsible for feeding the School of Nursing on Thursday, October 28. Please help us make this outreach work! There is a sign up sheet in the foyer, and we need help that morning to fix the box lunches.

There will be a meet and greet with **Jerry Keene** from 2-3:30 today in the Fellowship Hall.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 30th at 10AM-Noon here at the church building. If you would like to help, there are sign up sheets in the foyer.

*****Address Book Update*****

Marcia Mowrer's phone number is:
662-285-2122

*****A Note Of Thanks*****

Dear Monticello Family,
Words cannot express my heartfelt appreciation for the delicious cake and wonderful bath sugar cubes. It was a wonderful surprise. I can't think of a better way to celebrate than with my spiritual family. Thank you!

Love In Christ, Crystal Dominguez

Oct Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 25 Matthew 5-9
- 26 Matthew 10-13
- 27 Matthew 14-17
- 28 Matthew 18-21
- 29 Matthew 22-25
- 30 Matthew 26-28
- 31 Mark 1-4

<p>Attendance</p> <p>Bible Class 90 Sunday AM Worship... 121 Sunday PM Worship 86 Wed. Evening 85 Contribution.....\$4,092</p>	<p>Web: http://montcofc.org/ email: info@montcofc.org</p> <p>P.O. Box 485 2078 Hwy. 425 N. Monticello, AR 71657 phone: 870-367-3919</p>	<p>MISSIONS</p> <p>Truth for Today In Search of the Lord's Way</p>
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<p>NURSERY</p>	<p>Communion Preparation</p> <p>Oct 24 Laura Smith Oct 31 Laura Smith Nov 7 Janet Staudinger Nov 14 Janet Staudinger</p>	<p>Ladies October Duties</p> <p>Cards: Terry Boykin Food: Jill Curtis Jennifer Knight</p>
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