

## One At A Time

The story is told of a business man who was overworked and decided to take some time off. While vacationing on the coast, a terrible storm hit. When it died down, he decided to take a walk down the coast to see what damage had been done. As he walked along the shore, he noticed thousands of starfish which had washed upon the shore. He knew that in a few hours the sun would come out and the starfish would dry out and die. As he thought about the starfish, he noticed a young boy who was throwing the starfish back one by one. The man was amazed by the youth's diligence and shocked by his feeble attempts to make a difference. As he looked up the long beach, he saw thousands of starfish. When he caught up with the young man, he informed the boy that he could not possibly save them all and said to the little boy, "You'll never be able to make a difference to the starfish population." The boy bent down, picked up a starfish, looked at it, then threw it back into the safety of the ocean. Then he said, "I sure made a difference to that one."

We cannot personally make a difference in the lives of everyone that fills this world, but we can make a difference to a few of them. It is interesting that when Jesus spoke of those on His right hand on the Day of Judgment, he described them as having made a difference in the life of one person. He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). I sincerely believe that each of us can make a difference in the life of someone. This is how Jesus worked—one at a time. Sure, He preached to thousands, but He visited with families, and helped individuals.

Wade L. Webster  
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### MINISTERS

Pray for our  
Minister search!

Campus Minister  
Brad Tolbert

Secretary  
Joshua Pettigrew

### ELDERS

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

November 7, 2021

## Do You Love Your Family?

Being in a family is sometimes hard. Loving your family is sometimes harder. The bible teaches that each of us that have become Christians have a new Father, a Father that is perfect and loves us. When we all have the same loving Father that makes us family. "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:1,2) When we strive to know God the Father we will grow to be like Him, and as we each grow to be like God we will be more like each other. When we are true children of God each of us will show God's love to each other and we will be the true family of God.

Paul described what true love put into action should be like to the Christians in the church at Rome. "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:9-18) When we treat each other the way scripture teaches us to we become the true family of God. True love means taking an active interest in the lives of those who are in your family. Love is a decision to act in accordance with the will of God.

Being a family means loving each other and making a life together. We don't have perfect people in our family but that doesn't mean we don't love them. I just need to remember I'm in that family and I'm not a perfect person either. We are all growing into that person that God wants us to be. Let us be a patient loving family.

Brad Tolbert, Weevils For Christ

# Memory Verse

"Rich and poor have this in common:  
The Lord is the Maker of them all."

- Proverbs 22:2

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The Tolbert family has been dealing with illness. Mandy has pneumonia, and Brad and Daniel have been sick as well.

Sissy Tucker (co-worker of Fern Baker) will be having a procedure to address a possible brain bleed on November 11.

Robbie Pettigrew (Joshua Pettigrew's Father) recently had eye surgery to reattach a retina.

The special collection for Niyah Jai Jacobs this past Sunday raised a total of \$3,000. Donations can still be made at Commercial Bank of Monticello, AR under the account name: Niyah Jacobs Medical Fund. Or you can go to the GoFundMe website at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and search for "Help Niyah and family".

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

As in years past, we will be adopting a cottage from Paragould Children's Home. Please give money to help with gifts to Stacy Usry or Shirley Fisackerly.

There is still one slot open (Nov. 16) to provide food for the Weevils For Christ. If you would like to help, sign the sheet in the foyer.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Small group studies at 5:00

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members:**

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger Harris... Joe Moore...LaVerne Potter...Rita Stiles... The Tolbert Family...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 Rumpy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**



- Nov. 8 Jim Dyson
- 9 Angela Naron
- 11 Heather Perry  
Jon David Vanderzwalm
- 15 Pam Beard  
Ryan & Stacy Usry
- 16 Leah Bryant
- 19 Dillon & Sarah Rabb
- 20 Shirley Fisackerly
- 23 Judy Beard  
Monty Meier  
Corey & Holly Dial
- 28 Jeremy Wilson

**Nov Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

- 8 Luke 17-20
- 9 Luke 21-24
- 10 John 1-4
- 11 John 5-8
- 12 John 9-12
- 13 John 13-16
- 14 John 17-21



**TRUTH** John 8:32

**HEAVEN** 1 Corinthians 2:9

**ARMOR OF GOD** Ephesians 6:11

**NEIGHBORS** Romans 15:2

**KINDNESS** Ephesians 4:32

**FORGIVENESS** 1 John 1:9

**ULTIMATE SACRIFICE** 1 Peter 3:18

**LOVE** John 3:16

**Attendance**

- Bible Class .....95
- Sunday AM Worship... 122
- Sunday PM Worship.....82
- Wed. Evening .....61
- Contribution..... \$12,054

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**MISSIONS**

Truth for Today  
In Search of the Lord's Way

**NURSERY**

**Communion Preparation**

- Nov 7 Janet Staudinger
- Nov 14 Janet Staudinger
- Nov 21 Angela Stewart
- Nov 28 Angela Stewart

**Ladies November Duties**

- Cards: Angela Naron
- Food: Kathy Linder  
Linda Bates