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- trying to drain the ocean with a tea cup. The Word of God will long outlast the preacher.
- 6) **The preacher must have an interest in souls (John 4:35)** - The preacher must see souls of others as Christ saw the souls of others—as precious. The message of God has the souls of man as its utmost priority—the one that preaches that message must have the same concern for those souls.
- 7) **The preacher must be humble (James 4:7-10)** - A preacher needs to be able to step back in order for the message of God to be showcased. The preacher’s oratory skills, vocabulary, and knowledge are important—not to garner recognition, but to effectively communicate the message of God.
- 8) **The preacher must remember his family (Psalm 127:1-3)** - A preacher is obligated to his family—both physical and spiritual. He must find the balance between both, and neglect neither. He is to help strengthen the church and save the lost, but not at the expense of his family.
- 9) **The preacher must remained focused on the goal and be positive (Philippians 3:13-14)** - Dabo Swinney said, “To be an overachiever you have to be an over-believer.” A negative preacher short-changes the capability of God. When God is our partner—PLAN BIG!
- 10) **The preacher must remember that he is a Christian first (1 Timothy 1:18-19)** - One can get to Heaven without being a preacher, but one cannot get to Heaven without being a Christian. The preacher serves alongside the congregation, as a Christian first and preacher second.

- Josh Walker

Note: The list is from an unknown source and most Scripture references contributed by Allen Webster.

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Assemblies
SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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

July 10, 2022

A PREACHER’S COMMITMENT

I wanted to start this article with a word of thanks. Thank you for making us feel at home with the warm welcome, the delicious food, and the many words of encouragement. When Karli and I made the decision to go to preaching school, it was our hope and prayer that we would not only find a work in which we could be effective, but that would be a blessing to us, as well. We are thankful to God that we have found that place. We are excited to be in Monticello with you all.

What should a congregation expect from their preacher?

- 1) **The preaching must be biblical (1 Peter 4:11)** - The Greek word most often translated “preach” has the idea of a herald speaking on behalf of a king. The herald’s words only have authority if they are the words of the king; therefore, a preacher’s words only have authority if they come from the words of the King—the Bible.
- 2) **The preaching must be practiced (Hebrews 2:1-3)** - One of my instructors often said, “To be a good preacher, one must first be a good man.” A preacher must “practice what he preaches,” because he is a Christian first—like everyone in the church.
- 3) **The preaching must be balanced and avoid extremes (Philippians 4:5)** - A preacher can always speak the truthful things yet still be a false teacher if he avoids the difficult sermons and does not preach the WHOLE truth. A preacher can also be ineffective if he constantly chastises a congregation. The spiritual man grows, like the physical man, with a balanced diet.
- 4) **The preacher always prays (Luke 18:1)** - The Christian’s most powerful tool is often the most underutilized tool—prayer. A man that speaks FOR God must also be active in speaking TO God.
- 5) **The preacher must never quit studying (1 Timothy 4:11-15)** - One preacher compared understanding the Bible completely to (continued on back page)

Memory Verse

“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.”

Romans 1:16 (ESV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

Pray for **Jacque Davidson, Brooke Thompson, and Mandy Tolbert** as they deal with Covid.

Carolyn Cook was taken to the hospital in Pine Bluff Thursday morning with a heart issue.

Pray for **Joel Thompson**, who is in the hospital.

Candice Carter is starting a new round of chemo treatments. Please pray that the treatments are effective and for strength.

Continue to remember the youth that are away at camp—that they will be safe, enjoy their time, and grow spiritually.

Tonight will be **Singing Night** followed by the **Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship**. As part of the fellowship, we will have a **pounding/housewarming** for the **Walkers** as part of the **Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship**. There is a list of needed/wanted items in the foyer. Let's welcome the **Walkers** to their new home! If you have any questions see **Sandra Baker** or **Pam Beard**.

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

-Singing at 5:00 followed by the Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Carolyn Cook... Gary Crook... Shawn Curtis... Jacque Davidson... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Mamie Meier... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter..... Eddy and Suzette Russell... Jerry and Laura Smith... Rita Stiles... Joel and Brooke Thompson... 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... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Shannah Baker...Rusty Blanks... Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper... Opal Crow... Larry Earnest... Joseph Friend...Tommy Haynes... Bertha Henry... Deane Johnson... Francis Jordan... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... Robbie Pettigrew... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of David Wilkins... Sue Woodard...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



July	10	Cindy Thornton
	13	Jeremy & Rachel Wilson
	15	Jimmy Potter John & Carolyn Ashcraft
	18	Shawn Curtis
	19	Janice Wright
	20	Joe Moore
	21	Tony Beard
	22	Donnie & Janice Wright
	24	Jamie Beard
	25	Peggy Moore
	26	Jason & Lydia Meier
	27	Larry Fisackerly
	29	Philip & Becky Colvin Josh & Karli Walker

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

10	Psalm 133-135
11	Psalm 136-138
12	Psalm 139-141
13	Psalm 142-144
14	Psalm 145-147
15	Psalm 148-150
16	Proverbs 1-3



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

All women are invited to attend a meeting about the **LOVE Ministry** on **Sunday, July 24th** at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

VBS IS COMING!

VBS will be a one day event on **Saturday, July 30th**. The theme is *Marooned: Steady Faith in Shifting Sand*. To read more about it visit PromiseVBS.com/2019 **Volunteers are needed!** A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. See **Chris Bryant** if you have any questions.

Please continue to remember in prayer all who are **traveling** in the Summer months.

Best Choice labels are still being collected. Place the **UPC labels** from **Best Choice products** in the box in **room 134**. The proceeds go to the **Paragould Children's Home**.

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!" - Psalm 34:1-3

Attendance

Bible Class	73
Sunday AM Worship	88
Sunday PM Worship	47
Wed. Evening	69
Contribution	\$3,476

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Communion Preparation

July 10	Gwen Ellis
July 17	Shirley Fisackerly
July 24	Shirley Fisackerly
July 31	Linda Forrest

Ladies July Duties

Cards:	Barbara Dyson
Food:	Sara Newton Jill Curtis