



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men—Galatians 6:10

THE INFLUENCE OF THE BIBLE (Part 1)

— George W. DeHoff —

A tree is known by the fruit it bears. When we pluck the luscious fruit from the branch year after year we do not need to be convinced of the goodness of the tree, we have the evidence in hand. Christians do not need to be convinced that the Bible came from God—they have seen the fruit it bears. No other book has ever had such an influence. It has always championed the right in every controversy and has never done despite to the individual who studied it. Because of its great influence, Christians believe that the Bible is a revelation from God.

MORAL INFLUENCE SPREAD ABROAD

Did you ever hear a man say, “I used to steal, lie, drink, swindle, abuse my family, gamble, break up homes, beat my debts and was an immoral citizen but I was finally induced to read some books on infidelity, atheism and doubt and now I go to church, treat my family decent, pay my debts, live a moral life, try to be a good neighbor and a good citizen as the result of the influence these books had on me”? No, and you never will for the Bible is the only book that has such an influence on men. As long as the Bible has such an influence, Christians may declare with confidence, “The Bible is God’s Word” and they may point with pride to its fruit.

HUMAN FREEDOM ADVANCED

In the days of the Old Testament all nations, except the Hebrews, were built on slavery. The Hebrew nation, even when it permitted slavery surrounded it with many alleviations and held no one in servitude more than seven years. The Roman nation with a population of about one hundred and twenty-five million held more than sixty million in the basest sort of slavery. Overworked, underfed, and killed at the pleasure of their owners, these slaves were indeed “without God and without hope” in the world. But lo, the Christ came and died, and from the very beginning slaves were received into the churches of Christ on the same basis as their masters. The New Testament teaches the universal Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. Where Christianity has gone, slavery has either retreated or been destroyed. While Mohammedanism has enslaved millions, Christianity has freed millions.

Summer Series 2023

THE MAN, JESUS CHRIST

The Man Who Preached - Billy Bland

Memory Verse

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:6 (ESV)

July 23, 2023

ELDERS

Mike Beard

Larry Fisackerly

Joe Moore

DEACONS

Marty Baker

Chris Bryant

Ray Linder

Jason Meier

Jeff Newton

Joshua Pettigrew

Kerry Rice

Jeremy Wilson

MINISTERS

Pulpit Minister

Josh Walker

Campus Minister

Brad Tolbert

Meeting Times

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Assembly 10:30 AM

Assembly 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class 80

Sunday AM Worship..... 97

Sunday PM Worship 72

Wed. Evening 71

Budget \$5,810

Contribution \$5,104.25

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Toxey Simmons** (son of **David & Karen Simmons**, and best friend of **John & Carolyn Ashcraft's** grandson) was killed in a work related accident. Remember all in this time of loss
- ◇ **Suzette Russell** is recovering from back surgery at home
- ◇ **Rollie Flaherty** (**Ione Easterling's** cousin) is going to undergo kidney cancer surgery
- ◇ Keep **Lynn Burton** in your prayers
- ◇ **Marcia Mowrer** is in the hospital having trouble swallowing
- ◇ **Rita Stiles** is at Belle View Estates doing better
- ◇ **Gary Crook** had a procedure this past week
- ◇ **Acacia May** (**Becky Rice**) is moving to Washington with her parents to try and help manage her health
- ◇ **Jimmy Gavin** has lung cancer
- ◇ **Avery Smith** fell and broke her arm
- ◇ **Dale & Dana Bates** are need prayers concerning their health
- ◇ **Sharon Eppes** (**Rickey Eppes' Wife**) is in the hospital with kidney issues
- ◇ **Donnie & Janice Wright** are recovering from surgeries and stays in

the hospital

- ◇ **Tami Robinson** (**Calvin Jones** sister) has been diagnosed with cancer
- ◇ **Benita Forrest** is in pain and has upcoming procedures

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Jean Enlow Betty McGuire Pat Turner
Lyndell Baker Judy Purvis Laverne Potter
Marie Wooten



8/13 MOVE-IN DAY
8/14 ORG DAY
8/15 Fireworks at Campus
8/22 First Day of Classes

**BE SURE TO GRAB A
POST-VBS SURVEY
FORM - after a
successful VBS, your
input will help us make
it better next year!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

THIS WEEK

Summer Series - Billy Bland - 26th

THIS MONTH

↪ 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Fund ↩

AUGUST

Summer Series - Epifanio Carranza - 2nd
Summer Series - Jamie Rochell - 9th
Summer Series - Keden Shrum - 16th
Summer Series - Steven Ford - 23rd
Summer Series - BJ Clarke - 30th

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

24 Jamie Beard
25 Peggy Moore
26 Jason & Lydia Meier
27 Larry Fisackerly
29 Philip & Becky Colvin
Josh & Karli Walker
31 Cade Newton
Brooke Thompson

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY Hos 1-7
TUESDAY Hos 8-14
WEDNESDAY Isa 28-30
THURSDAY Isa 31-34
FRIDAY Isa 35-36
SATURDAY Isa 37-39, Ps 76
SUNDAY Isa 40-43

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

July 23 Ione Easterling
July 30 Gwen Ellis
Aug 6 Gwen Ellis
Aug 13 Linda Forest

JULY

CARDS

Barbara Newton

FOOD

Fran Calvert
Carolyn Ashcraft

PENCILS/CARDS

Margaret Harris

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You are invited to join us for our

33rd Annual Singing

When:

**July 29, 2023
6 p.m.**

What:

Singing–Fellowship–Food

Mark Your Calendars!

Bring a Friend!

You will not be Disappointed!

Where:

RISON CHURCH OF CHRIST

6480 HWY 79

Rison, AR 71665

870-325-7204



Congregational Evangelism SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 8-9

TRAINING THE SAVED TO TEACH THE LOST

FRIDAY, SEP. 8

6:30 PM

Let's Get Motivated

This session will relay several personal accounts of conversions. It has worked and is still working.

7:30 PM

Let's Stay with the Message

This session focuses on the power of the Word. We must put the Bible back into personal Bible studies!

SATURDAY, SEP. 9

9:00 AM

Let's Talk about the Manner

How do you get into a Bible Study? We will look at Jesus and how our Master Evangelist was able to develop such a large following.

10:00 AM

Let's not Argue about the Method

It's time to introduce *Back to the Bible* and demonstrate how to use it.

11:00 AM

Let's Apply the Model

We will discuss difficult situations and take your questions. How does this work in my world?

1:00 PM (SPLIT SESSION)

Men: Let's Make the Application

We provide church leaders a ten-point congregational plan to become an evangelistic body.

1:00 PM (SPLIT SESSION)

Women: Ten Ingredients for Evangelism

In this special ladies' session, Nicole will provide practical suggestions on how to apply what you have learned.



**School of
EVANGELISM**
TRAINING THE SAVED TO TEACH THE LOST

"The most impactful seminar on evangelism in the history of the congregation. Every church needs to schedule it as soon as possible."

—Allen Webster

"Rob doesn't just preach it; he practices it."

—Robby Eversole

SPEAKERS



Rob Whitacre



Nicole Whitacre

Rob Whitacre

Rob was born in Carbondale, Illinois. His education includes a two-year diploma from Southwest School of Bible Studies, a graduate certificate in Sacred History from Southwest School of Bible Studies, and a B.A. from Southern Christian University. He started preaching in 1997 and currently serves as an evangelist for House to House/Heart to Heart in Jacksonville, Alabama, where he trains congregations in personal evangelism.

Nicole Whitacre

Nicole attended Freed-Hardeman University and studied elementary education. She homeschooled her children and is a Bible class teacher. She has also conducted seminars for Bible class teachers and personal evangelism in Jamaica, New Zealand, and dozens of congregations in the United States. Nicole works full-time alongside her husband as they seek to train the saved to teach the lost.

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