



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

When They Return (Part 1)

—Don Walker—

In the fifteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus spoke the parables of “the lost things.” There was a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. Though our space does not allow a full study of this great chapter, there are observations that will help us concerning our attitude towards those that return.

First, we would see the urgency on the part of the shepherd and the woman. It says of both of them, they went after and sought diligently “until he [she] found it” (Luke 15:4, 8). It is certainly a reflection of the value placed upon the object. Second, we would notice the response of the father when his son returned. Jesus said “His father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him” (Luke 15:20). The father said, “Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry” (Luke 15:22, 23). Before we leave this context, there is one other observation. Jesus concluded the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin with this statement: “Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth (Luke 15:10). It is interesting to see that it does not say the angels are rejoicing. It says, “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God.” If the father of the prodigal represents our Father in Heaven, then we see there is joy, even with God, when they return.

Summer Series 2023

THE MAN, JESUS CHRIST

The Man Reigns - BJ Clarke

Memory Verse

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

1 Chronicles 16:23-24 (ESV)

August 27, 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 78

Sunday AM Worship... 100

Sunday PM Worship 67

Wed. Evening 76

Budget \$5,810

Contribution \$5,317.68

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Gary Light** (Janet Staudinger's brother) passed away -
Visitation is August 25th, 5-7 pm in Hoxie, AR
Services are August 26th, 10 am in Hoxie, AR
- ◇ **Stacy Vondran** is recovering from surgery
- ◇ **Jim Beasley** fell and hurt his knee
- ◇ **Jimmy Gavin** is suspending cancer treatments
- ◇ **Valerie Bryant** broke her ankle
- ◇ **Tad Price** (Laura Smith's nephew) has suffering with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- ◇ **Acacia May** (Becky Rice) is moving to Washington with her parents to try and help manage her health
- ◇ **Dale & Diana Bates** are need prayers concerning their health.
- ◇ Continue to remember **Donnie & Janice Wright**
- ◇ **Tami Robinson** (Calvin Jones sister) has been diagnosed with cancer
- ◇ **Benita Forrest** is still in need of prayers

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Bible Class will resume September 20th at 10 am



9/9 Tailgate - SWOSU
9/23 Tailgate - Quachita B.
9/30 Homecoming - ECU



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

THIS WEEK

Summer Series - BJ Clarke

SEPTEMBER

Change for Children Cans Due - 3rd
EVANGELISM SEMINAR - 8th & 9th
 Grief Seminar w/Jeff Jenkins - Rison Church of Christ - 23-24
 Gospel Meeting - Westside Church of Christ - Crossett, AR - 24-28

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

27 Lindsey Baker
 Mike Beard
 28 Jonathan Lee Pettigrew
 Tyler Doshier

SEPTEMBER

1 Luke Baker
 Fran Calvert
 2 Jessica Pettigrew

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY Jer 51-52
TUESDAY Lam 1:1-3:36
WEDNESDAY Lam 3:37-5:22
THURSDAY Ezek 1-4
FRIDAY Ezek 5-8
SATURDAY Ezek 9-12
SUNDAY Ezek 13-15

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

Aug 27 Jennifer Knight
 Sep 3 Jennifer Knight
 Sep 10 Margaret Harris
 Sep 17 Margaret Harris

AUGUST

CARDS

Barbara Dyson

FOOD

Angela Naron
 Karli Walker

PENCILS/CARDS

Terry Boykin

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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.



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"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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Hope for the Hurting A Grief Seminar

September 23-24, 2023 with Guest Speaker Jeff Jenkins

Saturday

4:00 p.m. "Some Things I Wish Everyone Knew About Grief" (Part I)

5:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal (Provided)

6:30 p.m. "Some Things I Wish Everyone Knew About Grief" (Part II)

7:30 p.m. Questions & Answers

Sunday

9:30 a.m. "Beyond the Valley: Moving Forward After Loss"

10:25 a.m. "Comforting Words from Jesus" (Part I)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal (Provided)

1:30 p.m. "Comforting Words from Jesus (Part II)"

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Jeff Jenkins

*Author of
"Beyond the Valley of Death"*



Annual Fellowship Meeting Westside Church of Christ

Where: 109 N Georgia St. Crossett, AR

Date- September 24-28 2023

Time: 09/24/2023 Lunch Served 12pm-2:30pm

Service Starts: 3:00pm

09/25/2023- 09/28/2023 Service Starts 7:00pm

Guest Speaker 09/24/2023 and 09/25/2023

Bro. Vencent Gordon Shreveport, LA

Guest Speaker 09/26/2023

Bro. Jeff Jefferson-Southview COC Magnolia, AR

Guest Speaker 09/27/2023

Bro. John Phillips -Little Rock, AR

Guest Speaker 09/28/2023

Bro. Louis Smith Colonel Glenn COC Little Rock, AR

Nehemiah 2:18 "Let Us Rise Up and Build "

Minister

Bro. Kevin Ware

Assistant Minister

Bro. Thomas Morrison