



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

When They Return (Part 3)

—Don Walker—

Secondly, Paul said the Corinthians should “comfort him.” Consider for a moment the shame and embarrassment that is associated with sin. When one who is immersed in sin finally comes to his right mind, there is great embarrassment, and rightly so. The prodigal reasoned after he had come to his senses, “I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants” (Luke 15:19). There should be on our part a response that lets the brother or sister know that they have made the right choice by coming back. We would certainly not want them to “be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow” (2 Corinthians 5:7). As those who are building up the church rather than tearing it down, we must strive to be encouragers in these situations.

Thirdly, Paul told the Corinthians to “confirm your love toward him” That the religion of Christ is a religion of love is beyond question. “God is love” (1 John 4:8), and He “commendeth his love toward us” (Romans 5:8). We are to be a people of love. We must “love the brotherhood” (1 Peter 2:17), and we must show that love in action (1 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 John 3:18). Peter wrote, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently” (1 Peter 1:22). Notice that our obedience to the Gospel is unto “unfeigned love of the brethren.” Our reception of the penitent is a direct reflection of our attitude toward them and their souls. Any less response would raise a serious question concerning our love. Our love, or lack of love, will be seen in our actions on these occasions.

It is certainly a joyous time when the erring comes to his senses and returns unto the Lord and His way. Yet, we must be aware of the trepidation that may exist on the part of the one who is returning. We should join in the joy of heaven and rejoice when they have come home. We must forgive, comfort, and confirm our love on these most joyous occasions. May we meditate on these things as we study our Bibles more and more.

Memory Verse

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)

September 17, 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... 108

Sunday PM Worship 73

Wed. Evening 74

Budget \$5,810

Contribution \$5,315

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Ricky Naron** has been put on hospice
- ◇ **Wendy Tassin** is having surgery to remove a tumor in Oct
- ◇ **Brandon McDonough** (**Holly Dial's** Uncle) has throat cancer
- ◇ Paula Wilson is improving
- ◇ **Teresa Allison** (**David Wilson's** sister-in-law) will have surgery Sept 23rd.
- ◇ **Jimmy Gavin** has been put in hospice care
- ◇ **Tad Price** (**Laura Smith's** nephew) passed, pray for his family
- ◇ Millard Heath (Joe Moore's uncle) passed away
- ◇ **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



9/23 Tailgate - Ouachita B.
9/30 Homecoming - ECU
10/21 Tailgate - HSU



Pam Beard was recognized as the Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year at the Drew Memorial Auxiliary!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

MIRACLES OF JESUS: Paralytic From the Roof
 Fundraiser for Off. Perez at Kennedy Blvd - 3 pm
 Singing and Fellowship this evening

THIS WEEK

Ladies' Class - Wednesday @ 10 am
 Grief Seminar w/Jeff Jenkins - Rison Church of Christ - 23-24

THIS MONTH

Gospel Meeting - Westside Church of Christ - Crossett, AR - 24-28

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

17 Sandra Higgins
 20 Jacque Davidson
 Kristen Smith
 23 John Rice
 James & Anna Miller
 25 Kerry Rice
 27 Josh Pettigrew
 28 Holly Dial

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY [Dan 1-3](#)
TUESDAY [Dan 4-6](#)
WEDNESDAY [Dan 7-9](#)
THURSDAY [Dan 10-12](#)
FRIDAY [Ezra 1-3](#)
SATURDAY [Ezra 4-6, Ps 137](#)
SUNDAY [Haggai 1-2](#)

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

Sep 17 Margaret Harris
 Sep 24 Kathy Linder
 Oct 1 Kathy Linder
 Oct 8 Peggy Moore

SEPTEMBER

CARDS

Jessica Pettigrew

FOOD

Janet Staudinger
 Kathy Linder

PENCILS/CARDS

Jill Curtis

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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)

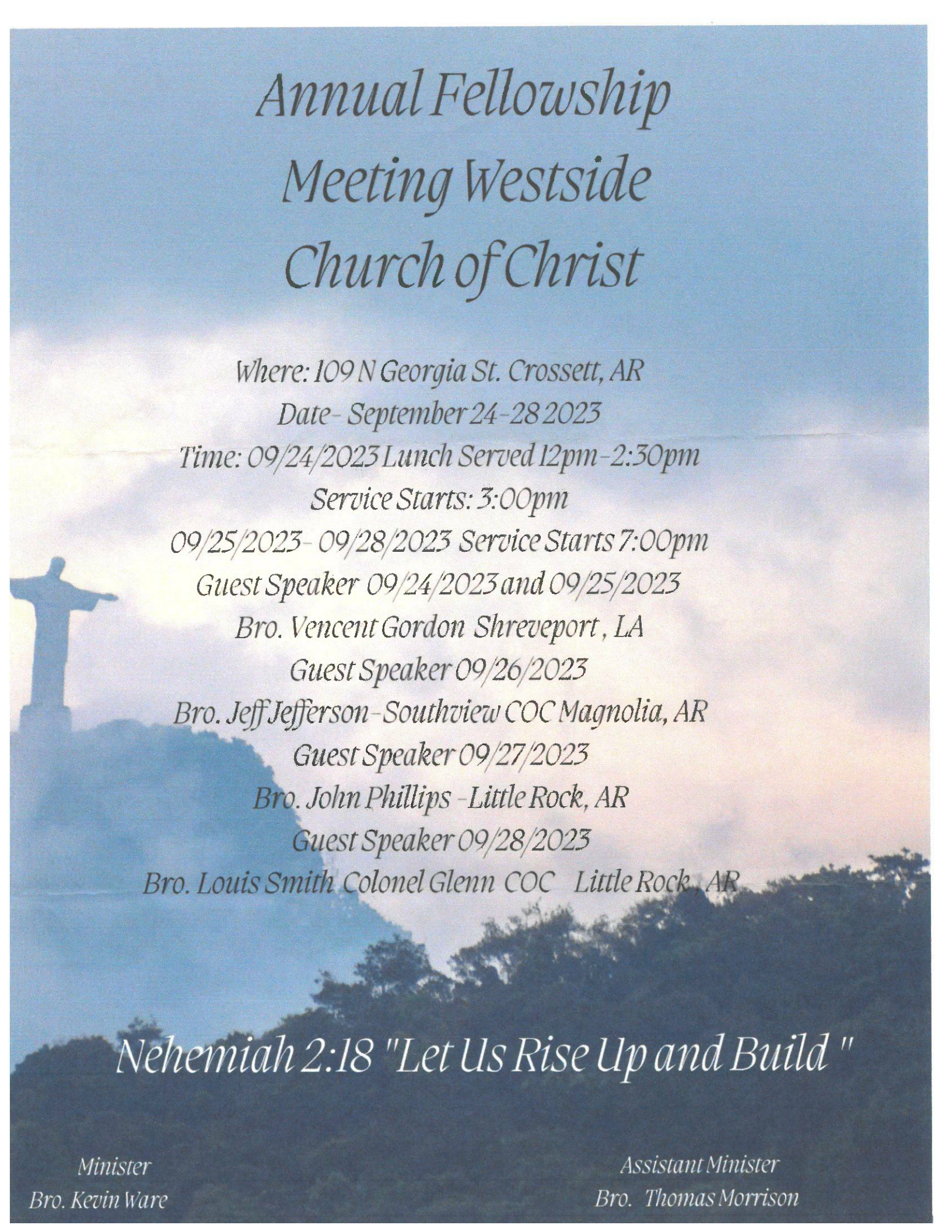
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Jeff Jenkins

*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