



MONTICELLO

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## Reaching Instead of Pushing

—Scott Cain—

“I know a soul who is lost, but I’m afraid that trying to teach him about Jesus will just push him away.”

This may be the single greatest fear that cripples evangelism in the lives of Christians. Sometimes this fear is reasonable because of the non-Christian’s personality flaws: perhaps he is too haughty to be humble, too content to see contradiction, too elitist to admit error, or too connected to make changes. Sometimes this fear is reasonable because of the Christian’s personality flaws: perhaps he is more of a teller than a teacher, more insulting than instructive, or more combative than compassionate.

We cannot control the personalities or decisions of our friends & family, but we can control how we conduct ourselves. Knowing the truth is necessary, but reaching lost souls involves more than spouting facts & instructions. There was a reason that Paul became a Jew to the Jew, as under the law to those under the law, as without law to them that were unfamiliar with Moses’ law, & weak to the weak (1 Corinthians 9:19-21): winning a soul requires connecting with that soul. If we truly wish to reach for our lost friends, let’s start by working on ourselves, doing what we can to become “all things to all men,” so that we “might by all means save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22).

**Start respectfully.** Peter advised Christians to be always ready to give an answer “with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15), that is, with humility & respect: not only ready with the right answer, but with the right attitude! Let’s approach our friends like we would want to be approached (Matthew 7:12). “A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!” (Proverbs 15:23).

## Memory Verse

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. **Persist in this**, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**1 Timothy 4:16 (ESV)**

**September 24 , 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 ..... 72  
Sunday AM Worship..... 89  
Sunday PM Worship .... 70  
Wed. Evening ..... 88  
Budget ..... \$5,810  
Contribution ..... \$5,381

## THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Ricky Naron** has been put on hospice
- ◇ **John Riddle** (**Mandy Tolbert's** father) is having a pacemaker installed Monday (Sep. 25th)
- ◇ **Acacia May** (**Becky Rice**) is working to get an appointment at the Mayo clinic for a different treatment
- ◇ **Sophie Mendez** has been diagnosed as being cancer free
- ◇ **Lynn Burton** is not feeling well
- ◇ **Wendy Tassin** is having surgery to remove a tumor in Oct
- ◇ **Brandon McDonough** (**Holly Dial's** Uncle) has throat cancer
- ◇ **Jimmy Gavin** has been put in hospice care
- ◇ **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**



**9/30**  
**10/21**  
**11/4**

Homecoming - ECU  
 Tailgate - HSU  
 Tailgate - SNU



**Mathew, Samantha, & Sawyer Tannehill**  
**406 Rodgers Lane**  
**Manila, AR 72442**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

MIRACLES OF JESUS: The Calming of the Sea

## THIS WEEK

**Ladies' Class - Wednesday @ 10 am**  
 Gospel Meeting - Westside Church of Christ - Crossett, AR - 24-28

## OCTOBER

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### **SEPTEMBER**

25 Kerry Rice  
 27 Josh Pettigrew  
 28 Holly Dial  
 30 Lynn Burton

### **OCTOBER**

1 Lori Rabb  
 2 Jean Enlow  
 Erica Simmons

## DAILY BIBLE READING

**MONDAY**   [Zech 1-7](#)  
**TUESDAY**   [Zech 8-14](#)  
**WEDNESDAY**   [Esther 1-5](#)  
**THURSDAY**   [Esther 6-10](#)  
**FRIDAY**   [Ezra 7-10](#)  
**SATURDAY**   [Neh 1-5](#)  
**SUNDAY**   [Neh 6-7](#)

## LADIES' DUTIES

### **Communion Prep**

Sep 24 Kathy Linder  
 Oct 1 Kathy Linder  
 Oct 8 Peggy Moore  
 Oct 15 Peggy Moore

## **OCTOBER**

### **CARDS**

Janet Staudinger

### **FOOD**

Lindsey Baker  
 Jennifer Knight

### **PENCILS/CARDS**

Karli Walker

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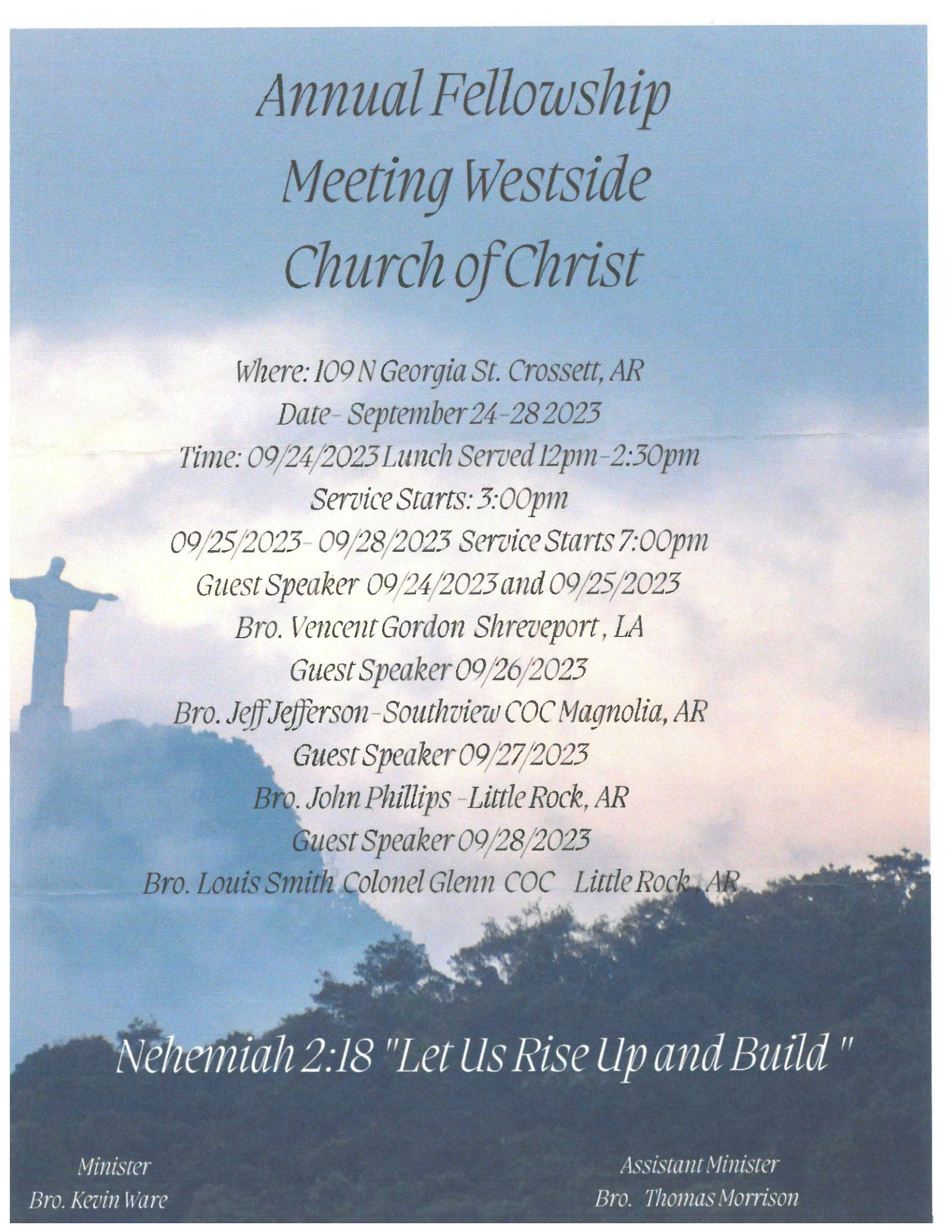


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# *Annual Fellowship Meeting Westside Church of Christ*

*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*