



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Why Do We Call Them “Prospects?”

— Rob Whitacre —

A few years ago, I was able to visit Alaska. I had always wanted to do a little gold prospecting. I found a place that provided the pay dirt, pan, water, and a little training. I took the pay dirt and placed it in my pan and added water. Prospecting takes time as you try to filter through the dirt and find the gold. You go through a lot of pay dirt before you find anything. Once the process is complete, you may find a glistening speck of gold at the bottom of the pan, or on a good day, a nice nugget. It can take hours and hours before you get anything. Many prospectors spend months before they get a payoff. Since the prize is so valuable, they never give up!

Churches need contacts for their survival. Without contacts, there will be no prospects. A contact is anyone you know who is not a Christian. A prospect is a contact we are trying to cultivate into a Bible study. Church members are the best at identifying and bringing contacts to the local church. While preachers are most often surrounded by saints, members are more often surrounded by sinners. Once the names of these contacts are known, prospecting starts.

One simple method that involves the entire congregation is using Compassion Cards. This is not an “at-large” card mission but a targeted effort to send dozens of cards to a lost person. We hope that showing our compassion will open their hearts. Each year we baptize several people as a result of this effort. Filtering through the contacts takes time, patience, and prayer. Additional prospecting methods include meals, personal visits, visitor bags, new-movers baskets, benevolence, community events, acts of service/kindness, and good old-fashioned hospitality. Once this process is completed, you will have filtered out all the unfruitful contacts and be left with gold!

Contacts lead to prospects, and prospects lead to Bible studies. Bible studies lead to baptisms, and baptisms to growing churches. Jumping from a contact to a Bible study is too long a leap. The most difficult part of evangelism is prospecting. It takes a lot of time and effort to reach the lost, but the end result is GOLD. Once you find it, you will keep coming back, because there is not a mission more important nor a reward more valuable than just one soul (Matthew 16:26)

Memory Verse

**And you will know the truth, and the truth will
set you free.**

John 8:32 (ESV)

October 15, 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 83

Sunday AM Worship... 108

Sunday PM Worship 76

Wed. Evening 82

Budget \$5,810

Contribution \$5,763

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Ricky Naron** has been put on hospice
- ◇ **Jessi Baker (Fern Baker)** is recovering for foot surgery & stitches after being involved in a car accident
- ◇ **Laverne Potter** is at Lake Village undergoing rehab
- ◇ **Marlene Fuqua** (daughter of **Michael & Daphne**) passed away
- ◇ **Lynn Burton** has shingles
- ◇ **Carolyn Ashcraft** is recovering from cataract surgery
- ◇ **Joel Thompson** has pancreatitis
- ◇ **Stacy Harding** (elder at West Central) is having health issues
- ◇ **Acacia May (Becky Rice)** is trying to get in to the Mayo Clinic
- ◇ **Kelly Koonce** has undergoing treatments
- ◇ **Rita Stiles** continues to have health issues
- ◇ **Candace Carter** is having issues with her meds
- ◇ **Rebecca Wilson** (Brad Tolbert) has upcoming tests
- ◇ **Grady Rawl** is recovering from a stroke
- ◇ **Wendy Tassin** is having surgery to remove a tumor in Oct

- ◇ **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



10/21
11/4

Tailgate - HSU
 Tailgate - SNU



The LOVE Ministry will meet Sunday, November 5th at 4 pm. Ladies please make plans to attend and support this wonderful work

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

MIRACLES OF JESUS: Jesus Feeds the 5000
 Group 3 (Ray & Kathy Linder) Card Writing - 3:30 pm

THIS WEEK

Ladies' Class - Wednesday @ 10 am

THIS MONTH

Fall Festival - Oct 28th

NOVEMBER

5th - LOVE Ministry Meeting - 4 pm

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

15 Sandra Baker
 16 Rusty Rabb
 17 Joel Thompson
 19 Sara Newton
 20 Gunnar Walker
 23 Janet Staudinger
 Valerie Thompson
 24 Jerry Smith

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY [Matt 11](#)
TUESDAY [Matt 12:22-50, Luke 11](#)
WEDNESDAY [Matt 13, Luke 8](#)
THURSDAY [Matt 8:14-34, Mark 4-5](#)
FRIDAY [Matt 9-10](#)
SATURDAY [Matt 14, Mark 6, Luke 9:1-17](#)
SUNDAY [John 6](#)

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

Oct 15 Peggy Moore
 Oct 22 Angela Naron
 Oct 29 Angela Naron
 Nov 5 Barbara Newton

OCTOBER

CARDS

Janet Staudinger

FOOD

Lindsey Baker
 Jennifer Knight

PENCILS/CARDS

Carolyn Ashcraft

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*A little
Pumpkin
is on the way!*



Please join us for a Baby Shower
honoring

SAMANTHA TANNEHILL

October 21, 2023 at 10am

At 896 Bowser Rd. Monticello, AR
RSVP to 870-723-9368

Registered at Target

A COMMUNITY EVENT!

Fall *Festival*

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

MONTICELLO CHURCH OF CHRIST
2078 HWY. 425 NORTH

CARNIVAL

HAYRIDES
GAMES & PRIZES

**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

TRUNK OR TREAT

FREE ADMISSION

MORE INFO CALL: 870-367-3919 OR EMAIL PREACHER.MONTCOFC@GMAIL.COM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.