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

# Reaching Instead of Pushing (Pt. 3)

—Scott Cain—

**Speak humbly**. Combativeness is telltale sign of arrogance: "He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife" (Proverbs 28:25). Let's be humble enough to admit if we are wrong: "Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud" (Proverbs 16:19). Faithful New Testament Christians are susceptible to mistakes & blunders, & even if we have replied inaccurately to a seemingly irrelevant question, we actually gain ground with honest people when we are willing to admit the mistake & correct it. Let us all face the fact that we might be wrong, but the Bible is right! As Paul wrote, "let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).

Instead of building barriers by focusing on potential points of contention, let's find common ground by identifying areas where we can agree & using those details as a foundation to move forward.

All of these qualities are actually reflections of who God's people are supposed to be: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22-23). These personality traits will always be a boon to evangelistic efforts & never a detriment.

No, not all will respond positively or obey the Gospel, but every soul needs the opportunity to follow Christ. When God's people decide to reach instead of push, then we, like Paul, can honestly say that we have done all that we could do to reach as many as we could, that we "by all means might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22).

# **Memory Verse**

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:14 (ESV)

### **October 8, 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 Class76
Sunday AM Worship93
Sunday PM Worship70
Wed. Evening77
Budget\$5,810

Contribution ...... \$5,723

# THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- Ricky Naron has been put on hospice
- John Riddle (Mandy Tolbert had a pacemaker installed
- Johnny Jeter passed away
- Jerry Smith had a heart catheter put in
- Jessi Baker (Fern Baker) is recovering for foot surgery & stitches after being involved in a car accident
- Stacy Harding (elder at West Central) is having health issues
- Dallas May is having hernia surgery
- Acacia May (Becky Rice) is trying to get in to the Mayo Clinic
- Kelly Koonce has upcoming treatments
- Rita Stiles continues to have health issues
- Candace Carter is having issues with her meds
- Brady Beard is recovering from a cut that required stitches
- 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
- Katherine Burton is dealing with health issues

- Ken Burrow has been diagnosed with cancer
- $\Diamond$ **Dale & Diana Bates** are need prayers concerning their health.
- $\Diamond$ Continue to remember Donnie & Janice Wright
- $\Diamond$ Tami Robinson (Calvin Jones sister) has been diagnosed with
- Benita Forrest is still in need of prayers

# REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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



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# Jessica Pettigrew was name Staff Member of the Month by **Monticello Elementary School—** Be sure to congratulate her!

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY**

MIRACLES OF JESUS: The Woman That Touched Jesus Hem Group 2 (Marty & Sandra Baker) Card Writing - 4 pm Singing & Fellowship - This Evening

### THIS WEEK

Ladies' Class - Wednesday @ 10 am

### THIS MONTH

Men's Turkey Shoot - Oct 14th Fall Festival - Oct 28th

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **OCTOBER**

- 12 Whitney Vanderzualm
- 15 Sandra Baker
- 16 Rusty Rabb
- 17 Joel Thompson
- 19 Sara Newton
- 20 **Gunnar Walker**
- 23 Janet Staudinger
  - Valerie Thompson

# DAILY BIBLE READING

**MONDAY** Matt 4, Luke 4-5, John 1:15-51

**TUESDAY** John 2-4

WEDNESDAY Mark 2

**THURSDAY** John 5

**FRIDAY** Matt 12:1-21, Mark 3, Luke 6

**SATURDAY** Matt 5-7

**SUNDAY** Matt 8:1-13, Luke 7

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# LADIES' DUTIES

### **Communion Prep**

Oct 8 Peggy Moore

Oct 15 Peggy Moore

Oct 22 Angela Naron

Oct 29 Angela Naron

OCTOBER

**CARDS** 

Janet Staudinger

**FOOD** 

Lindsey Baker Jennifer Knight

PENCILS/CARDS Shirley Fisackerly

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

