



MONTICELLO

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## None of These Things Move Me (Part II)

—Joey Davis—

Paul's present was no easy street. After his conversion, his heart was on fire with the force of a rocket blast to preach the Gospel to the lost (2 Corinthians 5:14; Romans 1:16-17). Yet throughout his ministry, he faced adversity and disappointments. In 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, he recounts imprisonments, beatings, and a variety of other dangers that would have been enough to send most Christians retreating back into the world to avoid the persecution. Paul did not allow viciousness, cowardice, and unfaithfulness on the part of some to weaken his resolve. Paul, much like Joshua, was determined to serve the Lord, regardless of what others chose to do (Joshua 24:15). He confronted a fellow apostle who was embracing error (Galatians 2:11). He challenged elders who were apparently on the threshold of unfaithfulness (Acts 20:30). Similar disappointments have been plenty enough to send preachers back into secular work. I am both impressed with and encouraged by Paul because he embraced an attitude of faithful commitment that would not allow him to be moved from his faithfulness, regardless.

Paul's future looked very grim. In Acts 20, Paul recounts that the Holy Spirit had made it clear in every city that chains awaited Paul in Jerusalem. We know now that Paul was within a few years of the end of his life. As Paul stood before those elders from Ephesus and appealed to them for their faithful commitment to Christ and His church, Paul was peering into his future which was being made clear by divine revelation. I can only imagine the emotion. Did he have intrusive thoughts about the benefits of laying down his cause to preserve his life and ease his hurt? Most of us would have, and many have accepted that alternative. Yet, the power in Paul's example is that he said, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy..." What a wonderful personal mission statement. Perhaps, if we would adopt the same motto and learn to say that, we will be more inclined to live it when people disappoint and being a Christian gets difficult.

## Memory Verse

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)**

**November 19, 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 ..... 93

Sunday AM Worship... 109

Sunday PM Worship .... 81

Wed. Evening ..... 83

Budget ..... \$5,810

Contribution ..... \$5,847

## THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Ricky Naron** has been put on hospice
- ◇ **Billy Smith (Carolyn Ashcraft's brother)** is home recovering
- ◇ **Thomas Stevens** is home recovering
- ◇ **Chester Ashcraft** is in the hospital
- ◇ **Shawn Curtis** is recovering from tricep surgery
- ◇ **Don Riddle (Mandy Tolbert's Uncle)** is having heart surgery
- ◇ **Jerry Tolbert (Brad Tolbert's father)** is having shoulder surgery
- ◇ **Sandra Higgins** is recovering from cataract surgery
- ◇ **Acacia May (Becky Rice)** is feeling better and has a plan forward
- ◇ **Kelly Koonce** has undergoing treatments
- ◇ **Jill Jackson (Barbara Newton)** is will have rotator cuff surgery on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>
- ◇ **Dale & Diana Bates** are need prayers concerning their health.
- ◇ Continue to remember **Donnie & Janice Wright**

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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



### **FOOD DRIVE (Items needed by November 29<sup>th</sup>)**

Macaroni and Cheese microwavable cups, cups of ramen noodles  
 Tuna packets or boxed ready-to-eat Tuna or Chicken Salad kits.  
 Pull top/microwavable cans of soup or ravioli, microwavable meals, etc.  
 Snack bags of chips, trail mix, or microwavable popcorn  
 Granola bars, cereal bars, Pop tarts  
 8 count box of peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, etc.



**Dessert & Shopping - Dec 3rd - 12-4 pm**  
**(Drew Memorial Hosp. Gift Shop)**

**Ladies' Nite Out - Dec 19th**  
**Caroling @ the Koonce's - Dec 10th**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

**MIRACLES OF JESUS:** Jesus Raises Lazarus  
**Group 3 (Ray & Kathy Linder)** Card Writing - 3:30 pm

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday - Prayer & Praise - 6:30 pm**  
**Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving!**

### THIS MONTH

### DECEMBER

Dessert & Shopping - 3rd  
 Caroling at the Koonce's - 10th  
 Ladies' Nite Out - Dec 19th

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**NOVEMBER**  
 20 Shirley Fisackerly  
 22 John & Karla Rice  
 23 Judy Beard  
     Monty Meier  
     Corey & Holly Dial  
 27 Laurel Doshier  
 28 Jeremy Wilson

## DAILY BIBLE READING

**MONDAY**   Acts 1-3  
**TUESDAY**   Acts 4-6  
**WEDNESDAY**   Acts 7-8  
**THURSDAY**   Acts 9-10  
**FRIDAY**   Acts 11-12  
**SATURDAY**   Acts 13-14  
**SUNDAY**   James 1-5

## LADIES' DUTIES

### Communion Prep

Nov 19 Sara Newton  
 Nov 26 Sara Newton  
 Dec 3   Jessica Pettigrew  
 Dec 10 Jessica Pettigrew

### **NOVEMBER**

### **CARDS**

Barbara Dyson

### **FOOD**

Jill Curtis  
 Lydia Meier

### **PENCILS/CARDS**

Karli Walker

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