



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

It Is Quantity and Not Quality

— Rob L. Whitacre —

All my life I have heard people say, “It is quality and not quantity.” Perhaps in some areas of life this is true, but not when it comes to souls. Since every soul is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), every soul has value. Picking one soul or group of souls over others is ungodly and will greatly diminish your evangelism efforts.

The recipe for productive evangelism is in Matthew 22:1-14. It is a powerful parable that teaches how to fill up our banquet rooms. This parable of the King’s Son has impactful words. First, we serve a God who “sends” out his servants. We cannot achieve success waiting for people to come in when the Great Commission tells us to go out. Second, God wants us to “call” and “bid” those on the outside to come. God’s calling power is through His saving gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). It is in open invitation for every race.

As the parable progresses and the room is not filled, the King’s anger is kindled. You see, God wants His room full. He sends His servant out to the highway to bid all those he finds, good or bad, to come. God does not want you to pick only those you think are “good” because all people need to be bidden. God wants everyone. He does not want any to perish, but all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). He does not want you to focus on only a few visitors or close friends.

The key to this parable is found in two additional words, “many” and “few.” During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus clearly identified how many would be saved: “Few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:14). Jesus carries over this principle when He said, “For many are called, but few are chosen” (22:14). If we want to succeed in evangelism, we must understand that in order to get a few, we must begin with the many. The reason most congregations fail to baptize “the few” is because they do not begin with “the many.” If we rewrote this verse to describe the evangelism efforts of most congregations, it would read, “Few are called, and almost none are chosen.” If you do not have a large base of contacts at the beginning, you will not save even a few souls.

It is not the quality of the contacts, but the quantity of contacts you bid. We must expand our ability to reach out to the community. The answer to the problem is already sitting in the pews. The members know contacts. They are neighbors, co-workers, friends, family, and ball team members. We must compel our members to provide contacts. Congregations must use all their resources to grow their contact list. If we start small, we end with almost nothing. If we start large, we will end up with a few. A few each year is all it will take for the church of Christ to grow again!

Memory Verse

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

November 5, 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 90
Sunday AM Worship..... 98
Sunday PM Worship 76
Wed. Evening 82
Budget \$5,810
Contribution \$8,194

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Ricky Naron** has been put on hospice
- ◇ **Billy Smith** (Carolyn Ashcraft's brother) had open heart surgery Friday
- ◇ **Shawn Curtis** is at home sick
- ◇ **Dorothy Foster** (Betty McGuire's caregiver) has been placed under hospice care
- ◇ **Erma Dean Fletcher** is having heart issues
- ◇ **Sandra Higgins** will have cataract surgery Nov 9th
- ◇ **Tommy Free** is suffering from mini-strokes
- ◇ **Jessi Baker** (Fern Baker) is recovering from injuries
- ◇ **Laverne Potter** is at Lake Village undergoing rehab
- ◇ **Michael & Daphne Fuqua** continue to need prayers after daughter, **Marlene**, passed
- ◇ **Acacia May** (Becky Rice) is feeling better and has a plan forward
- ◇ **Kelly Koonce** has undergoing treatments
- ◇ **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
- ◇ **Grady Rawl** is recovering from a stroke
- ◇ **Rita Stiles** continues to have health issues
- ◇ **Candace Carter** is having issues with her meds
- ◇ **Joel Thompson** has pancreatitis
- ◇ **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



NOVEMBER 14th
6:30 pm
At the Building

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

MIRACLES OF JESUS: The Cursed Fig Tree
Group 1 (Rusty & Lori Rabb) Card Writing - 3:30 pm
 LOVE Ministry Meeting - 4 pm

THIS WEEK

Ladies' Class - Wednesday @ 10 am

THIS MONTH

14th - Ladies' Night Out - 6:30 pm @ Building

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

- 6 Gentry Walker
- 8 Jim Dyson
- 9 Angela Naron
- 11 Heather Perry
- John David Vanderzwalme
- 14 Mindy Erwin
- 15 Pam Beard
- Ryan & Stacy Usry

DAILY BIBLE READING

- MONDAY** Luke 18:15-19:48
- TUESDAY** Mark 11, John 12
- WEDNESDAY** Matt 22, Mark 12
- THURSDAY** Matt 23, Luke 20-21
- FRIDAY** Mark 13
- SATURDAY** Matt 24
- SUNDAY** Matt 25

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

- Nov 5 Barbara Newton
- Nov 12 Barbara Newton
- Nov 19 Sara Newton
- Nov 26 Sara Newton

NOVEMBER

CARDS

Barbara Dyson

FOOD

Jill Curtis
 Lydia Meier

PENCILS/CARDS

Karli Walker

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NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 LADIES' CLASS-10 AM	2 B - Lane Usry	3 B - Marky Baker	4 B - Shawwna Cook
5	6 B - Gentri Walker	7  Meal & Bible Study	8 B - Jim Dyson LADIES' CLASS-10 AM	9 B - Angela Naron	10	11 B - Heather Perry John David Vanderzwalm
12	13	14 B - Mindy Erwin  Meal & Bible Study	15 B - Pam Beard A - Ryan & Stacy Usry LADIES' CLASS-10 AM	16 B - Leah Bryant	17	18 MEN'S BREAKFAST-6AM
19 B - Dillon & Sarah Rabb	20 B - Shirley Fisackerly	21	22 A - John & Karla Rice PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT	23 B - Judy Beard Monty Meier A - Corey & Holly Dial	24 	25
26	27 B - Laurel Doshier	28 B - Jeremy Wilson  Meal & Bible Study	29 LADIES' CLASS-10 AM	30		

Worship Assignments for November 2023

(Please Notify Ray Linder If You Are Unable To Serve)

870-723-5280

SUNDAY MORNING

Date	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
Songs	J. Meier	J. Newton	C. Bryant	J. Pettigrew
1st Prayer	R. Rabb	K. Koonce	K. Rice	M. Baker
Closing Prayer	L. Fisackerly	M. Beard	J. Moore	L. Fisackerly
Table Servers	P. Colvin	R. Rabb	S. Baker	R. Rabb
(1st listed is head of table, responsible for pm service)	R. Harris	B. Tolbert	P. Colvin	B. Tolbert
	S. Baker	J. Tolbert	C. Dial	J. Tolbert
	B. Beard	D. Wilson	B. Beard	D. Wilson
Announcements	J. Pettigrew	M. Baker	R. Rabb	J. Meier
Scripture	J. Tolbert	L. Usry	S. Smith	C. Newton
C.L.I.C.K. Kidz	Jensen Dial	Brooks Newton	L. Baker	B. Bryant
	B. Bryant	Luke Baker	Brady Beard	G. Walker
Sound/Rec Sys	C. Bryant	J. Meier	J. Wilson	J. Newton
Usher/Counter	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook
Usher	M. Baker	K. Rice	R. Harris	K. Koonce
Greeter	R. Linder	R. Harris	R. Linder	R. Linder
	J. Newton	M. Meier	J. Newton	K. Rice

SUNDAY EVENING

Date	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
Songs	J. Pettigrew	Singing	P. Colvin	R. Linder
1st Prayer	J. Wilson	J. Pettigrew	R. Rabb	J. Meier
Closing Prayer	B. Tolbert	C. Bryant	J. Moore	C. Bryant
Announcements	R. Rabb	R. Rabb	M. Baker	R. Rabb
Sound/Rec Sys	J. Meier	J. Wilson	C. Bryant	J. Newton
Usher/Counter	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook
Usher	S. Baker	R. Harris	K. Rice	R. Harris
Greeter	R. Linder	M. Meier	J. Newton	K. Rice
	R. Harris	M. Baker	M. Meier	R. Linder

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Date	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	11/29
Devotional	J. Meier	J. Wilson	C. Bryant	B. Tolbert	J. Pettigrew
Songs	R. Linder	B. Tolbert	J. Pettigrew	J. Meier	C. Bryant
1st Prayer	J. Wilson	R. Rabb	J. Wilson	J. Moore	J. Wilson
Closing Prayer	J. Moore	M. Baker	K. Koonce	R. Rabb	M. Baker
Announcements	M. Baker	J. Meier	B. Tolbert	L. Fisackerly	R. Rabb
Sound/Rec Sys	C. Bryant	J. Newton	J. Newton	C. Bryant	J. Newton
Usher/Counter	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook
Usher	M. Beard	R. Harris	M. Meier	M. Beard	R. Harris
Greeter	M. Meier	K. Rice	J. Meier	R. Linder	K. Rice
	R. Harris	S. Baker	R. Linder	J. Newton	M. Meier