

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

FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES (Part I)

— Scott Cain —

"Blame it all on my roots," was Garth's plea, but such a plea would not work for Judah. Granted, his family roots were troubled, but he had actually gone "down from his brethren," distancing himself from his roots as he "turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah" (Genesis 38:1). Hirah was from Adullam, a low-lying region to the northwest of Judah's family's homestead near Hebron (37:14), & Hirah was Judah's friend (38:12). Indeed, Judah had friends in low places, not only lower in elevation, but lower in standards.

Paul warned that "evil companionships corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33). This still rings true. Yes, God's people are to be an elevating influence upon the worldly & their debased standards, but the question is: who is influencing whom?

Judah's problem was that he allowed his friends in low places to lower his standards, & it had a lasting impact on his family. The same can happen today: surrounded by a lost & dying world, & with so many friends & acquaintances immersed in varying degrees of worldliness, Christians young & old alike must be careful to be the influencers instead of the influenced. The friend of the world is the enemy of God (James 4:4), and the more Christians let the world influence the days of their lives, the more they let the enemy influence the eternity of their loved ones, as did Judah.

Those with Friends in Low Places Often Choose Family from Low Places. Judah did, opting to marry a Canaanite woman from near Adullam (Genesis 38:2). Judah's father & grandfather had both deliberately avoided marrying daughters of the surrounding people (Genesis 24:4; 28:1), & his uncle Esau had triggered family drama by marrying such women (Genesis 26:34-35; 27:46; 28:8). Nevertheless, Judah started his household with a woman from the lowlands.

Memory Verse

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Philippians (ESV)

January 28, 2024

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

Assembly 10:30 AM

Assembly 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	65
Sunday AM Worship	91
Sunday PM Worship .	68
Wed. Evening	69
Budget\$5	,810
Contribution\$10	.291

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- Tom Weaver is in the hospital battling meningitis, but is recovering
- Fran Calvart had tests this past Friday pray for good results
- Barbara Newton is recovering from surgery
- **Stacy Vondran's** grandfather has been put on hospice
- Judy Purvis (Fern Baker's mother) is weak after battling pneumonia
- Luke Baker fell and broke his wrist
- Remember Janet Staudinger and her recent bout with pneumonia and the cancelled surugery
- Allie Cooper's cancer has returned
- Acacia May's treatments do not seem to be working and she is in a lot of pain as the disease progresses.
- Jude Purvis (Fern Baker's mother) is not doing well
- Jamie Edwards (Fern Baker's brother-in-law) has been diagnosed with cancer



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



There is a sign up sheet on the Evangelism Table for those willing to make visits. There will be a meeting to help "train" those visiting. Please consider contributing to this portion of our Evangelism Program.



WALKER REID TANNEHILL

Born January 22nd. He is 22 inches and 8 lbs. 12 oz. Congratulations to Mathew, Samantha, and Sawyer grandparents, Shawn & Jill Curtis, and great grandparents, Jim and Barbara Dyson!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS **TODAY**

Sunday Morning class on David—Chris Bryant Group 4 (Kerry & Becky Rice) will meet at 3:30 pm

THIS WEEK

THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY

4th - Annual Areawide 17th - Ladies' Day

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY 28 **Brady Beard** 29 Gemma Walker **FEBRUARY** 1 Mathew Tannehill

2 Lucy Pugh

5 Jessica Meier

6 Corey Dial

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	Rom 9–10
TUESDAY	Gen 16–19
WEDNESDAY	Josh 21–24
THURSDAY	Ps 12-14
FRIDAY	Job 9–10
SATURDAY	Isa 23–28
SUNDAY	Matt 11–13

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LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

28-Jan Mandy Tolbert 4-Feb Mandy Tolbert 11-Feb Stacy Usry 18-Feb Stacy Usry

January

CARDS Stacy Usry

FOOD

Anna Koonce Rachel Wilson

PENCILS/CARDS Becky Rice

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 B — Mathew Tannehill	2 B — Lacey Pugh	3
ANNUAL AREAWIDE 2:30 pm - 4 pm	5 B — Jessica Meier	6 B − Corey Dial	7 Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am	8	9	10
11 SINGING & FELLOWSHIP	12	13 B - Tom Weaver	14 Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am	15	16 B — Emily Thompson A — Kerry & Becky Rice	17 Ladies' Day
18 B — Ryan Halbert	19	20	B — Dana Hughes Samantha Tannehill Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am	22 B — Paula Wilson	23	24
25 B - Anna koonce	26 B — Andrew Vondran A — Jimmy & LaVerne Potter	27 B - Parks Beard	28 B - Landon Deltour Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am	29		

Worship Assignments for January 2024

(Please Notify Joushua Pettigrew If You Are Unable To Serve) 870-200-2004

SUNDAY MORNING

Date	1/7	1/14	1/21	1/28
Songs	J. Meier	J. Pettigrew	C. Bryant	J. Newton
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	R. Harris	B. Tolbert	P. Colvin	B. Tolbert
of table, responsible	S. Baker	J. Tolbert	C. Dial	J. Tolbert
for pm service)	B. Beard	D. Wilson	B. Beard	D. Wilson
Announcements	J. Pettigrew	M. Baker	R. Rabb	J. Pettigrew
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. Newton	J. Wilson	J. Meier
Usher/Counter	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook
Usher	M. Baker	K. Rice	R. Harris	M. Meier
Greeter	R. Linder	R. Harris	J.Newton	R. Linder
	J. Newton	M. Meier	M. Baker	K. Rice

SUNDAY EVENING

Date	1/7	1/14	1/21	1/28	
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	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
Devotional	J. Meier	J. Wilson	C. Bryant	B. Tolbert	J. Pettigrew
Songs	R. Linder	B. Tolbert	J. Pettigrew	J. Meier	P. Colvin
1st Prayer	J. Wilson	R. Rabb	J. Wilson	J. Moore	C. Bryant
Closing Prayer	J. Moore	M. Baker	K. Koonce	R. Rabb	J. Wilson
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	M. Baker
Greeter	J. Newton	K. Rice	J .Meier	R. Linder	R. Harris
	R. Harris	S. Baker	R. Linder	J. Newton	R. Linder

2.4.24 | 2:30PM

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A BIBLICAL FIGURE I ADMIRE

We look forward to your presence and participation as we unite in worship, fellowship, and the joy of exploring the profound impact of our admired biblical figures.





A Heart to Serve

Saturday | 17 February, 2024 | 9am-1pm

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R.S.V.P to Karli Walker at 405.473.8241 Or visit our Facebook event page "2024 Monticello Church of Christ Ladies' Day"



