



MONTICELLO

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## One Soul at a Time

*Rob Whitacre*

*“How long will it take to complete the Evangelism training?”*

This is a question we receive periodically from elders, preachers, and members regarding the HTHSOE congregational model. This is completely understandable. Many of our auditoriums are draped with themed banners that emphasize a particular teaching for the year. Once this is completed, we move on to the next topic. I am certainly not opposed to these themes. Congregations need leadership and direction. We are task oriented and motivated by completion. I would like to propose that evangelism is not an annual theme or a task that you finish; evangelism is a lifelong mission.

When Jesus came, He had one mission; to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He never took His eyes off His objective. No matter the circumstances, His physical condition, or the treatment He received, Jesus remained focused on reaching one soul at a time. Although he reached out to thousands, the masses were not converted.

When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He provided us the same mission. We must make disciples. When understood properly, it provides a blueprint for sustainable church growth. Jesus was clear in Matthew 7:13-14 and 22:1-14 that it takes a constant effort to seek the many in order to save a few.

In view of this teaching, a congregation can set a reasonable goal of baptizing the equivalent of ten percent of a church's membership annually. While we cannot baptize the majority (Matthew 7:13-14), we can reach one soul at a time. If we follow this simple strategy patiently, we can double our membership in a matter of seven years.

We are not running the 40-yard dash; we are running a lifelong marathon. We are in this for the long-haul. It is a work that will last until the “end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). The history of the early church demonstrates this execution (Acts). By focusing on the lost, the church of Christ in the first century took the gospel to the whole world (Colossians 1:23). Training never ceases. The work never ends. We must enter this mission with realistic expectations. We will not convert many, most, or even a lot, but we can convert a “few.” By converting one soul at a time, the church of Christ can grow.

## Memory Verse

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)**

**March 10, 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

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Assembly 10:30 AM

Assembly 5:00 PM

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study 6:30 PM

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Class ..... 80

Sunday AM Worship..... 92

Sunday PM Worship .... 71

Wed. Evening ..... 92

Budget ..... \$5,514

Contribution ..... \$5,817

## THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Judy Beard** passed away Wednesday. Remember this family in your prayers.
- ◇ **Fran Calvart** had surgery on March 8th
- ◇ **Laura Smith** will have knee surgery on March 14th
- ◇ **Monte Meier** waiting to have a heart valve replaced
- ◇ **Brad Tolbert** will undergo chemo, radiation and physical therapy.
- ◇ **Larry Earnest** has been put on hospice
- ◇ **Elizabeth Phillips** has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Bone Cancer
- ◇ **Ike Rochell** is undergoing treatments for liver cancer
- ◇ **Andy Boykin** will have procedures that require him to be in the hospital five days every month for a year
- ◇ **Lindsey Hall (Drake Hall's [Monticello Police Officer] wife)** is in the hospital in Little Rock with various complications
- ◇ **Brian Ferrell (David Wilson's friend)** is recovering from a stroke
- ◇ **Sue Woodard** had a diagnostic procedure

- ◇ **Jone Baldridge (Janet Staudinger's sister)** is having issues with her kidneys.
- ◇ **Allie Cooper's** cancer has returned
- ◇ **Acacia May (Becky Rice's niece)** was taken to the hospital with breathing issues
- ◇ **Judy Purvis (Fern Baker's mother)** had a appointment with the cardiologist Friday
- ◇ **Jamie Edwards (Fern Baker's brother-in-law)** has started chemo and is having stomach issues

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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



***Jeff Newton was awarded the  
2023 Man of The Year Award by  
the Monticello - Drew County  
Chamber of Commerce.***

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### TODAY

Sunday Morning class on David—Chris Bryant  
**Group 2 (Marty & Sandra Baker) - Return Cards Today or  
Wednesday**

### THIS WEEK

Gospel Meeting: Willie McCoy - West Central Church of Christ in  
Warren, AR

### THIS MONTH

22nd-24th - Gospel Meeting: Kevin Rhodes - Rison Church of  
Christ in Rison, AR  
30th - Easter Egg Hunt

### APRIL

20th - Areawide Singing - Monticello Church of Christ Building

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### **MARCH**

- 11 Joanna Meier  
Walter & Rita Stiles
- 12 Barbara Durham
- 16 Parker Simmons
- 17 Seth & Lindsey Baker
- 18 Regina Dunn
- 19 Brooks Newton

## DAILY BIBLE READING

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|------------------|-----------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 1 Cor 5-6 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Gen 40-43 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 1 Sam 1-5 |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Ps 30-32  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Job 21-22 |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | Isa 56-61 |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | Mark 1-2  |

## LADIES' DUTIES

### **Communion Prep**

- 10-Mar Rachel Wilson
- 17-Mar Rachel Wilson
- 24-Mar Carolyn Ashcraft
- 31-Mar Carolyn Ashcraft

### **March**

### **CARDS**

Lori Rabb

### **FOOD**

Stacy Usry  
Kristen Smith

### **PENCILS/CARDS**

Carolyn Ashcraft

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**WEST CENTRAL**  
*Church of Christ*

**GOSPEL  
MEETING**

**"CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH" - JUDE 1:3**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH @ 2:30 PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**BRO. WILLIE  
MCCOY**

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY:  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**

**GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS MARCH 11TH  
MONDAY - THURSDAY @7PM**



**BRO. WILLIE MCCOY**  
TENTH AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COLUMBUS, MS



**BRO. JAMIE ROCHELL**  
HOST MINISTER



# **RISON** **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## **Spring 2024** **Gospel Meeting**

with



**Kevin Rhodes**

director of



**BROWN TRAIL**  
**SCHOOL OF PREACHING**

**Theme: The Work of the Church**  
**March 22-24**

The Work of the Deacon (Friday 7:00 pm)  
The Work of the Elder (Saturday 7:00 pm)  
The Work of the Preacher (Sunday 9:30 am)  
The Work of the Member (Sunday 10:25 am)  
Fellowship Meal (Provided)  
The Work of the Member (Sunday 1:00 pm)

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