

## Do You Have Imaginary Friends?

Did you ever have an imaginary friend? I don't remember ever having one, but I have come across children who did. The problems with imaginary friends are that no one else can see or hear them. Imaginary friends never seem to be around when the toys need to be picked up or chores need to be done. Imaginary friends also seem to do things that they are not supposed to do and are never around to share in the blame and punishment. Imaginary friends aren't good friends at all when you get right down to it.

Most of us would say we don't have imaginary friends. However, when you start listening to some of the things we say and see the things we do, you might begin to question that. In First Aid training one of the first things they taught us was to pick an individual and make them responsible for calling 911. In most cases when there is a group, no one will call 911 because everyone thinks someone else will take care of it.

In the church we often hear people make statements like "Someone else will do it" or even "The church will take care of that." This is when it starts to sound like we have an imaginary friend. Who is "someone"? Who is the "church"? If we see a job that needs done, we should be willing to do what we can. We should be looking for jobs that we can do and help with all the time. We often rely on others or the preacher to do the work of the church.

But who does the Bible say is to do the work? "*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...*" (**Ephesians 4:11-12**). Imagine how much work for the Lord could be done if each of us was equipped and willing to do what God has called us to do. A preacher is only one man and can only do the work of one. How much more work could 100 members do if each of us did our part? ~Brad Tolbert

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Paul Mowrer

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Brad Tolbert

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Marty Baker  
Chris Bryant  
Ray Linder  
Jason Meier  
Jeff Newton  
Josh Pettigrew  
Kerry Rice  
Jeremy Wilson

### Assemblies

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Assembly 10:30 AM  
Assembly 5:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

**September 26, 2021**

## *No Words*

There are absolutely no words which could describe our feelings for your outpouring of love last Sunday evening. We have read each of the cards and your words and thoughts have truly touched our hearts. But it's not just about one evening. Your love for us has been shown from day one and has continued for fifteen years! You have been a great encouragement to us as we have served you and the Lord in Monticello.

I think the words of the following song sum up our feelings for each of you:

*We're part of the family that's been born again;  
Part of the family whose love knows no end;  
For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own,  
Now we're part of the family that's on its way home.*

*When a brother meets sorrow we all feel his grief;  
When he's passed through the valley we all feel relief;  
Together in sunshine, together in rain,  
Together in victory through His precious name.*

*And though some go before us, we'll all meet again;  
Just inside the city as we enter in;  
There'll be no more parting, with Jesus we'll be  
Together forever, God's family.*

*And sometimes we laugh together, sometimes we cry;  
Sometimes we share together, heartaches and sighs;  
Sometimes we dream together of how it will be  
When we all get to heaven, God's family. (Lanny Wolfe)*

Our prayer for you has not changed over these many years together. "*The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace*" (**Numbers 6:24-26**). May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, until that day when He calls each of us home to eternal glory. We love each and every one of you and we thank you for the wonderful memories we have shared together! ~Paul and Cathy Mowrer

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is Thy faithfulness.

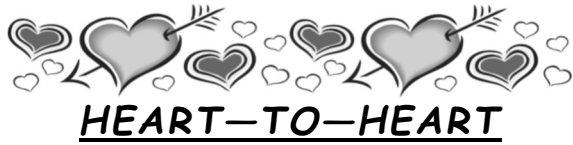
**Lamentations 3: 22-23**

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**Terry Boykin** is waiting on results from her tests this past week.

**LaVerne Potter** is home and doing well following the procedure Tuesday.

The **teenagers** are invited to the home of **Marty & Sandra Baker** Thurs. evening Sept. 30 at 6:30 for dinner and a devotional.

A special thank you to **Ray & Kathy Linder** for their work on repairing and weeding the flower beds.

All **Ladies** are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

**Directory Update:** New address for:  
**Seth, Lindsey, Kynslee, & Luke Baker**  
896 Bowser Rd.  
Monticello, AR 71655

**Paul, Cathy, & Marcia Mowrer**  
460 Seward St.  
Ackerman, MS 39735  
(Phone numbers for Paul & Cathy will remain the same.)

**Card of Thanks**

Dear church family,  
Words cannot express the thanks for the prayers, calls, and food extended on my behalf. Thank you so much.  
In Christian love,  
*Janice Wright*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today!** - Worship livestreamed at 10:30  
Small Group Bible Study @ 5:00  
Sept.30 - Teenagers Dinner/Devo @ 6:30  
Oct. 3 - Guest Speaker *Daniel A. Dominguez*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members:**  
Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin...  
Joe Moore...LaVerne Potter...Rita Stiles... Carolyn  
Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

**Shut-ins:**  
Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Neva McKeown...  
Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

**Serving in the Military:**  
Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis...  
Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce...  
Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian  
Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Christians in Afghanistan...Sherri Brown...Kathryn  
Burton..Gwenda Carroll..Terra Chambers..Shawna  
Cook...Levi Davis..Mike Frost...Terry Gibson...Wes  
Honnell...Tina Jacks...Mike James...Tina Jarvius...  
Johnny Jeter...Jerry Lawrence...Shirley Majors...  
Austin & Andrea Oesch...Judy Purvis...Christy  
Rice..David & Loyce Ray..John & Christine  
Riddle..Don & Suzette Russell..minister search..  
The family of Gary Shrum...Homer Shirey...  
Elizabeth(Moore)Stepanovich(du e in Dec.)...Katie  
Strickland...James Walton...Wayne Witson..William  
Woods...Sue Woodward...Gerald Wright

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**



- Sept. 27 Josh Pettigrew
- 28 Holly Dial
- 30 Lynn Burton
- Oct. 1 Lori Rabb
- 2 Jean Enlow
- 5 Ainsley Barnett
- Harper Bryant
- 12 Whitney Vanderzualm
- 15 Sandra Baker
- 16 Rusty Rabb
- 17 Joel Thompson
- 19 Sara Newton

**Sept/Oct Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

- 27 Ezekiel 44-46
- 28 Ezekiel 47-48
- 29 Daniel 1-3
- 30 Daniel 4-7
- 1 Daniel 8-10
- 2 Daniel 11-12
- 3 Hosea 1-3

**Heaven Bound**

We talk about going home to be with God in heaven. We sing about the beauties of heaven. Our prayers acknowledge our hope of heaven. Heaven is mentioned at almost all funerals. Most of us think about heaven every day.

The Bible tells us that heaven is a place of joy and eternal bliss; a place where there are no tears, no sorrows, nor death; a place where we will see our friends and loved ones once more, a home in the eternal presence of God and Jesus. Isaiah and Paul both describe heaven as a home so beautiful that man cannot describe it, or even imagine what God has prepared for those who love Him (*Isaiah 64:4; 1 Corinthians 2:9*).

Heaven is for everyone — but contrary to what is often expressed by some, not everyone will be there. Jesus said just professing to love God is not enough. “Feeling good about your spirituality” is not God’s measuring stick, nor is the word of any man. Jesus is the Judge, and He said it will be those who do (obey) the will of the Father that will enter heaven (*Matthew 7:21; John 12:48*).

You and I will someday give an account of what we have done while on earth (*Romans 14:12*). To hear Jesus say “*Well done, good and faithful servant,*” should be incentive enough for each of us to know and serve God to the best of our ability—and be heaven bound.

~John K. Willis; Owingsville, KY  
Bulletin Digest

<b>Attendance</b>	
Bible Class	83
Sunday AM Worship	95
Sunday PM Worship	74
Wed. Evening	85
Contribution	\$3,418

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**MISSIONS**  
Truth for Today  
In Search of the  
Lord's Way  
Ghana Radio

**NURSERY**

**Communion Preparation**

- Sept 26 Lori Rabb
- Oct 3 Lori Rabb
- Oct 10 Becky Rice
- Oct 17 Becky Rice

**Ladies September Duties**

- Cards:** Barbara Newton
- Food:** Lori Rabb  
Leah Bryant