

A DOGGED SERVANT

If you were to go to the Shibuya train station in Tokyo, Japan, you would see a bronze statue honoring a dog named Hachiko.

Hachiko was born in 1923. His master was a professor at the Tokyo Imperial University. The professor would commute home on the train, getting off at the Shibuya train station. Every day, when his master disembarked at the station, Hachiko would be there to greet him.

On May 21, 1925, Hachiko's master suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while at work and never returned home. For the next nine years, nine months, and fifteen days, Hachiko would go to the Shibuya train station, faithfully awaiting his master's return. The devotion he showed caused him to be long venerated by the nation of Japan.

Christians can relate to this story, because we also wait for our Master, Jesus, to return. He warns us in **Matthew 24** that we must be ready, because He will come when we don't expect it (v44). Furthermore, He desires to find his servants doing the work set for them to do (v45, 46) and will exact a terrible punishment upon those who are not found doing so (v51).

While the reunion of Hachiko and his master were not to be, we can well imagine the joy that such a meeting would bring between servant and master! Therefore, let us not grow weary of doing good (**Galatians 6:9**) and guard ourselves against the trap of relaxing our focus on Him who saves (**2 Peter 3:4-8**). Instead, let us take advantage of God's patience, look forward to His appearing (**2 Peter 3:9-15**), and be faithful unto death (**Revelation 2:10**). "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching." - **Luke 12:37** (NKJV)

Joshua Pettigrew
Monticello church of Christ

Bible Riddle Answers: 1. Joshua, he was the son of Nun 2. Flood lights 3. Hebrews 11:4
4. Samson's hair

MINISTERS

Pray for our
Minister search!

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Brad Tolbert

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Joshua Pettigrew

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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

October 10, 2021

Be Like God!

The self-help industry has grown by leaps and bounds. Books, videos, pod casts, life coaches all claiming to teach you how to live and make your life better. I know that if you are like me, you have heard people complain about their lives. I hear complaints about how complex life is and how it would be easier if we only had an instruction manual, something that would just tell me what to do. We look for guidance, someone we can look up to, who we see as successful or a person who just seems happy. I know that people try their best to live a life that they think makes them happy, a life they think can fulfill them. However, most people do not even know what a truly happy life would even look like.

We need an example, someone that has the answers, and can show us how to live a truly happy and fulfilled life. The world is groping in the dark seeking something, anything, that can help them navigate through this dark terrifying world. The problem is that they do not even know what they need. "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (**Ephesians 5:1-2**)

The bible teaches us that our model, our guide, is God. Jesus came to Earth to walk among us and be the example we can follow. Choosing to live by the teaching of the bible often goes against what we see the world thinks we should be pursuing. The bible calls us to be like God. The bible calls us to change our lives. "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord." (**Ephesians 5:8-10**) To live a life that God calls us to, will lead to a joyful and fulfilled life that the world really cannot offer. When we see the importance of teaching others about God we will be more effective workers for the kingdom. The world needs what we know, they need to know the answers that God supplies to His people through His word. They need to follow God's example.

Brad Tolbert
Weevils for Christ

Memory Verse

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

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HEART-TO-HEART

Remember the family of **Joe Thompson**, a member of the McGehee church of Christ who passed away.

David and Loyce Ray. David was diagnosed with Lupis.

Judy Purvis (Fern Baker's mom) is having an angiogram on Oct 14th.

Roger Harris will have outpatient surgery to remove a benign skin cancer Oct 18th.

Terry Boykin will have a cortisol injection next week.

Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 30th at 10AM-Noon here at the church building. If you would like to help, there are sign up sheets in the foyer.

Please bring your Best Choice product labels (with the UPC on it) and put them in the box that is in Room 134. As part of the **Best Choice Save-A-Label** campaign, each label can be redeemed for money that will go to benefit the **Paragould Children's Home**. If you have any questions, see Terry Boykin.

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

Tonight will be our **Second Sunday Singing** followed by the **Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship**.

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be next

Saturday, October 16, at 6AM in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - *Worship livestreamed at 10:30*

This evening will be our *Second Sunday Singing* followed by *Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger Harris... 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

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.. Homer Shirey... Katie Strickland... Elizabeth(Moore) Stepanovich (due in Dec.)... James Walton... Wayne Witson... William Woods...Sue Woodward...Gerald Wright... Robert and Sue Thomas...Donald Dinger...Deane Johnson...family of Joe Thompson...family of Atley Johnson

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Oct.	12	Whitney Vanderzwalme
	15	Sandra Baker
	16	Rusty Rabb
	17	Joel Thompson
	19	Sara Newton
	23	Janet Staudinger
		Valerie Thompson
	24	Jerry Smith
	29	Kelly Koonce
		Mark Sponaugle
		Ryan Thompson
	30	Jim & Barbara Dyson
Nov.	2	Lane Usry
	3	Marty Baker
	4	Shawanna Cook

Oct Daily Bible Reading Schedule

11	Obadiah 1
12	Jonah 1-4
13	Micah 1-3
14	Micah 4-7
15	Nahum 1-3
16	Habakkuk 1-3
17	Zephaniah



Heart-to-Heart cont'd...

There is an opportunity for volunteers to participate in a local charitable work involving the distribution of clothing to children in need. If interested, there is information on the table in the foyer.

Directory Update:

Paul, Cathy, & Marcia Mowrer
460 Seward St.

Ackerman, MS 39735

(Phone numbers for Paul & Cathy will remain the same.)



BIBLE RIDDLES

(Answers are on the back page of the bulletin)

- Which person in the Bible had no parents?
- What kind of lights did Noah use on the Ark?
- How does Moses make his coffee?
- I had many locks that don't need a key
I was far too many for you to count me
I was never to be shortened, for a vow had been said
I was a symbol of strength that flowed from the head
But in a moment of weakness, my secret was out
I lay all in pieces when she gave the shout
I'm in the Bible – what am I?

Attendance

Bible Class	96
Sunday AM Worship...	126
Sunday PM Worship	93
Wed. Evening	78
Contribution.....	\$4,500

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MISSIONS

Truth for Today
In Search of the
Lord's Way

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Oct 10	Becky Rice
Oct 17	Becky Rice
Oct 24	Laura Smith
Oct 31	Laura Smith

Ladies October Duties

Cards: Terry Boykin
Food: Jill Curtis
Jennifer Knight