

How Much Are You Worth?

A few years ago, Anne Marie Helmenstine was asked what was the actual value of a human body. Utilizing her chemistry background (PhD), she listed the elements in the body and researched their 2011 market values. She concluded that the average human was worth about a dollar, and if you could tan the skin (hide), you could raise that total to \$4.50 or \$5.00.

Recently, James Farris cited a new study which places the value of a human at 43 million dollars. The difference is not inflation, but in things Anne Marie never thought to consider. Bone marrow, DNA, antibodies, reproductive components, and organs are in great demand and therefore quite expensive.

However, there are aspects of our humanity that can't be price tagged. How do we establish values for dreams or talents? How much is a person worth who discovers a cure for cancer? What is the love for your spouse or child worth? The place we hold in the hearts of those around us truly makes us irreplaceable and therefore priceless.

In all of this discussion, we have failed to address the most crucial part of humanity: the eternal soul that God has placed within each of us. Jesus asked his disciples two probing questions in **Mark 8**: "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Each of us possess an eternal soul which possesses divine qualities. We are each a treasure and of great value to God. Let's act like it!

*Don Loftis
Bulletin Digest*

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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 31, 2021

Are You Missing Ingredients?

Recently we had a lot of bananas get really ripe, so I started to make a big batch of banana muffins. I took them out of the oven, gave them a taste, and realized right away that something was wrong. I had forgotten to add the butter. I had put the amount of butter called for by the recipe in a bowl and melted it in the microwave. There it stayed, forgotten, until I discovered my error. The muffins tasted... alright, but they weren't what they could've been if I had not failed to add this critical ingredient.

What is your missing ingredient(s)? In **Mark 10:17-22**, a man, described as a "Jewish leader" in Luke 18, comes to Jesus with an important question: "*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*" After telling him to follow the law, the man asserted that he has done so since his youth. Jesus was able to seize upon the missing ingredient that he lacked, and he wasn't very happy about it.

What are we lacking? Are we even asking the question? Do we even want to know?

If you want eternal life then it is a question you must ask. Being a christian is a process that begins upon obedience to the Gospel.

Paul the apostle suffered a great deal for Christ. We would describe him as a person of great faith, and unashamed of the Gospel. Yet he described himself as someone with more to do. In **Philippians 3:10-14** he says that he has not yet obtained eternal life and arrived at his goal. He says: "*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*" If Paul says this, then we cannot sit on our hands and say we have no more work to do.

Therefore, it is necessary that we ask the question: What yet must I do? We should follow the lead of the rich young ruler and ask God about it. We should consult God's word, comparing ourselves to the recipe for life found there, and we should add whatever ingredients are missing to make ourselves all that we can be in service to our Lord.

Joshua Pettigrew

Deacon, Monticello church of Christ

Memory Verse

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

- James 1:22

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HEART-TO-HEART

Janet Staudinger has been dealing with an infection.

Flora Austin (Ray Linder's sister) is now home following a hospital stay for blood clots in her lungs and leg.

Jeremy Ewell is having heart problems.

Mignon Griffin is still dealing with health issues. Pray that the doctors can find the source of her symptoms.

Funeral services for Adam Mowrer's father-in-law, Tommy Hancock, will be Saturday, November 6 in Tullahoma, TN.

Today will be the Fifth Sunday Building Fund collection.

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival, and also thank you to everyone who helped the Weevils for Christ feed the UAM School of Nursing this past Thursday!

Address Book Update

Marcia Mowrer's phone number is:
662-285-2122

Remember to set your clock back one hour, next Sunday November 7.

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

Fifth Sunday Building Contribution

Special Collection for Niylah Jacobs

-Small group studies at 5:00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger Harris... Joe Moore...LaVerne Potter...Janet Staudinger...Rita Stiles... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...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

Flora Austin...Shanna Baker... Rusty Blanks...Alli Cooper... the family of Donald Dinger...Jeremy Ewell...Jeannie French...Mignon Griffin...the family of Guy Hawkins...Tina Jarvius... family of Mike James...Johnny Jeter...family of Atley Johnson... Deane Johnson...Judy Johnson...Shirley Majors... the family of Neva McKeown... Austin & Andrea Oesch...Judy Purvis...David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Raegan Robinson... Willie Rodriguez...Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Homer Shirey...Elizabeth(Moore) Stepanovich(du in Dec.)... Katie Strickland... Sawyer Tannehill... Robert and Sue Thomas... James Walton... Wayne Witson.. William Woods...Sue Woodward...Gerald Wright...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| Nov. 2 | Lane Usry |
| 3 | Marty Baker |
| 4 | Shawna Cook |
| 8 | Jim Dyson |
| 9 | Angela Naron |
| 11 | Heather Perry
Jon David Vanderzwalm |
| 15 | Pam Beard
Ryan & Stacy Usry |
| 16 | Leah Bryant |
| 19 | Dillon & Sarah Rabb |
| 20 | Shirley Fisackerly |
| 23 | Judy Beard
Monty Meier
Corey & Holly Dial |
| 28 | Jeremy Wilson |

Nov Daily Bible Reading Schedule

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| 1 | Mark 5-8 |
| 2 | Mark 9-12 |
| 3 | Mark 13-16 |
| 4 | Luke 1-4 |
| 5 | Luke 5-8 |
| 6 | Luke 9-12 |
| 7 | Luke 13-16 |



Heart To Heart cont'd

As in years past, we will be adopting a cottage from Paragould Children's Home. Please give money to help with gifts to Stacy Usry or Shirley Fisackerly.

We are having a special collection today for Niylah Jai Jacobs

Niylah Jai Jacobs was born a twin on April 28, 2020. Unfortunately, three months into her life she was diagnosed with a quite rare disease called Biliary Artesia. This life-threatening disease has caused her to undergo a very uncomfortable number of treatments. Niylah is currently in therapy, and we are working on building her mobility, physical strength, and walking. She had to have a surgical procedure that held up less than expected. This process led to the decision for her to have a liver transplant.

The Jacobs family are members of the church of Christ that meets at 459 Kennedy Blvd. in Monticello, AR under the leadership of Charlie Vincent, Jr. (Cell: 870-723-6003, P.O. Box 984, Monticello, AR 71657)

Donations can be made at Commercial Bank of Monticello, AR under the account name: Niylah Jacobs Medical Fund. Or you can go to the GoFundMe website at www.gofundme.com and search for "Help Niylah and family".

Attendance

Bible Class96
Sunday AM Worship... 123
Sunday PM Worship.....86
Wed. Evening72
Contribution.....\$4,422

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MISSIONS

Truth for Today
In Search of the Lord's Way

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Oct 31	Laura Smith
Nov 7	Janet Staudinger
Nov 14	Janet Staudinger
Nov 21	Angela Stewart

Ladies November Duties

Cards:	Angela Naron
Food:	Kathy Linder Linda Bates