

Why Go To Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

*via Grand Blanc church of Christ
Grand Blanc, MI*

MINISTERS

**Pray for our
Minister search!**

Campus Minister
Brad Tolbert

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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

December 5, 2021

Do You Have The Grace Of Giving?

In many of the letters in the New Testament we find examples of people being corrected and encouraged to repent of their sinful behavior. This even includes entire churches like those found in the book of Revelation chapter two and three. Very rarely do we see a person or church that is held up as an example for others and praised for their faith and actions.

Paul spends time in the book of Second Corinthians giving us an example of a group of churches that are praised for their willingness to give themselves to God, and their willingness to help those in need. We have been studying what it means to be the church in our Sunday night class focusing on the establishment of the church found in Acts chapter two. The importance of the early church's example to us as Christians can not be over emphasized. Here Paul holds up the churches in Macedonian as an example for the church at Corinth and all those that might read Paul's letter.

"And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the LORD's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the LORD, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

Paul instructs the church to excel in the grace of giving. Let us never forget the importance of our generosity. Our giving should not come from a command but from our love for God. Jesus Himself is our perfect example of giving in His willingness to give His all, even His life, for us. We can never give as much as Jesus did, but when we give with a willing heart it will be acceptable to God. **(2 Corinthians 8:12)**

Brad Tolbert, Weevils For Christ

Memory Verse

"The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp."

- Revelation 21:23

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TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30
with guest speaker John Woodell
-Small group studies at 5:00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin...
Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe
and Peggy Moore...Barbara Newton...Jessica Pettigrew...
LaVerne Potter...Cheryl Shirey... 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

Chris Beard...Rusty Blanks...Naomi Burrow...
Kathryn Burton...family of William Busby...
family of Bill Cook...Alli Cooper... Jeremy Ewell...
Oliver Griffin... Olivia Harrod...Niyilah Jacobs...
Tina Jarvius...Johnny Jeter...Deane Johnson...
Judy Johnson...family of JL Johnston...Shirley Majors...
Erica Marillo... Kent Measal...Austin & Andrea Oesch...
David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...
Raegan Robinson... Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search..
Homer Shirey... Elizabeth(Moore) Stepanovich(du*e in Dec.*)...
Katie Strickland... Sawyer Tannehill... Kaylee Thelli...
Robert and Sue Thomas...Bob Tolson...Sissy Tucker...
James Walton... Dr. Dwight Witcher... Wayne Witson...
William Woods... Sue Woodward...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Nov. 28 Dagan Danley
- Dec. 6 Denon Weaver
- Marty & Sandra Baker
- 8 Jeff Newton
- Eddy Don Russell
- 11 Jeff & Sara Newton
- Monty & Mamie Meier
- 13 Dylan Thompson
- 17 Avery Smith
- 19 Julie Pettigrew
- Railey Curtis
- 23 John & Janet Staudinger
- Josie Knight

Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

Sunday, **December 12th** at 5-6PM there will be a special presentation by the small group kid's class with a short worship service following. After evening worship, everyone is invited to the home of **Kelly and Anna Koonce** for **Carols at the Koonces'**.

There will be a **youth Christmas Party** at the **Beards'** home December 19th after evening service. Bring a \$10 boy/girl gift. Parents are invited.

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

A Note Of Thanks:

Dear church of Christ friends,
As a member of the high school football team, I would like to thank your church for feeding us a wonderful meal. We are lucky to live in a community that gives generously and takes time out of their day to make sure we don't go hungry before or after games! The meals we've been served, the words of wisdom and encouragement that have been shared, and the support we have received are very much appreciated. You are part of the reason we are able to "Be The Best!". Thank you again for supporting the Monticello football team.

Sincerely,
Hayden Carter, #6 MHS Football Team

Nov-Dec Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 6 Ephesians 4-6
- 7 Philippians 1-4
- 8 Colossians 1-4
- 9 1 Thess. 1-5
- 10 2 Thess. 1-3
- 11 1 Timothy 1-3
- 12 1 Timothy 4-6



Attendance

Bible Class?
Sunday AM Worship.....?
Sunday PM Worship.....?
Wed. Evening?
Contribution.....\$3022

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MISSIONS

Truth for Today
In Search of the
Lord's Way

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Dec 5 Mandy Tolbert
Dec 12 Mandy Tolbert
Dec 19 Stacy Usry
Dec 26 Stacy Usry

Ladies December Duties

Cards: Margaret Harris
Food: Pam Beard
Judy Beard