

## Power vs Power

Have you ever considered how the Bible views where Christians were before they were Christians? Notice **Colossians 1:13**: “*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*” Those outside of Christ are under the “power” of darkness.

The word “power” here is the same in the original as the word Jesus used in **Matthew 28:18** (“*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*”). That Word always carries the idea of “authority.” In other words, while we were outside of Christ, we were living under the authority of darkness (shadiness, i.e., evil). We were under its “domain” (NASB).

Whether knowingly or not, everyone outside of Christ is under the authority of darkness (sin). We all have owed the wages of sin. Paul declared, “*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*” (**Romans 6:23**). Because We all have sinned, we all have been under this authority (**Romans 3:23**).

We also are unable to leave the authority of darkness on our own; we have to be delivered (rescued, NASB). Yes, it is a choice we make, but it is an action that requires Divine assistance. Paul said, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek*” (**Romans 1:16**). The only way to escape the power, guilt and condemnation of sin is to obey the gospel.

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### MINISTERS

**Pray for our  
Minister search!**

**Campus Minister**  
Brad Tolbert

**Secretary**  
Joshua Pettigrew

### ELDERS

Mike Beard  
Larry Fisackerly  
Joe Moore

### Deacons

Marty Baker  
Chris Bryant  
Ray Linder  
Jason Meier  
Jeff Newton  
Joshua 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

**January 9, 2022**

## Water Cycle?

In modern times we often want to think that science has all the answers, that they have figured everything out. Science is making great strides in our understanding of the world around us and we think we are getting to know and understand our world in ways that ancient people never could have. One of the things that you may have learned about in school as a child is the water cycle (hydrologic cycle). There is a mystery that scientist were trying to figure out for thousands of years. Where did the water in the rivers all come from, and why didn't the ocean's water level constantly rise?

In the 1600s, two Frenchmen, Pierre Perrault and Edmé Mariotte, showed that there was enough water from evaporation and rain to explain how water reached the land and then flowed back to the sea. Finally, these scientists came up with a theory that seemed to explain where the water that flowed down the rivers and into the sea came from. However, thousands of years before this God was sharing this information with the Jewish people and we find hints of this in the bible.

The book of Ecclesiastes hints at the fact that the water that comes down the river will return back to the beginning or the source of the river again. “*The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.*” (**Ecclesiastes 1:6-7**)

The bible makes it clear that the water that comes down as rain is from evaporation. The Prophet Amos writing over 2800 years ago wrote: “*The One who builds His upper chambers in the heavens And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth, He who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth, The Lord is His name.*” (**Amos 9:6**)

The book of Job does an even better job of painting a picture of the water cycle describing the evaporation and distilling of water into clouds that rain down on the streams. “*He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind.*” (**Job 36:27-28**) The bible continues to show us how wonderful our creator really is. We have so much to learn and the bible can continue to teach us. ~Brad Tolbert, WFC

# Memory Verse

“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”

**- 1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV)**

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**HEART-TO-HEART**

Jill Curtis tested positive for Covid. Let's remember the Curtis and Tannehill families as they deal with illness.

Pray for Candace Carter as she faces some upcoming tests.

Alli Cooper had a successful surgery to remove a tumor on Monday. She will begin chemo therapy soon.

Jude Gordon tested positive for Covid, so let's remember Jude and his family in our prayers.

For some time we have had Erica Marillo on our prayer list while she struggled with Covid. She is now at home and doing very well. Thank you for your prayers!

Bruce Baird will be our guest speaker today as part of our Minister Search. In addition to teaching the auditorium class this morning, he will also be delivering the lesson at both our morning and evening worship services.

This afternoon there will be a Meet & Greet with Bruce Baird in the Fellowship Hall from 2-3:30. All are invited to attend.

Additional copies of the budget for 2022 can be found in the foyer.

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 15th at 6AM.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Meet & Greet with Bruce Baird at 2-3:30
- Evening worship at 5:00

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members:**

Linda Bates...Mike & Pam Beard...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Gary Crook... Shawn & Jill Curtis... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Ray & Kathy Linder...Joe and Peggy Moore...Jessica Pettigrew...LaVerne Potter...Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... Samantha and Sawyer Tannehill... 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...

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Remington Barnett... Chris Beard...Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Kathryn Burton... Candace Carter... Alli Cooper...Jeremy Ewell...Oliver and Mignon Griffin... Niyah Jacobs...Tina Jarvius... Johnny Jeter...Deane Johnson...Judy Johnson...family of JL Johnston...Shirley Majors... Kathryn McDonough... Skylar McDougald and baby... Kent Measal...Austin & Andrea Oesch... David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Homer Shirey...Elizabeth(Moore) and Grayson Stepanovich... Katie Strickland... Robert and Sue Thomas...Bob Tolson...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... William Woods... Sue Woodward...

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**



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| Jan. 14 | Colton & Jennifer Knight                              |
| 15      | Barbara Newton<br>Sarah Pennington<br>John Mark Perry |
| 16      | Roger & Margaret Harris                               |
| 18      | Daniel Tolbert<br>Jennifer Knight<br>Michele Bailey   |
| 19      | John Ashcraft<br>Donnie Wright                        |
| 21      | Beau Beard<br>Larry & Shirley Fisackerly              |
| 23      | Kynslee Baker<br>Linda Bates<br>Lily Kate Vanderzwaln |

**Jan Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

- 10 Genesis 28-30
- 11 Genesis 31-33
- 12 Genesis 34-36
- 13 Genesis 37-39
- 14 Genesis 40-42
- 15 Genesis 43-45
- 16 Genesis 46-48



**Heart-To-Heart cont'd...**

If you would like to help feed the Weevils For Christ students this Spring, there are sign-up sheets in the foyer.

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

Best Choice UPC labels can still be put into the box in room 134. The proceeds from the labels will go to the Paragould Children's Home.

The New Year lies before you  
Like a spotless tract of snow  
Be careful how you tread on it  
For every mark will show.  
~ Author Unknown ~

I do not know what still awaits,  
Or what the morrow brings;  
But with the glad salute of faith,  
I hail its open wings!  
For this I know — that in my Lord  
Shall all my needs be met;  
And I can trust the heart of him  
Who has not failed me yet..  
~ Author Unknown ~

**Attendance**

- Bible Class ..... 59
- Sunday AM Worship..... 74
- Sunday PM Worship..... 42
- Wed. Evening ..... 57
- Contribution..... \$3,582

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**MISSIONS**

Truth for Today  
In Search of the  
Lord's Way

**NURSERY**

**Communion Preparation**

- Jan 9 Rachel Wilson
- Jan 16 Carolyn Ashcraft
- Jan 23 Carolyn Ashcraft
- Jan 30 Sandra Baker

**Ladies January Duties**

- Cards: Linda Bates
- Food: Anna Koonce  
Rachel Wilson