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This is seen often today on T.V. and social media clips; where an individual is being attacked and bystanders sit by idly and do nothing. In 1964, Catherine Genovese was murdered in cold blood outside of her apartment, and thirty-eight fellow residents admitted to police that they witnessed at least part of the attack! Yet no one called the police or came to her aid until after she was already dead.

This is the principle that surmises “it is not my problem,” “no skin off my teeth,” or “I don’t want to meddle.” While we should not be intrusive into other’s lives - when we know there is an issue, we should be willing to help in whatever way we can. The principle James laid forth is still valid; “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin” (James 4:17).

#### THE SAMARITAN ADOPTED THE GOLDEN RULE

This rule is the rule Jesus adopted and commands Christians to adopt - treat others how you want to be treated. This requires a selfless attitude, a desire to be a neighbor, and a mindset to give to others rather than looking at what is owed to us.

This philosophy does not ask “what is in it for me?” It simply asks, “What can I do for you.” It is easy to say, harder to practice, but it holds the greatest benefits - today and for eternity. Paul wrote, “ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). Let this be our mindset. God Bless.

- Josh Walker

## Memory Verse

*Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.*

### Zechariah 7:9-10 (ESV)

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SUNDAY  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Assembly 10:30 AM  
Assembly 5:00 PM  
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

“...speaking the truth in love...” Eph. 4:15

July 31, 2022

## WHAT PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE DO WE ADOPT?

Luke wrote of a lawyer that stood up to put Jesus “to the test” (Luke 10: 25). The Master Debater led the lawyer to answer his own question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:2. The lawyer “desired to justify himself” by asking the question, “ And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29). Christ told the parable of the Good Samaritan and exposed three philosophies that affected how the traveler was treated (Luke 10: 30-37). How we think determines how we act. As Solomon wrote, “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

## THE ROBBERS ADOPTED THE IRON RULE

The Iron Rule is the thought that “might makes right.” Whatever a person is big and strong enough to do, he can do. It might be more commonly recognized as survival of the fittest. Many leaders in history have applied this philosophy such as Sennacherib (2 Kings 18-19), Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, and even modern leaders like Stalin, Hitler, and Mussolini.

This rule is practiced today, though very few openly advocate this practice. Many put into practice under the guise of “looking out for number one,” “getting what I deserve,” or chalking it up to a “dog eat dog world.” The corruption of this world can often be attributed to this mindset. The robbers in this parable took advantage of a helpless man; much like corrupt employers take advantage of honest employees, dishonest employees steal from gracious employers, or whatever reason one will use to gain an advantage by putting someone else at a disadvantage. Paul wrote, “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content” (Philippians 4:11).

## THE PRIEST AND LEVITE ADOPTED THE SILVER RULE

The Silver Rule is the thought that as long as one does nothing bad, everything is good. Yes, this rule is better than the Iron Rule, but it is still not good enough. It is usually quotes as the negative of the golden rule - Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.

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Prayers are requested for the family of **Tish Thomas** in the loss of her great-nephew, Charles. He was killed in a crop dusting accident.

**Winne Roberts** had an MRI which ruled out a stroke, but doctors believe it may show dementia. Keep her in your prayers.

**Ray Leonard** had tests in Little Rock this past week—prayers for good results.

**Parker Simmons** had a 4-wheeler accident. There were no broken bones, but bruises and soreness.

**Sandra Higgins** saw the doctor about her knee and will see the dentist about her tooth in August.

**Paula Wilson** Will see Dr. Brad Thomas (Neurosurgeon) on August 10th.

**Candice Carter** is at home, but has to continue to go to hospital - Please pray for her healing and comfort.

Rena Doshier (Sandra Baker's sister-in-law) will have surgery. Please keep her and those tending to her in your prayers.

**Tom Baker** received great news concern-

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Contribution will go to the Building Fund

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members:**

Joel Thompson... Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Carolyn Cook... Gary Crook... Shawn Curtis... Jacque Davidson... Roger & Margaret Harris... Mamie Meier... LaVerne Potter..... Eddy and Suzette Russel... Jerry and Laura Smith... Rita Stiles... Joel and Brooke Thompson... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

**Shut-ins:**

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

**Serving in the Military:**

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**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Shannah Baker...Rusty Blanks... Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper... Opal Crow... Larry Earnest... Joseph Friend...Tommy Haynes... Bertha Henry... Deane Johnson... Francis Jordan... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... Robbie Pettigrew... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of David Wilkins... Sue Woodard...

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**



- July 31** Cade Newton  
Brooke Thompson  
Mike & Pam Beard
- August 1** Barbara Dyson
- 6** Linda Forrest  
Joe & Peggy Moore
- 12** Sheila Collins
- 16** Roger Harris  
Jill Curtis
- 17** David & Paula Wilson
- 20** Jimmy & Sandra Higgins
- 22** Josie Pettigrew
- 23** Kelly & Anna Koonce  
Mandy Tolbert
- 26** Brad Tolbert

**Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

- 31** Song of Solomon 4-6
- 01** Song of Solomon 7-8
- 02** Isaiah 1-3
- 03** Isaiah 4-6
- 04** Isaiah 7-9
- 05** Isaiah 10-12
- 06** Isaiah 13-15



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

ing his lymphoma - the doctors said they considered him in remission. Be sure to remember to thank God in your prayers for this encouraging news!

**Carolyn Cook's** health has improved. Another reason to thank God!

The **Elders' Message Box** is located in the Library—more details to come.

All the **Youth** are invited to join in the group photo that will be in the Billie Football Program this year. The photo will take place at the Monticello Football Field on **August 4th, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Best Choice labels** are still being collected. Place the **UPC labels** from **Best Choice products** in the box in **room 134**. The proceeds go to the **Paragould Children's Home**.

*But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him.*

- Lamentations 3:21-24

**Attendance**

Bible Class ..... 73  
 Sunday AM Worship... 100  
 Sunday PM Worship ..... 57  
 Wed. Evening ..... N/A  
 Contribution ..... \$5,820

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 In Search of the Lord's Way  
 Ghana Radio

**NURSERY**

**Communion Preparation**

**July 31** Linda Forrest  
**August 7** Linda Forrest  
**August 14** Jennifer Knight  
**August 21** Jennifer Knight

**Ladies July Duties**

**Cards:** Barbara Dyson  
**Food:** Sara Newton  
 Jill Curtis