

Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:19, “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” Admittedly, there is always a feeling of “home” when you are among the church – but as one who has attended and visited many congregations, this congregation is head and shoulders above most. Thank you for taking us in and making us feel at home.

I AM THANKFUL FOR THE ZEAL OF THIS CONGREGATION. Unlike a large city where one can come and “fly under the radar,” the community of Monticello has noticed that my family and I are not originally from around here. I am often asked what brings me to Monticello, and when I tell them that I am the new preacher at the Monticello Church of Christ, there are generally two things said after I make that statement. First, they ask, “is that the big, white building on the northern edge of town?” (we are blessed to have such a wonderful location and stunning facility to meet); second, “do you know” or “have you met,” or “then you know” this person, or this family. I find it encouraging that the community knows you all are members of this congregation and that they always have positive things to say about you. Solomon stressed the importance of a good reputation (Proverbs 22:1). This congregation’s reputation among the community has and will continue to pay great dividends in expanding the border of His Kingdom – thank you for representing Jesus well to Monticello!

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoys this time with friends and family. I want to encourage everyone to take some time this week and list some things for which you are thankful.

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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
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

November 13, 2022

THANK YOU, MONTICELLO CHURCH OF CHRIST

Josh Walker

In a few days, we will take time to gather with friends and family to partake in a meal with the thought of thanksgiving at the forefront of our minds. While thanksgiving should be a daily occurrence, it is nice that there is a day in the year when almost everyone will take time off work and reflect upon that for which they are most thankful. While I am grateful for many things, in honor of Thanksgiving, I want to note a few things for which I am thankful concerning this congregation.

I AM THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREACH. This thought goes past hiring me to be the full-time Pulpit Minister at this congregation (though it is part of it). Paul charged Timothy, and all preachers, to “Preach the Word” (2 Timothy 4:2). I am thankful that this congregation appreciates sermons that involve “Book, Chapter, and Verse.” I am encouraged by this expectation from you all.

I AM THANKFUL TO THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO MAKE IT TO WORSHIP. I am not thankful that you all have to endure the hardship – I am grateful that you are here despite the hardship. Paul said, “I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses” (2 Corinthians 12:9) – your presence is an encouragement and an excellent example.

I AM THANKFUL FOR THE CHILDREN PLAYING BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICES. I know that children (I live with three of them) can be wild and mischievous sometimes (but overall sweet), but one noticeable thing is that the children of this congregation are comfortable here. This contentment is a testament to godly parents and grandparents – but also the patience of the entire congregation. Peter compared the Christians who put away the malice and ill intent of the heart and yearned for spiritual knowledge to children (1 Peter 2:1-2). The world forces our young ones to deal with things I wish they did not have to face – but it is comforting to know that they have a place, with the type of people, where they can go and feel secure and loved.

I AM THANKFUL FOR THE HOSPITALITY OF THIS CONGREGATION. I am often surprised to think back and realize that my family and I have been in Monticello (at the time of this writing) for less than five months. It seems like it has been much longer because you all have made the transition from Memphis to here almost seamless and have welcomed and included us without hesitation or reluctance.

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Memory Verse

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Psalm 100:4 (ESV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ray Leonard is in the hospital with COVID and pneumonia.

Neil Wilson was involved in an accident involving his brain. There is a long road ahead, but he is showing some positive signs of recovery.

Rhea (friend of **Fern Baker**), **Justin Billings** (husband) & **Mason Billings** were in a car accident. Mason will be in a wheelchair and Rhea will be having multiple surgeries (the extent of Justin's injuries are unknown). Rhea's mom, **Leisha Sowheaver**, passed away in the accident.

Congratulations to **Michelle Bailey** (grandmother) and **Cheryl Shirey** (great aunt) on the birth of **Delilah Maeve Bailey** (6 lbs 9 oz, 18.5 in long), born October 25th to **Cody & Kristen Bailey**.

Wayne Upshaw (**Sandra Higgins'** Brother) passed away, services were Thursday (11/17).

Opal Crowe passed away

Skip Davey passed Wednesday, (11/16).

J.L. May (Becky Rice) is having eye surgery

Linda Bates is doing much better.

Sawyer Tannehill is bruised after his fall last Sunday

Roger Harris has a chronic cough and is waiting to see a specialist

Benita Forrest has contracted the flu while trying to care for others - this can be a stressful ordeal. Pray for

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- *Teen Service Project - Tonight*
- *Prayer & Praise Night - Tuesday @ 6:30 pm*
- *UAM Battle of the Buildings—11/1-30*

Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

her comfort.

Jacque Davison is fighting a severe sinus infection.

Levi Daris has stage 4 cancer and pneumonia and is in the hospital.

Paula Wilson meets with her doctor on November 23rd discuss the spinal cord stimulation surgery

Eddie Calvert is in the hospital with issues from the previous hospital stay.

Ann Bolden has been battling colon cancer and has been moved to hospice.

Candace Carter is still undergoing treatments and is having a procedure on h

Winnie Roberts is in need of prayers.

Marty Baker has started treatments, which will continue for the next few months.

Jerry Lawrence has been taken him off the experimental drug - remember his family.

Judy Beard has received a diagnosis for a type of eye disease. Pray that the effects of this dis-ease are delayed as long as possible.

Keep **Lori Smith's** (**Cheryl Shirley**) pregnancy in your prayers that she and the baby remain healthy.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



November	20	Shirley Fisackerly
	22	John & Karla Rice
	23	Judy Beard
		Monty Meier
		Corey & Holly Dial
	28	Jeremy Wilson
	3	McKenzie Light
		Dillon Rabb
	6	Denon Weaver
		Marty & Sandra Baker
	8	Ruby Baker
		Jeff Newton
		Eddy Don Russell
	11	Jeff & Sara Newton

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

20	John 16-18
21	John 19-21
22	Acts 1-3
23	Acts 4-6
24	Acts 7-9
25	Acts 10-12
26	Acts 13-15



TUESDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY

We will meet Tuesday (11/22) @ 6:30 pm instead of Wednesday evening for a night of prayer and praise - Have a happy & safe Thanksgiving!

UAM BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS

An effort to provide snacks for the students at UAM. There is a list of goods needed and more details in the foyer (Green Slip of Paper). See **Brad Tolbert** for details or questions.

PARAGOULD CHILDREN'S HOME

To Contribute see Stacy Usry or Shirly Fisackerly

MONTICELLO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

December 1 - we will be opening doors in the morning drop off line

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & FELLOWSHIP

December 4th, after evening services, carols at the Koonce house. Bring your favorite finger foods and carols to sing.

LADIES' NIGHT

December 13th at the home of Pam Beard.

YOUTH/TEEN XMAS PARTY

December 18th at the home of Mike and Pam Beard. The youth and teen aged children are invited.

Attendance

Bible Class	96
Sunday AM Worship ...	108
Sunday PM Worship	90
Wed. Evening	85
Contribution	\$3,719

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In Search of the
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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Nov 20	Jessica Pettigrew
Nov 27	Jessica Pettigrew
Dec 04	Lori Rabb
Dec 11	Lori Rabb

Ladies October Duties

Cards:	Jessica Pettigrew
Food:	Carolyn Ashcraft Fran Calvert