



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men—Galatians 6:10

THE CHURCH IS IMPORTANT

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I wonder if the church is as important to us today as it was to the Christians in the first century? There's an old saying that states something like: "Don't let the urgent overtake the important." There are a lot of urgent matters in the world today, but we must not let them crowd out the importance of the church. Let's use the book of Ephesians to prove this point.

The Church is Important Because of the Father's Purpose (Eph. 3:8-11). In this section we can clearly see that God had the church in mind all along! The church is not an afterthought, a plan B, or a substitute as some claim. It is not by the will of man or by some accident that the church exists. God had the church planned from eternity. He is the mastermind behind the true and wonderful church (Eph. 3:14-15). That makes it very important indeed.

The Church is Important Because of the Son's Purchase (Eph. 5:25-27). Christ's sacrifice shows the value God places on the church. Would you be willing to give your life for something of unimportance? Of course not, and neither was Jesus! It is sad to hear some people say, "Give me Christ, but not the church." That's like saying, "Give me the head, but not the body." The church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). You can't separate Christ and the church. The church cost Jesus His blood. Because of that, it should be extremely important to us.

The Church is Important Because of the Spirit's Presence (Eph. 2:19-22). The church is the temple of God. In Old Testament times, God's Spirit dwelt in the tabernacle and later the temple. But now the church is the temple of God and the Spirit still dwells in it. Like the temple of old, in the church, where the Spirit lives, God is worshiped and given glory (Eph. 3:21). This makes the church a matter of great importance.

Without a doubt, the church is important to God. If the church really is that important to Him, then that would make proper association and involvement within it important, as well. And, without a doubt, it is. Is the church important to you? Are you an active member of it?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a going away for Mathew, Samantha, & Sawyer Tannehill during the fellowship meal NEXT SUNDAY (3/12). If you would like to contribute to a gift, please see Sandra or Lindsey Baker. Let's send them off with Love.

Memory Verse

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20 (ESV)

March 5, 2023

ELDERS

- Mike Beard
- Larry Fisackerly
- Joe Moore

DEACONS

- Marty Baker
- Chris Bryant
- Ray Linder
- Jason Meier
- Jeff Newton
- Joshua Pettigrew

- Kerry Rice
- Jeremy Wilson

MINISTERS

- Pulpit Minister**
- Josh Walker

Campus Minister

- Brad Tolbert

Meeting Times

- Bible Study 9:30 AM
- Assembly 10:30 AM
- Assembly 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

- Bible Study 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	89
Sunday AM Worship...	117
Sunday PM Worship	70
Wed. Evening	68
Budget	\$5,810
Contribution	\$5,407

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Sophie Mendez** (4 years old) had a tumor on her brain that was surgically removed.
- ◇ **Andy Boykin** is still in the hospital treating a tumor on his brain.
- ◇ **Linda Bates'** has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's; Remember her and her family as they make decisions for her wellbeing.
- ◇ **Shirley Fisackerly**'s knee surgery went well and she is recovering at home.
- ◇ **Ike Rochell** has been deemed cancer free.
- ◇ **Bob Kaiser** passed away. Remember his family.
- ◇ **Cheryl Shirey** will have surgery March 14th.
- ◇ **Roger Harris** will have a procedure on March 15th.
- ◇ **Brandy Adams (Grace Kerr, Brad Tolbert)** was diagnosed with cancer and will undergo treatment & surgery

- ◇ **Benita Forrest** is still in need of prayers
- ◇ **Candace Carter** will have tests in April.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Jean Enlow Betty McGuire Pat Turner Marie Wooten

BLANKET DRIVE

Our congregation is conducting a "blanket drive" from February 26 - March 12, 2023. Blankets will be donated to the Monticello Police Department for them to use during emergencies such as our recent ice storm and power outage. Please pick up a "Blanket Drive Announcement" in the Foyer for details.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Linda Bates
c/o Lanelle Beavers
331 S. Washburn Rd
Searcy, AR 72143

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

Special collection for Blanket Drive

THIS WEEK

Ladies' Class - Wednesday @ 10 am

THIS MONTH

3/5-3/12 Blanket Drive (See Ray Linder for more details)

11 Ministry Banquet @ Johnson St CofC (Benton, AR)

12 Going Away for Tannehill Family (Front Page)

10-12 Gospel Meeting @ Rison CofC - Speaker: Phil Sanders

12-15 Gospel Meeting @ West Central CofC - Speaker: Various

19-20 Gospel Meeting @ Cullendale CofC - Speaker: Jerry Martin

24-25 Trash Pick-up w/city volunteers

APRIL

8 Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Tentative)

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>YOUTH</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
3/15-18	Julie Pettigrew Lily Kate Vanderzwalme (Jeff Newton)	SEARK Concert - The Little Mermaid, Jr.
4/1	Kynslee Baker	MHS Billie Softball

Additions or updates can be sent to:
preacher.montcofc@gmail.com

More info can be found on the Monticello Church of Christ (Private Group)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

9	Carolyn Wilson
11	Joanna Meier Walter & Rita Stiles
12	Barbara Durham
17	Seth & Lindsey Baker
18	Regina Dunn

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY:	Numbers 23-25
TUESDAY:	Numbers 26-27
WEDNESDAY:	Numbers 28-30
THURSDAY:	Numbers 31-32
FRIDAY:	Numbers 33-34
SATURDAY:	Numbers 35-36
SUNDAY:	Deuteronomy 1-2

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

Mar 5	Rachel Wilson
Mar 12	Carolyn Ashcraft
Mar 19	Carolyn Ashcraft
Mar 26	Sandra Baker

FEBRUARY

CARDS

Barbara Dyson

FOOD

Sandra Baker
Kathy Linder

PENCILS/CARDS

Fran Calvert

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