



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES (Part II)

— Scott Cain —

Those with Friends in Low Places Often Lead Family into Low Places. Judah’s wife bore three sons, & each birth came with brow-raising details. For instance, at Judah’s first son’s birth, “he called his name Er” (Genesis 38:3), but when the second arrived, “she called his name Onan” (38:4). Whereas either God or the mothers had named the family’s most recent generations (17:19; 29:31-35; etc.), Judah made it a point to name his firstborn, but not his second: why? Might he & his wife have agreed to give each other dibs on naming their sons? Perhaps. Then again, perhaps Judah was doting on his firstborn & detached from his second, the sort of favoritism that had plagued his father & his grandparents (Genesis 37:3; 25:28): if so, such spoiling of his firstborn would help explain how Er came to be so wicked, & the shunning of his second would facilitate a sibling rivalry that might explain Onan’s selfish refusal to rear up an heir to his older brother. At best, Judah’s influence upon his oldest two sons is suspect.

Then there is the third son. When Shelah was born, the family had moved to Chezib, a town in the lowlands near Adullam (Genesis 38:5). By this point, Judah had literally led his family into low places, into an environment of lower standards, but the lowest point was yet to come.

Those with Friends in Low Places Often Lose Family in Low Places. Some lose to sin. Judah’s eldest son married a woman from the area, but he was so wicked that God slew him before he bore any children (Genesis 38:6-7). Judah realized the importance of his lineage, since God’s blessing to Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob had been shamefully forfeited by his older brothers (Genesis 35:22; 34:30), therefore he insisted that Onan marry Er’s widow Tamar & sire a child that would be Er’s heir (38:8). Onan refused, instead spilling his seed on the ground & essentially discharging the Messianic lineage into the dust, thus God slew him (38:9-10). Within a matter of weeks, if not less, Judah’s oldest sons were dead, both slain for their iniquity.

Memory Verse

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; Slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Psalm 145:8 (ESV)

February 4, 2024

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 75

Sunday AM Worship..... 96

Sunday PM Worship 67

Wed. Evening 80

Budget \$5,514

Contribution \$5,653

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Tony Beard** passed away Monday - his memorial will be Feb. 10th, at 10 am at the Monticello Church of Christ building
- ◇ **Tom Weaver** passed away last Monday - the Funeral is Feb. 4th in Dumas, AR
- ◇ **Brad Tolbert** will have surgery Tuesday (Feb. 6th)
- ◇ **Stacy Vondran's** grandfather passed away
- ◇ **Fran Calvart** is awaiting test results
- ◇ Pam Rochell (Jamie Rochell's wife) was admitted into the hospital
- ◇ **Jone Baldrige (Janet Staudinger's** sister) had a defibrillator and pacemaker put in and went into A-fib.
- ◇ **Barbara Newton** is recovering from surgery
- ◇ **Judy Purvis (Fern Baker's** mother) is weak after battling pneumonia
- ◇ **Luke Baker** fell and broke his wrist
- ◇ **Allie Cooper's** cancer has returned
- ◇ **Acacia May (Becky Rice's** niece) was taken to the hospital with breathing issues

- ◇ **Jude Purvis (Fern Baker's** mother) is not doing well
- ◇ **Jamie Edwards (Fern Baker's** brother-in-law) has been diagnosed with cancer

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Jean Enlow Betty McGuire Pat Turner
 Lyndell Baker Judy Purvis Laverne Potter
 Marie Wooten



A Biblical Figure I Admire

2024 MONTICELLO CHURCH OF CHRIST AREAWIDE



PHILIPPIANS 4:5-7 (ESV)

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

ANNUAL AREAWIDE - 2:30 pm

Sunday Morning class on David—Chris Bryant
Group 1 (Rusty & Lori Rabb) Card Writing
 Tom Weaver's Funeral - 3 p.m. in Dumas, AR

THIS WEEK

Tony Beard's Memorial service - Saturday 10 am

THIS MONTH

17th - Ladies' Day

MARCH

30th - Easter Egg Hunt

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

- 5 Jessica Meier
- 6 Corey Dial
- 16 Emily Thompson
- 17 Chris Bryant
Kerry & Becky Rice
- 18 Ryan Halbert
- 21 Dana Hughes

DAILY BIBLE READING

- MONDAY** Rom 11–12
- TUESDAY** Gen 20–23
- WEDNESDAY** Judges 1–6
- THURSDAY** Ps 15–17
- FRIDAY** Job 11–12
- SATURDAY** Isa 29–33
- SUNDAY** Matt 14–16

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

- 4-Feb Mandy Tolbert
- 11-Feb Stacy Usry
- 18-Feb Stacy Usry
- 25-Feb Karli Walker

February

CARDS

Terry Boykin

FOOD

Sandra Baker
 Karli Walker

PENCILS/CARDS

Pam Beard

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AREA WIDE SERVICE

2.4.24 | 2:30PM

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We look forward to your presence and participation as we unite in worship, fellowship, and the joy of exploring the profound impact of our admired biblical figures.



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PLEASE JOIN US

2024

Monticello Church of Christ
Ladies' Day

A Mind to Work

&

A Heart to Serve

Saturday | 17 February, 2024 | 9am-1pm

2078 Hwy 425 N.
Monticello, AR 71655

R.S.V.P to Karli Walker at
405.473.8241

Or visit our Facebook event
page "2024 Monticello Church
of Christ Ladies' Day"

