



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES (Part III)

— Scott Cain —

Some lose to sorrow. The next recorded funeral was for Judah’s wife (38:12). Scripture does not reveal how much time past between her sons’ deaths & her own departure, but having buried two sons, there is little doubt that Judah’s wife died with a heavy heart.

Some lose to stalling. Judah was in denial, seeming to see his sons’ deaths as Tamar’s fault instead of the consequence of their own actions (38:11), & as a result he balked at letting her marry his youngest son, claiming that he would wait until Shelah was fully grown. Little is known of Shelah beyond this, except that he later named his son after his wicked older brother Er (1 Chronicles 4:21): not a positive reflection on his character.

Some lose to shame. Tamar saw that Shelah was grown & she was still unwed, & she became desperate. Learning that Judah was enroute to shear sheep in Timnath (another low-lying city), she apparently knew her father-in-law well enough to know that she could receive seed by posing as a harlot in the area, & so she did, & so it worked (38:12-16). Masked by a veil, she was unrecognizable to him as they haggled over a price & a pledge: the price would be a kid of the goats, & the pledge would be his ring, signet, & staff (38:17-19). When he later sent his friend to pay the price & recoup the pledge, the anonymous harlot was nowhere to be found, & so Judah concluded, “Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed” (38:23). He had no idea how shameful his actions were, not until news came that Tamar was pregnant, & his initial verdict of death by burning was met with her declaration that the child in her womb was sired by the owner of this ring, signet, & staff (38:25): his ring, signet, & staff. He had been shamed, indeed.

Sadly, sometimes shame is exactly what is needed to steer someone away from low places. Some folks need to hit rock bottom before they look upward.

Memory Verse

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited
and redeemed his people**

Luke 1:68 (ESV)

February 11, 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 74

Sunday AM Worship... 106

Sunday PM Worship .. 136

Wed. Evening 69

Budget \$5,514

Contribution \$5,861

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
- ◇ **Brad Tolbert's** surgery was successful and he will continue with treatments and rehab
- ◇ **Fran Calvart** will begin treatments
- ◇ **Jone Baldrige (Janet Staudinger's** sister) is having issues with her kidneys.
- ◇ **Janice Wright** is not doing well
- ◇ **Barbara Newton** is recovering from surgery
- ◇ **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) has started new meds and will see a cardiologist Feb 16th.
- ◇ **Jamie Edwards (Fern Baker's** brother-in-law) has started chemo

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34:1-3

thank you

To everyone for your help, participation, and attendance in our Annual Areawide. It was an encouraging afternoon, so thank you for the time and energy you dedicated to its success.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

Sunday Morning class on David—Josh Walker
Group 2 (Marty & Sandra Baker) Card Writing
Singing and Fellowship after evening class

THIS WEEK

Saturday - Ladies' Day - Speaker: Kathy Haynes

THIS MONTH

MARCH

30th - Easter Egg Hunt

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

- 16 Emily Thompson
- 17 Chris Bryant
Kerry & Becky Rice
- 18 Ryan Halbert
- 21 Dana Hughes
Samantha Tannehill
- 22 Paula Wilson

DAILY BIBLE READING

- MONDAY** Rom 13–14
- TUESDAY** Gen 24–27
- WEDNESDAY** Judg 7–11
- THURSDAY** Ps 18–20
- FRIDAY** Job 13–14
- SATURDAY** Isa 34–39
- SUNDAY** Matt 17–19

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

- 11-Feb Stacy Usry
- 18-Feb Stacy Usry
- 25-Feb Karli Walker
- 3-Mar Karli Walker

February

CARDS

Terry Boykin

FOOD

Sandra Baker
Karli Walker

PENCILS/CARDS

Pam Beard

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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"



WEST CENTRAL

Church of Christ

GOSPEL MEETING

"CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH" - JUDE 1:3

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH @ 2:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER:

**BRO. WILLIE
MCCOY**

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY:
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**

**GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS MARCH 11TH
MONDAY - THURSDAY @7PM**



BRO. WILLIE MCCOY

*TENTH AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
COLUMBUS, MS*



BRO. JAMIE ROCHELL

HOST MINISTER