



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Your Church Really Seems to Care: Why Is That? (Part 3)

- Allen Webster -

Jesus commanded “that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:34–35; cf. 15:12). This “new command” took love to a higher level. No longer do believers love others as themselves, as in the Old Testament (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:43). Now Christians love as Christ loved (Ephesians 5:1–2, 25), which is the full measure of love (John 15:13; 2 Corinthians 8:9).

In today’s sexually permissive society, it often feels as if Christians must choose between either being too soft on sin or too hard on sinners. God hates sin (Proverbs 6:16–19; Psalm 119:104), and He commands Christians to hate evil (Psalm 97:10; Romans 12:9). Yet God loves sinners and commands Christians to do so.

As in all things, Jesus set the perfect example. He hated sin yet loved sinners. For instance, He once dealt with a woman His enemies brought to Him and accused of adultery (John 8:1–11).

“Should we stone her?” they asked. (Moses’ Law stipulated death for adultery [Deuteronomy 22:22].) Jesus had the odd reputation of being both a holy prophet and a friend of harlots (Luke 7:37–50), so they thought they had Him in a trap. If He said “No,” then He showed disrespect for Moses’ law as no prophet would do. If He said, “Yes,” then He was not the friend of sinners.

These Pharisees were not truly interested in righteousness. If so, why bring only her? Both the man and woman were equally guilty. They wanted to find a way to accuse Jesus (John 8:6).

How would Jesus handle it? He could take the path of rigid holiness and have her killed. He could take the path of indulgent love and lend support to immorality. Instead He chose the third path that they had not considered: the path of amazing grace.

He “stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.” They finally demanded an answer, so He stood and said, “He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her” (8:6–8). He then stooped again. One by one, they dropped their rocks and left, until she was the only one left.

How did Jesus handle sin and sinners?

He reached out to her. With His enemies gone and the crisis averted, Jesus could have gone back to His sermon and let the embarrassed woman simply melt into the crowd. He chose instead to help her prepare for heaven, saying, “Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?” (8:10–11).

Memory Verse

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:15-16 ESV

April 21, 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 68

Sunday AM Worship..... 90

Sunday PM Worship 72

Wed. Evening 81

Budget \$5,514

Contribution \$6,994

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Barbara Durham** is in Drew Memorial Room 1406.
- ◇ **Brad Tolbert** - An MRI has revealed original tumor has grown and three more tumors were found.
- ◇ **Ray Leonard** had stints put in his leg.
- ◇ **Judy Purvis (Fern Baker's mother)** is at home. She sees an oncologist on 4/23 and a cardiologist on 5/7.
- ◇ **Jamie Edwards (Fern Baker's brother-in-law)** is having a hard time with the chemo this week. Scans will determine if this was his last treatment.
- ◇ **Becky Colvin** is staying at Jamie's under home health care while waiting for infection to clear.
- ◇ **Jerry Tolbert (Brad's Dad)** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- ◇ **A. J. Meier, (Jason's grandfather, Monty's father)** is under hospice care.
- ◇ Continue to remember **Donnie & Janice Wright**
- ◇ Continue to remember **Rita Stiles.**
- ◇ **Ernie Bradshaw** (member at Dumas) is in Baptist Hospital with blood clots in his lungs.
- ◇ **Elizabeth Phillips** has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Bone Cancer.
- ◇ **Ike Rochell** is not improving after his treatments for liver cancer.
- ◇ **Andy Boykin** will have procedures that require him to be in the hospital five days every month for a year.
- ◇ **Allie Cooper's** cancer has returned.
- ◇ **Acacia May (Becky Rice's niece)** has an appointment with Mayo Clinic.
- ◇ **Fran Calvert** is recovering from surgery.
- ◇ **Revel Jackson**, nephew of Lynn Burton, passed away.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Gemma Walker was back to back Jr. High District Champion in shotput.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

REMINDER!!!

Compassion Cards Group 4 (Kerry and Becky Rice) needs to pick up cards in Evangelism room on Wednesday evening to be brought back for mailing next Sunday. If you are not participating in this work, WE NEED YOU!

THANK YOU!!!

Church of Christ Family, I can't thank you enough for all of your prayers and cards. Daddy loved your cards! You all have been so gracious and we have felt your prayers.

Thank you for the wonderful coconut pie! It was so pretty and delicious!. You should be proud that your church outreach is much appreciated and active.

Sincerely,
Lori Wigley

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

Bill Wheeler from Truth for Today is here to teach class and deliver our sermon this morning

Group 2 (Ray and Kathy Linder) - Return Cards Today

APRIL

Ladies Bible Class Wednesday morning at 10:00

MAY

5th - Graduation Banquet

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

21 Cordell Stewart
 22 Carolyn Ashcraft
 24 Margaret Harris
 Stacy Vondran
 27 Joel & Valerie Thompson

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY 2 Cor 1-3
TUESDAY Exod 13-16
WEDNESDAY 2 Sam 1-4
THURSDAY Ps 48-50
FRIDAY Job 33-34
SATURDAY Jer 22-26
SUNDAY Mark 13-14

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

21-Apr Lindsey Baker
 28-Apr Lindsey Baker
 5-May Jamie Beard
 12-May Jamie Beard

April

CARDS

Janet Staudinger

FOOD

Margaret Harris
 Terry Boykin

PENCILS/CARDS

Leah Bryant

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