



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

The Sawdust In Our Spiritual Diet by Mike Riley

The story is told of a thrifty man who one day decided to save money on donkey feed. Every day, he would add increasing amounts of sawdust into the donkey’s feed. Because the process was gradual, the donkey did not notice any difference as he cleaned up his manger. The man’s plan was working well, until the donkey suddenly died because of living on 100% sawdust.

Similarly, spiritual food that contains the pure Word of God, once mixed with worldly sawdust [watered-down or social gospel], will eventually **lead to spiritual death** (2 Peter 2). It is indeed sad to see some members of the church act as though they cannot understand why so many spiritually malnourished Christians die [abandon the Lord’s church] even after being members of the church for many years.

The Psalmist tells us that God’s word is “lamp” to the feet and a “light” to one’s pathway (Psalm 119:105; cf. Proverbs 6:23). However, how can members of the Lord’s body make application of that “light” in their everyday living, if they remain ignorant of that light? (Hebrews 5:12-14). What is the use of chiding weak Christians about their little faith, if spiritually strong Christians do not teach them enough of the pure Word for them to be able to develop strong faith? (Psalm 51:12-13; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 2:1-2).

All of the church pep-rallies, sermons, and lectures about Christian duty, won’t do much good for weak-in-the-faith Christians, until they are taught the **pure word of God** (Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 19:7-8).

Brethren, if there is any sawdust in our spiritual diet, we need to get rid of it, and start feeding our spiritually weak brethren, the pure “milk” of the Word (1 Peter 2:2), gradually bringing them up to the “strong meat” of the Word (Hebrews 5:14 KJV), so they might grow into spiritually mature workers for the Lord and His church (1 Peter 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:3-10).

Memory Verse

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. **1 John 3:18**

September 22, 2024

ELDERS

Mike Beard
Larry Fisackerly
Joe Moore
Rusty Rabb

DEACONS

Marty Baker
Seth Baker
Beau Beard
Ray Linder
Jason Meier
Jeff Newton
Joshua Pettigrew
Kerry Rice
Jeremy Wilson

Meeting Times

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class 67
Sunday AM Worship..... 93
Sunday PM Worship 60
Wed. Evening 77
Budget \$5,514
Contribution \$4,844

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ Remember **Jerry Tolbert**. He is undergoing radiation treatments.
- ◇ **Rita Stiles** needs continued prayers.
- ◇ **Suzette Russell** is having major health problems.
- ◇ **Eddie Don Russell** is going to have 2 stints in his heart in the near future.
- ◇ **Donnie & Janice Wright** need continued prayers for health problems.
- ◇ **Bess Jenkins**, Karla Rice's mother, is recovering from a procedure.
- ◇ **John Rice** will be going to Mayo Clinic in November. Pray that the doctors can get him on a treatment plan that will work.
- ◇ **Sue Woodard**, Suzette's mother, will have another procedure on her back soon.
- ◇ **Matt Wilson**, son of David, will have hernia surgery October 1.
- ◇ **Kenny Hudgens** had surgery to fix faulty pacemaker and is doing well at home.
- ◇ **Acacia May**, niece of Becky Rice, is going to Johns Hopkins Clinic to have more tests run.

COMING SOON!

Todd McMillen has accepted the position of Associate Minister/Campus Minister. His first Sunday in this job will be October 27. You will still see him on the 2nd and 4th Sunday here in the pulpit until he moves down. Please let him know how excited we are to have him.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 John Rice
James & Anna Miller
- 25 Kerry Rice
- 27 Josh Pettigrew
- 28 Holly Dial

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REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TODAY

Group 4 (Kerry & Becky Rice) - Return Cards Today
Todd McMillen will be our teacher and preacher for this morning and this evening.

THIS MONTH

18 - Ladies Bible Class starts again at 10:00
Wednesday nights we will be studying Matthew 5
- Sermon on the Mount

REMINDER!!!

Compassion Cards Group 5 (teenagers) needs to pick up cards in Evangelism room on Wednesday evening to be brought back for mailing next Sunday.

**If you have not already done so, please turn in
Change for Children cans.**

FALL FESTIVAL MEETING!

There will be a planning meeting for the Fall Festival this morning after services in the Fellowship Hall.

GOSPEL MEETING

*Rison Church of Christ will have their Fall gospel meeting September 22-24. Speaker is Bill Burk.
Details on the bulletin board.*

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY Heb 1-4
TUESDAY Num 25-28
WEDNESDAY 2 Cor 6-10
THURSDAY Ps 114-116
FRIDAY Prov 26-27
SATURDAY Obad
SUNDAY Acts 1-2

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

22-Sept Peggy Moore
29-Sept Peggy Moore
6-Oct Angela Naron
15-Oct Angela Naron

SEPTEMBER

CARDS

Barbara Newton

FOOD

Kathy Linder
Lydia Meier

PENCILS/CARDS

Lori Rabb

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