

It Will Die

Take a leaf from a branch, lay it carefully aside and watch. Slowly the color fades, the leaf goes limp, curls up and dies.

Take a fish out of water, lay it carefully on the ground and watch. Frantically it twists, struggles, gradually weakens, quivers and dies.

Take a Christian away from the fellowship and worship of the church, let him remain at home on the Lord's day, and watch! Gradually he stops praying, misses the Lord's Supper, frets about activities of others, points an accusing finger at "hypocrites" in the church, and finally he opposes Christianity, and dies.

*Paul Sain
via Hooker church of Christ
Hooker, OK
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**Thank you for
your prayers!**

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

May 15, 2022

I Want the Perfect Life

When you look at the beginnings of the church found in the book of Acts what do you see? Do you see people whose problems all go away? Do you see people getting everything that they have every wanted in life? Do you see people who no longer have any problems? There are those that think this is the way Christianity works. People have even taught these kinds of ideas. What does the bible actually teach?

Christianity starts with Jesus being put to death on the cross. Peter and James are arrested for the first time in Acts chapter four. All the apostles are arrested twice in Acts chapter five. A man named Stephen was taken by a mob to stand trial and then taken out and stoned to death in Acts chapter seven. These events lead up to a widespread persecution of the church. *"On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison."* (Acts 8:1b-3)

From the worlds perspective the picture of the early church makes no sense. Why would anyone want to become a Christian? And yet the bible clearly tells us that people were flocking to the church. *"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* (Acts 2:42, 47b)

The power is in the message that the apostles were teaching, the message that Jesus taught them. The word of God teaches us how to live now. The bible shows us God's salvation for man and the promise of eternal life in heaven. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a powerful message that has given hope to millions. There will be a day when all will be made perfect, when there will be no more pain or suffering. *"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."* (Revelation 21:3-4) God never promises us that this life will be perfect but he does give us what we need to equip us to the live our best life. ~Brad Tolbert

Memory Verse

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

Proverbs 31:30 (NIV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

Gary Crook was diagnosed with diabetes.

Levi Davis is not doing well.

Keith Akin (Sara Newton's brother-in-law) had surgery Tuesday on a bulging disc. The surgery went well, and he is at home.

Tori Roberts is dealing with a kidney infection.

Tonight we will celebrate our graduates. There will be dinner following worship. The meal will be provided. Members are asked to bring desserts. For more details, please see Leah Bryant.

Everyone is invited to a going away party for Bonnie and Ryan Halbert on May 22 at Miracle League Park after Sunday night service with pizza, desserts, and fun. There will be a box for cards. Please give any cards to Sandra Baker. If you would like to give toward a money tree, see Sandra or Lindsey Baker. If you would like to contribute toward pizza, see Stacy Usry. Bring your own chairs and drinks. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you plan on coming, so we will know how many pizzas to order!

The Fellowship Hall will be used as a

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

-Evening worship at 5:00 followed by a celebration honoring our graduates

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger & Margaret Harris... Jennifer Knight... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Eddy & Suzette Russell.. Jerry Smith... Rita Stiles... Mandy Tolbert... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Chris Beard... Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper...Levi Davis... Ricky Epps... Tommy Haynes... family of Joan Head... Bertha Henry... family of Retta Higgins... Kenny Hudgens... Deane Johnson... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... James Perry... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... family of Debbie Rogers... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of William Woods... Sue Woodard...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



May	16	Emma Miller
	17	Brad & Mandy Tolbert
	18	Suzette Russell
	19	Chris & Leah Bryant
	21	Braydn Curtis
	22	Walter Stiles
	24	Andrew Miller
	27	Cheryl Shirey
	30	Karli Walker

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

15	Nehemiah 1-4
16	Nehemiah 5-8
17	Nehemiah 9-13
18	Esther 1-3
19	Esther 4-7
20	Esther 8-10
21	Job 1-4



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

polling place for the upcoming election on May 24th. For this use, the Fellowship Hall is reserved May 23rd-25th.

There will be a Ladies' Day at the Sheridan church of Christ on Saturday, June 25. The guest speaker will be Diane Burton of Mountain Home, AR. Topic: **The Virtuous Woman** (Proverbs 31). Breakfast begins at 9AM and the meeting concludes after lunch. Please RSVP by June 17. The flyer with more details is posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

We have started to pass communion plates again. For those still wishing to use the individual sets, they are still available.

All Ladies are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

Best Choice labels are still being collected. Place the **UPC labels** in the box in room 134. The proceeds go to the **Paragould Children's Home**.

A Note of Thanks:

"Dear Brothers & Sisters,
Thank you for the beautiful dish garden sent for Grady's service. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are much appreciated. In the love of Christ,
The Grady Wilson Family"

Attendance

Bible Class	92
Sunday AM Worship...	118
Sunday PM Worship	72
Wed. Evening	63
Contribution	\$4,074

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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

May 15	Fran Calvert
May 22	Jacque Davidson
May 29	Jacque Davidson
June 5	Regina Dunn

Ladies May Duties

Cards:	Barbara Dyson
Food:	Sandra Baker Margaret Harris