

## In Season, Out of Season

On his second missionary journey, Paul came to the city of Philippi. There, while worshipping by the river, he met and baptized Lydia. But not all in Philippi listened to Paul and he was falsely accused of “troubling the city” (Acts 16:20). Beaten and thrown into prison, Paul and Silas did not let persecution stop their preaching. Instead they sang hymns to God. An earthquake gave Paul the opportunity to tell the jailor about the hope of eternal life through Jesus. The jailor gathered his family and they heard the precious message of Jesus Christ. He and all in his household were immediately baptized—the same hour of the night!

Paul could have griped and moped about his problems. Instead, he was devoted to serving God. He had come to a city where he knew no one. On the day of worship he went where others were worshipping God. An obstacle became an opportunity to tell others about Jesus. Falsely imprisoned, he preached Christ to the keeper of the jail.

How important is Christ to us today? Are we going where we can worship with others? Can we overcome the fear of persecution, or rejection by telling others the good news of Jesus? When our soul’s salvation becomes more important than worldly favor, then we like Paul, will be “ready in season and out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2) to spread the gospel to our world.

*John K. Wills  
Owingsville church of Christ  
Owingsville, KY*

### MINISTERS

**Pray for our  
Minister search!**

**Campus Minister**  
Brad Tolbert

**Secretary**  
Joshua Pettigrew

### ELDERS

Mike Beard  
Larry Fisackerly  
Joe Moore

### Deacons

Marty Baker  
Chris Bryant  
Ray Linder  
Jason Meier  
Jeff Newton  
Joshua Pettigrew  
Kerry Rice  
Jeremy Wilson

### Assemblies

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 6:30 PM



MONTICELLO

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*“...speaking the truth in love...” Eph. 4:15*

**December 19, 2021**

## Thank You!

I wanted to share this letter with you and add my own thank you. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. ~Brad Tolbert

### University of Arkansas at Monticello—Student Food Hub Committee

December 6, 2021

Monticello Church of Christ

Via: UAM Weevils for Christ

University of Arkansas at Monticello

Dear Church Congregation,

The **University of Arkansas at Monticello** sincerely appreciates your recent food drive donations. You donated over 650 servings of food!

These items will be distributed to students across campus that show food insecurities. A student is unable to thrive if they are concerned about their finances or about their next meal. With your help, we are able to combat this problem and set students up for success.

We appreciate you and this incredible act of kindness shown to our campus. May God bless your church!

**Sincerely, Shanna Knowles**

*UAM Student Food Hub Committee*

# Memory Verse

“Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.”

**- Matthew 5:9**

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**Marty Baker, Joe Moore, Jessica Pettigrew, Cheryl Shirey** as they recover from recent procedures.

**Sue Woodward** is dealing with some heart issues.

**Gary Crook's** sister, **Kathryn Burton**, tested positive for Covid and is very sick. She also had a fall, but X-rays showed no broken bones.

**Holly Dial's** mother, **Kathryn McDonough**, has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Christmas time can bring up a lot of bitter-sweet memories for those that have lost loved ones. Let's pray for God's comfort and peace to heal those that mourn.

Tonight there will be a **Christmas Party** for the kids small group class at the **Beards'** home **December 19th** after evening service. Bring a \$10 boy/girl gift. Parents are invited. Sign up sheets for attendance and food are in the foyer.

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

There is a file box in the foyer with a folder in it for each family. If you would like to use

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Small Study Groups at 5:00

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members:**

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...Barbara Newton...Jessica Pettigrew...LaVerne Potter...Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... 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... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Chris Beard...Rusty Blanks...Naomi Burrow...Kathryn Burton...family of Bill Cook...Alli Cooper... Jeremy Ewell...Oliver and Mignon Griffin... Niyah Jacobs...Tina Jarvius...Johnny Jeter... Deane Johnson...Judy Johnson...family of JL Johnston...Shirley Majors... Erica Marillo... Kathryn McDonough... Kent Measal...Austin & Andrea Oesch...David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Homer Shirey...Elizabeth(Moore) Stepanovich(du in Dec.)... Katie Strickland... Robert and Sue Thomas...Bob Tolson...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... Dr. Dwight Witcher... Wayne Witson..William Woods... Sue Woodward...

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**



- Dec. 19** Julie Pettigrew  
Railey Curtis
- 23** John & Janet Staudinger  
Josie Knight
- 28** Philip Colvin  
Dagan Danley
- 29** Sarah Rabb
- 30** Kathy Linder
- 31** Jerry & Laura Smith
- Jan. 2** Rita Stiles
- 3** Josh Baker
- 14** Colton & Jennifer Knight
- 15** Barbara Newton  
Sarah Pennington  
John Mark Perry

**Nov-Dec Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

- 20** Titus 1-3; Philemon 1
- 21** Hebrews 1-4
- 22** Hebrews 5-8
- 23** Hebrews 9-13
- 24** James 1-3
- 25** James 4-5
- 26** 1 Peter 1-3

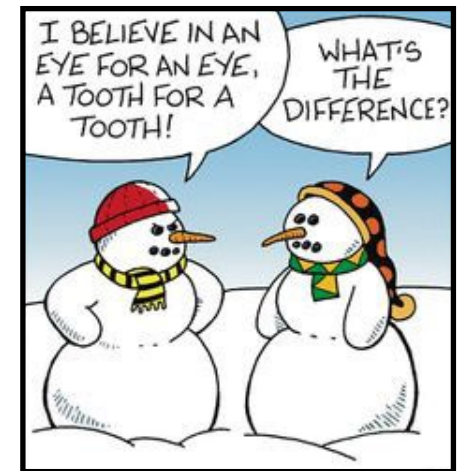


**Heart-To-Heart cont'd...**

this to deliver Christmas cards or notes of encouragement to those who attend here, please do so. They may be picked up at any time. If you don't want to file them, then leave them in a pile and someone will file them for you. If you don't see a folder for your family, there are blank ones in the back or let **Mandy Tolbert** know and she will create one for you.

**Best Choice UPC labels** can still be put into the box in **room 134**. The proceeds from the labels will go to the **Paragould Children's Home**. Last year \$1,250 was raised, enabling them to purchase two new large outdoor grills.

On December 22 & 26, all classes will meet in the auditorium.



**Attendance**

- Bible Class .....90
- Sunday AM Worship...108
- Sunday PM Worship.....71
- Wed. Evening.....68
- Contribution.....\$5,496

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**MISSIONS**

Truth for Today  
In Search of the Lord's Way

**NURSERY**

**Communion Preparation**

- Dec 19** Stacy Usry
- Dec 26** Stacy Usry
- Jan 2** Rachel Wilson
- Jan 9** Rachel Wilson

**Ladies December Duties**

- Cards:** Margaret Harris
- Food:** Pam Beard  
Judy Beard