



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 2)

- Allen Webster -

God is love, and His children imitate their Father (1 John 4:8, 11).

God isn't just someone we worship. He is someone we know. We have a relationship with Him and love Him as we love a family member or friend.

God is our Mentor. We look up to Him as what we aspire to be. We seek to imitate His character and behavior—especially His love (1 Thessalonians 4:9–10).

John reveals much of God's nature:

- "God is a Spirit" (John 4:24); Christians are spiritual and not carnal.
- "God is light" (1 John 1:5); Christians enlighten and brighten.
- "God is love" (1 John 4:8); Christians care. (http://biblehub.com/commentaries/1_john/1-5.htm)

John makes three points about God's love in 1 John 4:

*What God Is: "God is love" (1 John 4:7–8).*² How does God love? He loves before He is loved (1 John 4:9–10). God loves even if not loved in return (Romans 5:8–10). God loves the unworthy (Ephesians 2:4–5). His love is indiscriminating. Unless Christians show this love, their religion is unauthenticated (1 Corinthians 13:1–8). Love shows that Christians have passed from death to life (1 John 3:14). Love shows that we are born of God (1 John 4:7–8). Love is God's fingerprint on our lives.

What God Did: "He sent His Son" (1 John 4:9–11; cf. 3:16–18). Love must act. It demonstrates. It gives. Imitating God, Christian love must find an outlet.

What God Is Doing: "God abides in us" (1 John 4:12–16). Abide is a key word for John. He shows the culmination of centuries of God's love finding new ways to get closer to us. In Genesis, God "walked" with men and men walked with God (3:8; 5:22, 24; 6:9). Later, God dwelt in the tabernacle in the midst of

the Jews' camp (Exodus 40:34). After that, His presence filled the temple (1 Kings 8:10–11). Men became used to living with God ever near them. In the

Memory Verse

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26 ESV

April 14, 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 86

Sunday AM Worship... 100

Sunday PM Worship 72

Wed. Evening 83

Budget \$5,514

Contribution 7128

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Fran Calvert** is recovering from surgery.
- ◇ **Laura Smith** is recovering from surgery.
- ◇ **Brad Tolbert** - An MRI has revealed original tumor has grown and three more tumors were found. Radiation has caused swelling and fluid buildup in his brain. Doctors are researching options.
- ◇ **Judy Purvis (Fern Baker's mother)** is still in Afib but was scheduled to go home this past Thursday. She has an oncology appointment at UAMS about the spot on her lungs.
- ◇ **Jamie Edwards (Fern Baker's brother-in-law)** has his last week of chemo this week.
- ◇ **Family of Sherry King (Fern Baker's aunt)** - passed away.
- ◇ **Becky Colvin** has been moved to UAMS because of additional problems caused from her kidney stone.
- ◇ **Jerry Tolbert (Brad's Dad)** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- ◇ Continue to remember **Donnie & Janice Wright**
- ◇ Continue to remember **Rita Stiles**.

Your Church Really Seems To Care (Continued)

New Testament church, God moved closer. He now dwells in Christians' hearts (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 2:20-22). In a spiritual sense, He is a constant companion.

How can others tell if God is present in Christians? By our love. Love shows that He dwells in us (1 John 4:12), and we dwell in Him (1 John 4:16). It is possible to love without being God's child, but it is impossible to be a true child of God without loving.

Jesus loves everybody, and Christians follow His lead (Philippians 2:3-4).

- ◇ **Elizabeth Phillips** has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Bone Cancer.
- ◇ **Ike Rochell** is undergoing 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.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

REMINDER!!!

Compassion Cards Group 3 (Ray & Kathy Linder) 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! If you don't know what group you are in, please look at the list on bulletin board in hallway.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

Sunday Morning class on David—Chris Bryant
Group 2 (Marty & Sandra Baker) - Return Cards Today

TODAY

2nd Sunday Fellowship will be at Seark Miracle League park after evening services

APRIL

20th - Areawide Singing - Monticello Church of Christ Building

MAY

5th - Graduation Banquet

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

14 Colton Knight
15 PJ Doshier

DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY	1 Cor 15-16
TUESDAY	Exod 9-12
WEDNESDAY	1 Sam 26-31
THURSDAY	Ps 45-47
FRIDAY	Job 31-32
SATURDAY	Jer 17-21
SUNDAY	Mark 11-12

LADIES' DUTIES

Communion Prep

14-Apr Sandra Baker
21-Apr Lindsey Baker
28-Apr Lindsey Baker
5-May Jamie Beard

April

CARDS

Janet Staudinger

FOOD

Margaret Harris
Terry Boykin

PENCILS/CARDS

Leah Bryant

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