

## CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN

Jesus said, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 10:32,33). Matthew 10 addresses Jesus sending out the twelve disciples. It is often referred to as the limited commission because they were sent to the Jews only (Matthew 10:5,6). He told them that there would be difficult times. “Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves” (Matthew 10:16). They would be delivered up to councils and persecuted in the synagogues. You will be hated for the name of Jesus (Matthew 10:22). You keep on preaching the word that I have told you to preach. Do not be afraid of the ones who can take your physical life. Rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. We come to the passage on confessing Christ. The idea seems to be that you keep on confessing me by what you are saying and how you are striving to live. This teaching applies to us as well. We must acknowledge him by our teaching and by our lives each day. When we do that, He will acknowledge us before the Father. If we deny him by our lives and by our teaching, He will deny us before His Father in heaven. We need to examine our own lives and see how we are doing with this teaching. Do I confess Christ by what I teach and how I live? If we fail to do we will be denied before the Father. L. Cole

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## WHAT DRAWS YOU TO WORSHIP?

*What is it that brings you to the Lord’s house upon the first day of the week as the saints assemble to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24)? The religious world is vying for the attention of would-be worshippers, hoping to win the affections of those who are enamored with the glitz and glamour rather than that which is truly substantive. Sadly, many choose the place of worship based upon the physical edifice itself. The more opulent and grandiose the building, the more men seem to be attracted to such. Some families look around to find a place of worship, judging solely on the facilities. Do they have a gym? Do they have a day-care facility? Do they have an area devoted to children? Such are very superficial means by which to gauge the atmosphere in which the congregants work and worship. No matter how lavish a building might be, and no matter how much of the physical structure is designed to cater to man’s “felt-needs,” we must remember that God is not at all impressed with our church buildings/facilities/plants/campuses. The Almighty created this entire universe and everything therein! He does not dwell in temples made with hands (Acts 17:24). While bragging about your new ten million dollar worship complex may impress some and lure them to such a monument, is this really what we want to draw us to worship? What happens when the place down the road builds something even more magnificent?*

*Some are drawn to worship at a particular place because of the preacher. Perhaps he is charismatic. Perhaps he is an eloquent orator. It may be that he is very outgoing, a people person. Some choose where they will worship based upon their opinion of the minister. Many worshippers have “preacheritis.” When the preacher moves on to*

*another congregation, many follow him, or cease worshipping where this preacher once made his home. Mind you, this is not at all a new development or fad. The brethren at Corinth suffered from this malady (1 Cor.1:12). Sadly, this does not foster congregational loyalty. Some have no sense of loyalty or obligation to the local congregation.*

*Thankfully, many are drawn to worship because of their profound gratitude and abiding love for the Father in heaven. Many enter into the meeting place of the local congregation each Lord's day having been drawn by the cross of Jesus Christ to offer their worship and adoration to the Almighty and to the Lamb (Rev.5:13). When we survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, we cannot but help to be moved to sing his praises! It is not the building that draws true worshippers, nor is it the preacher(s). That which draws the heart and mind of the true worshipper is the exalted Christ (John 12:32)! How do we reach the masses, men of every birth? Jesus gave us the key. Lift him up, and he will draw all men to the Father! How do we draw more people to worship? Build larger, more elaborate buildings? Hire more dynamic, more eloquent preachers? No! We will draw more to worship the Father in heaven when we exalt Jesus in our preaching, our teaching, our worship, and our lives!*

*———Patrick Morrison, GladTidings 09/17/17*

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## **FALL LECTURESHIP MONTROSE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**OCT 15-18th 2017**

**SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM**

**MONDAY - WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM**

**SPEAKER:  
JOHN DANIELS**

from Sevierville church of Christ,  
Sevierville, TN

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**Oct 15, 2017**

Coordinator . . . . . Robert Hackett  
Announcements . . . . . Larry Cole

Scripture Reading...TBA . . . . . Dallas Eddie  
Song Leader . . . . . Glen Reece

Opening Prayer. . . . . George Clay.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Roger Draper  
Serve: Steve Anderson, Glen Reece,  
Billy Halliburton, Justin Draper

Closing Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks  
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell  
Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver  
**[Greeters, please be here by 8:40 to greet  
before services]**

Count Offering. . . . . Dallas Eddie  
. . . . . Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon —John Daniels speaking  
PM Sermon —Fall Lectureship continues

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . Larry Cole  
Song Leader . . . . . Glen Reece  
Scripture Reading...TBA. . . . . Gavin Spurlin

Opening Prayer . . . . . Brian Smith  
Lord's Supper . . . . . Roger Draper.  
. . . . . John W. Leonard  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Steve Anderson

**SONG LEADERS FOR MEETING:**

Monday Song Leader....Steve Anderson  
Tuesday Song Leader... Adam Jolley  
Wednesday Song Leader...Jeff Crockett

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . Larry Cole  
Opening Prayer. . . . . Mitchell Brooks

Closing Prayer . . . . . Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for OCT  
Cynthia & Paige

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred Health Care  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,  
Carolyn Clay—Knollwood Manor  
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Idella Spurlin, Ramelle Cole  
Opal Green, Jimmy Craighead

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

10/08/17

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| Wednesday. . . . .              | 38 |
| Worship Sunday AM . . . . .     | 83 |
| Bible Study Sunday AM . . . . . | 67 |
| Daily Bible Readers . . . . .   | 33 |
| Worship Sunday PM . . . . .     | 49 |

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Oct. 14th. Hayride at Bush residence.  
Oct. 15-18th. Fall Lectureship with John Daniels of Sevierville. Sunday services will be at regular time. Mon-Wed. at 7:00 pm Meal following Sunday AM services at the Barn

**READING SCHEDULE FOR OCT**

|                 |                 |                |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 01 Micah 5-7    | 11 Matt. 1-3    | 22 Mark 10-12  |
| 02 Nahum 1-3    | 12 Matt. 4-6    | 23 Mark 13-15  |
| 03 Hab 1-3      | 13 Matt. 7-9    | 24 Mark 16;    |
| 04 Zeph 1-3     | 14 Matt. 10-14  | Lk.1-2         |
| 05 Hag. 1-2;    | 15 Matt. 15-17  | 25 Luke 3-5    |
| Zech. 1         | 16 Matt. 18-20  | 26 Luke 6-8    |
| 06 Zech. 2-4    | 17 Matt. 21-23  | 27 Luke 9-11   |
| 07 Zech. 5-9    | 18 Matt. 24-26  | 28 Luke 12-16  |
| 08 Zech. 10-12  | 19 Matt. 27-28; | 29 Luke 17-19  |
| 09 Zech. 13-14; | Mark 1          | 30 Luke 20-22  |
| Mal. 1          | 20 Mark 2-4     | 31 Luke 23-24; |
| 10 Mal. 2-4     | 21 Mark 5-9     | John 1         |