

The Church

The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others, but rather it is made up of those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to do better always.

The church is not made up of perfect people, but people who realize they are following a perfect Lord and a perfect law and therefore must do the very best they can.

The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes, but those who often acknowledge their mistakes and then forsake them. Never must we seek to justify them or continually make the same mistakes over and over again.

The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone but rather to draw everyone into its fellowship and love who are willing to walk in the light where God and the Father and Christ the Son are found.

The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone but rather to show the rule of Christ which helps everyone.

The church is not trying to take the joy out of your life, but rather is trying to put real joy into every life it touches.

The church is not trying to make you feel ugly, but rather it is trying to instill the beauty of holiness in your life.

The church is not trying to separate you from your money but rather is trying to keep your money from separating you from God.

The church is not trying to become the master of your life but trying to get you to master yourself.

The church is not trying to rob your life of priorities, but rather trying to get you to put the priorities in your life.

—Andrew Connally

Ring, Ring

The phone rings, rings and rings. Nobody answers. Does that mean that nobody is home? No. Does that mean that the person was busy, not necessarily? Sometime, you may send a very short, vague text message to someone, but in all actuality, unless you tell something earthshattering, you do not even receive a reply to your text message.

Communication is a worldwide problem, which is amazing since we have so many different communication devices that are supposed to make communication easier. Countries, states, school systems, families and marriages suffer each day because people no longer know how to communicate effectively. If our communication is so bad with each other, how bad do we think our communication is with God?

Prayer is the way that we can approach the throne of God with our every care, which would include the good and the bad in our lives. Yet, for so many people when success and victories come their way, the tendency is to glory in themselves instead of giving God the glory. Do we not realize that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17)?

On top of not giving God the glory, what do we do when something bad happens in our lives? For so many people, the instinct is to try to solve their own problems or maybe to share them with a close friend. We may have the talents and the abilities that it takes to solve our problems, and it is so great that we have people we can rely on. However, the first person to Whom we should turn at any moment in our lives is the Lord.

We read in Philippians 4:6, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” We have a God Who is willing to listen to our every prayer. Are we ready to openly communicate to our Father and give our lives over to Him?

— Derek Broome, gospelgazette.com, 09/17

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Let a Man Examine Himself

When we examine others, we justify self—but when we examine self, we are more disposed to justify others. Let a man:

- Examine his company (Psalm 1; Proverbs 13:20). Fowl of a feather flock together.
- Examine his habits (1 John 2:15).
- Examine his thoughts (Psalm 10:4). “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).
- Examine his affections (Colossians 3:2). “To be carnally minded is death” (Romans 8:6).
- Examine his motives (1 Corinthians 10:31). Are they acting for self or for God? (Colossians 3:17).

— gospelgazette.com, 09/18

Items for Happy Haven

- Tomato juice
 - Cereals: Golden Grahams, Toasted Oats, Rice Crispies, Strawberry Mini-Wheats, Honey Bunches of Oats
 - Peanut Butter
 - Nutella
 - Crackers
 - Individual snacks
 - Bottled water
 - Paper plates (plain, undivided)
 - Paper towels
 - Bathroom tissues
 - Aluminum foil
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

SEPTEMBER 02, 2018

Coordinator.....Mitchell Brooks
Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading.....John Leonard
Song Leader.....Glen Reece
Opening Prayer.....Steve Anderson
Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
 Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
 Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie
.....Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—
PM Sermon—

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader.....Glen Reece
Scripture Reading.....John Leonard
Opening Prayer.....George Clay

Lord's Supper.....Mitchell Brooks
.....Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer.....Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY — 7:00 PM

Announcements.....Jacky Carver Sr.
Song LeaderGlen Reece
First Prayer.....Roger Draper
Opening Prayer.....George Clay
Invitation(09/05).....Mitchell Brooks
Closing Prayer.....Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **SEPTEMBER**
Jacqueline Carver

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME:

Opal Agee-Kindred
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,

THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,
Ramelle Cole, Idella Spurlin, Linda Phillips

- Mary Parker Draper was baptized into Christ on Sunday, August 19.
- Sam Willcut has accepted the minister position here at Montrose.

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

08/26/18
Wednesday.....40
Worship Sunday AM.....77
Bible Study Sunday AM.....70
Daily Bible Readers.....34
Worship Sunday PM (08/19).....57

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 2nd— Elders and Deacons meeting

Sept. 23rd- Fellowship Meal

Sept. 26th- Prepare Nursing Home Baskets

Sept. 30th- Young Men conduct evening services

Reminder: Collecting supplies for Happy Haven (list is on the back page)

BIBLE READING FOR SEPTEMBER

01 Lam. 1-3	11 Ezek. 30-32	21 Hos. 1-4
02 Lam. 4-5; Ezek. 1-3	12 Ezek. 33-35	22 Hos. 5-7
03 Ezek. 4-6	13 Ezek. 36-38	23 Hos. 8-12
04 Ezek. 7-9	14 Ezek. 39-41	24 Hos. 13-14
05 Ezek. 10-12	15 Ezek. 42-44	25 Joel 1-3;
06 Ezek. 13-15	16 Ezek. 45-48	26 Amos 1-4
07 Ezek. 16-18	17 Dan. 1-3	27 Amos 5-7
08 Ezek. 19-21	18 Dan. 4-6	28 Amos 8-9
09 Ezek. 22-26	19 Dan. 7-9	Obed. 1
10 Ezek. 27-29	20 Dan. 10-12	29 Jonah 1-4
		30 Micah 1-4