

## Jesus: Our All In All

Eight times in six verses the apostle Paul used the word “all” relative to Jesus. See for yourself: “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father than in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself . . .” (Colossians 1:15-20).

Jesus is “firstborn over all creation.” Firstborn connotes His authority and rank, even as King David was called God’s “firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth” (Psalm 89:27). Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).

Jesus created all things (see also John 1:3 “without Him nothing was made that was made”). All things were made for him, and all things consist in Him (that is, He sustains His creation).

His resurrection from the dead and headship of the church indicate that He is preeminent (occupies first place) in all things. The world does not acknowledge it, but Christians certainly should!

All the fullness (that is, the fullness of Deity, see 2:9) dwells in Jesus. He is the God-Man! Through Him all things are reconciled to God because Jesus’ blood paid the price for our sins. Truly, Jesus is our all in all!

—Joe Slater, bulletinGOLD, 10/18

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## Six Precious Things in Peter’s Epistles

Precious means of great price or value, costly, highly esteemed or loved, dear. There are many things in this world that people count as precious. However, in Peter’s epistles, we see the word “precious” regarding greater things.

Precious Christ (1 Peter 2:7). “Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner-stone.’”

Precious Blood (1 Peter 1:18-10). “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

Precious Stone (1 Peter 2:4). “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious.”

Precious Faith (2 Peter 1:1). “Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Precious Trial of Your Faith (1 Peter 1:7). “That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Precious Promises (2 Peter 1:4). “By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

Truly, the foregoing are much more precious than anything man can imagine on earth (Matthew 16:26). What do you hold as “precious”?

—Mark Posey, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 12/17

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**October 21, 2018**

# **FALL LECTURESHIP**

**MONTROSE CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

**OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>**

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM

SPEAKER:

**TODD ELLIOTT**

from BERE A CHURCH OF CHRIST  
LEBANON, TENNESSEE

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**October 21, 2018**

Coordinator.....Robert Hackett  
Announcements.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Scripture Reading.....Dallas Eddie  
Song Leader.....Adam Jolley

Opening Prayer.....George Clay

Lord's Supper-Preside: Roger Draper  
Serve: Steve Anderson, Glen Reece,  
Kaleb Bush, 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 — Todd Elliott

PM Sermon — Todd Elliott

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Song Leader.....Adam Jolley

Scripture Reading.....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.....Glen Reece  
Tuesday Song Leader... ..Steve Anderson  
Wednesday Song Leader.....Jeff Crockett

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

Announcements.....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
Opening Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks

Closing Prayer.....Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **OCTOBER**  
Cynthia & Paige

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred Health Care  
Pearl Anderson—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, Linda Phillips, Rita Lankford, Carolyn Hill,  
Joyce Williams (Athens, TN), Mary Massey

**Remember to keep Alex Armour in your prayers as he came forward and asked for prayers from the congregation on Wednesday night**

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

10/14/18

Wednesday. . . . . 41  
Worship Sunday AM . . . . . 91  
Bible Study Sunday AM . . . . . 68  
Daily Bible Readers . . . . . 35  
Worship Sunday PM(10/07) . . . . . 46

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Oct. 21st-24th-** Fall Lectureship

**Oct. 21st-** Meal at the Barn

**Oct. 27th-** Hayride at the Bush's

**Pantry item:** Can of soup

**READING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER**

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