

THE MONTE MESSENGER

*"The Montesano Church of God exists to **Glorify God** by*

- **Inviting** people to faith in Jesus Christ,
- **Building** them up in the Word of God, and
- **Equipping** them to serve Christ in our community and beyond."

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**FOR EACH NEW MORNING,
WITH ITS LIGHT,
FOR REST AND SHELTER OF THE NIGHT,
FOR HEALTH AND FOOD,
FOR LOVE AND FRIENDS,
FOR EVERYTHING
THY GOODNESS SENDS.
WE THANK THEE LORD**
Ralph Waldo Emerson



10 Ideas For Cultivating Gratitude Within Our Lives and Homes¹

Model a grateful heart in your home. Teach your children to say thank you, but also require that of yourself with your spouse and with those in your everyday life.

Read God's Word together. Find Time. Make it part of your drive-time. The Bible or Devotional books recorded / down-loaded. Keep fun devotional books in the car for the children. I know people who take turns reading to each other or listening as they drive.

Pray together every single day. Whether as a family or one-on-one prayer, consciously go before the Lord each day in humility thanking God for blessings and placing our requests at His feet.

Worship together. Find time to worship regularly together. Make attending your church a family priority. Also attend special worship opportunities, Christian concerts or conferences and seminars together.

Communicate, communicate, communicate! Help your children and grandchildren understand why we pray, why we worship, and why we give. Help them comprehend how our love for our Heavenly Father inspires us toward thankfulness and the giving of ourselves.

Serve the less fortunate together as a family. Make it an option for a birthday party instead of the standard bounce house extravaganza! Find ways to serve others as an intention expression of gratitude and thankfulness.

Model sacrifice for others. Our children and families watch us closely. They notice when our actions and our words do not line up.

Keep a personal gratitude journal or list.

Keep a Gratitude Jar. Cut up note-sized pieces of paper putting them in a drawer near the jar with pens and pencils. As you or your kids are standing around the kitchen, each day write out at least one unique thing for which you are thankful and place it in the jar. Or create your own schedule and then choose times to read and share "gratitudes".

Express thankfulness to those who have gone out of their way to bless you. Whether it is hand writing a thank you card, making a personal phone call, or sending an email or text that includes a picture, intentionally expressing gratitude serves to build up that gratitude muscle!

¹ Adapted from <https://sunsparkleshine.com/gratitude-at-home/>

10 Memorable Bible Verses for a Grateful Heart

1. *The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.* -Lamentations 3:23-24 (NLT)
2. *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* -Colossians 3:15-17(ESV)
3. *See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* -1 Thessalonians 5:15-18(ESV)
4. *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.* -1 Timothy 2:1-4(ESV)
5. *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.* -James 1:2-4(ESV)

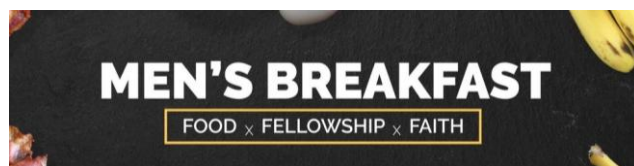
6. *So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.* -James 1:16-17 (NLT)

7. *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.* -Psalm 107:1 (NLT)

8. *I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.* -Psalm 9:1 (NLT)

9. *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.* -Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

10. *Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.* - Colossians 2:7 (NLT)



Mens' Breakfast Fellowship Meets The First Saturday of Each Month

Who are the 12 Disciples?

Monthly Men's breakfast has resumed! This season we are meeting on the first Saturday of each month. The coffee will be ready at 7:30 am and breakfast will be served at 8:00. Our topic this season will be "Who are the 12 Disciples? Would you like to know more of who they were, where they came from and what became of them? Last month we looked at the life of Andrew. Come Saturday November 6 and learn with me. Jamie 360-593-5503.



To my friends at the Montesano Church of God:

Greetings from Spokane! I am now in my second month of college and things are going wonderfully! I am blessed with amazing people in my dorm, classes, and this new life.

I also look fondly back to this summer and the good memories of praising Jesus with you all! Not only did I get to meet you all and get to know you better, I was able to grow in faith.

Whenever I need encouragement, I dash off to the music building and play the "Care Chorus". What a powerful reminder of God's love!

Best Wishes,
Rachel Ayres



The Hands of Christ

By LeRoy Schatz

My wife's favorite television preacher is Adrian Rogers. For her birthday, her youngest son Peter gave her a copy of one of his books called "What every Christian ought to know".

He writes, "A cathedral in England was destroyed by German bombs during WWII. Some students helped to rebuild it. A statue of Jesus in the cathedral had been damaged. The students pieced it together, but the hands had been destroyed beyond repair. Rather than replace the hands, they placed a plaque beneath the statue that read, "Christ has no hands but ours."

The students hit on a great truth by telling this story. The meaning is clear. All Christians are called to find a place of service, according to the Spiritual gift or gifts that God gives to them. Having found your gift or gifts, let your hands be HIS hands.

When I was a young teacher, I asked another teacher this question---- What do you think about the subject of evolution? His reply was short and to the point." I'm not interested in where I came from, I am only interested in where I am now and where I am going."

He hit that out of the park as far as I am concerned. The Apostle Paul talks about growing spiritually in Ephesians 4: 13-16. It's about Spiritual maturity. In the words of Adrian Rogers, God's standard for growth is spiritual not physical. The ultimate yardstick of your life as a believer is not how much you know but how much you grow. The purpose of this is called transformation. God's standard for a Christian's life is to live in the fullness of Christ. The goal of our maturity is to be like the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Adrian Rogers tells it this way, "With truth and no love one may swell up. With love and no truth one may blow up. But truth and love cause the Christian to GROW UP."

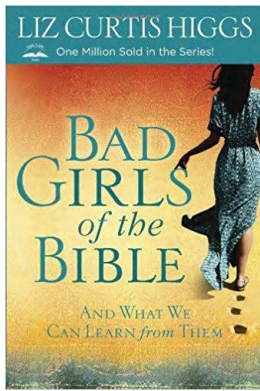
1 Corinthians 8:1 "Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies." Since I have become a full time caregiver, the good Lord has been teaching me all about living in the Spirit. He reminds me how all genuine true believers are all caregivers. 1 Corinthians 15:58 " Therefore, my brethren, be steadfast abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." May God help you to find a place of service and let your hands be His hands.

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MINISTRY®

Your Stephen Ministers have been meeting for Continuing Education and Peer Review. Our lessons have recently been centered around ministering to those in long-term care. Several of your ministers are assigned to different individuals who need uniquely Christian care for grief, illness & emotional needs, or just a listening ear. They meet or communicate with them weekly, when possible. All of your ministers meet and pray together to help build each other up to become better ministers to those who need them.

Your Ministers ministered to their care receivers (5 individuals) approximately 16 hours this past month. Our care is strictly confidential - not even the Ministers themselves know to whom each other is assigned.

Please pray for your Stephen Ministers and give them a word of encouragement: Pat Schmidt; Marjorie Crass; Charlie Crass; Sandy Casberg; Janet Rice and Arlene Hume. Please pray for Pastor Marc as he administers the program.



WOMEN OF FAITH

In October we completed our journey with Liz Curtis Higgs – and the final Bad Girl in the book - The Sinful Woman. The woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, dried them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. By the way, Simon dropped the ball on Jesus's visit that night, but this woman did the right thing.

Four lessons we learned from the Sinful Woman:

1) People will talk no matter what we do; 2) The Pharisees thought they were the Good Guys; 3) One person's beautiful is another person's ugly; and 4) Silence speaks volumes.

You can read the Sinful Woman's story in Luke 7:36-50.

In November we will meet on Wednesday the 14th and talk about our next book study which will begin in January. (Note the date change – due to the ongoing Bible Study Fellowship that meets on Tuesday evening the ladies have decided to move Women of Faith to the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

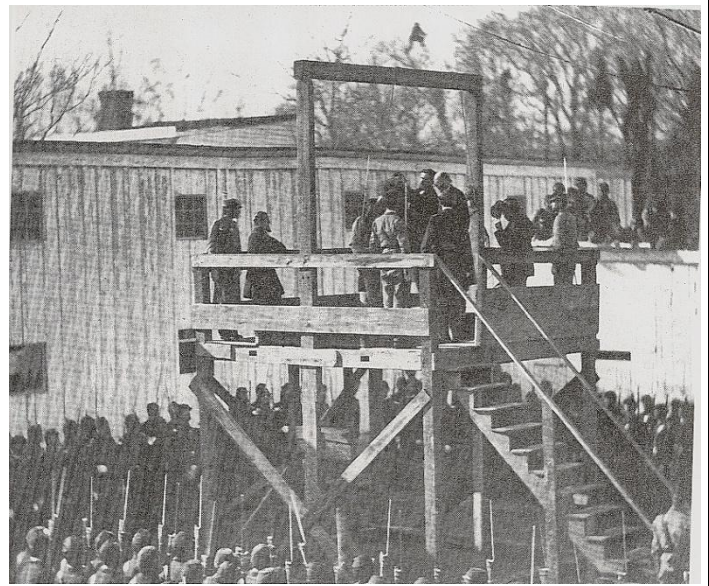
We will then meet in December for our annual Christmas party (Date, time and place to be announced soon).

“Let us not give up meeting together, as 3 some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25

Blessings, Janet Rice



With a great deal of joy, I want to report that on Children of Promise Sunday, September 23, three more children found sponsors among the members of the Montesano Church of God. These children now have the opportunity to go to school and fulfill their dreams. If you would like to sponsor a child, you don't have to wait for another Children of Promise Sunday. Come to the office. I will be glad to help you.



Did You Know...?

By Gerald Schaefer

During the Civil War, one of six Confederate prisoner-of-war camps was built near the town of Andersonville, Georgia. It opened in February, 1864, and covered 16.5 acres. There was a small stream that ran through the middle of the camp that the prisoners used to wash, drink and cook with. Their latrine ran parallel to the stream as well. It was enclosed by a fifteen foot high stockade. By June, 1864, it was enlarged to 26.5 acres in order to handle the large increase in union prisoners. The site was commanded by Captain Henry Wirz.

The guards, disease, starvation and exposure were not all that prisoners had to deal with. A group of prisoners, called the “Andersonville Raiders”, attacked their fellow inmates to steal their food, jewelry, money and clothing. They were armed mostly with clubs and killed to get what they wanted. Another group, called the “Regulators”, tried to stop the larceny and killings. They caught nearly all of the “Raiders”, who were tried by a “Regulator” judge selected by the new prisoners. The jury of their peers found the “Raiders” guilty, set punishment that included running a gauntlet, sent to the stocks and six of the worse were hanged. The entire trial and construction of the gallows was approved and observed by Captain Wirz. The six “Raiders” that were hanged were buried outside the camp's main cemetery.

During the fourteen months of operation, Andersonville received over 45,000 union prisoners. Over 13,000 prisoners died of various causes, as noted above. Andersonville became known as the worst prisoner-of-war camp in the union and confederate armies during the Civil War.

As a side note, after the war Captain Wirz was charged with war crimes, tried by a military court and found guilty. He was the only military officer hanged for war crimes in the history of the United States.

And now you know...



We had great food and a Bunco-Mixer at our October potluck luncheon. It was great to get to know several new folks. At our November 15th gathering, Rev. Sarah Monroe will be our speaker after lunch. She'll be filling us in on news regarding her Chaplains on the Harbor ministry and she may possibly be bringing a Farm Apprentice to discuss that program, also.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving if you would like to donate any items for Sarah to distribute to the homeless on the Harbor, please bring them that day. Items such as granola bars, blankets, coats, socks etc. We will also be taking a love offering for her ministry. Please plan now to join us for our potluck luncheon on the 15th. If you can't attend, but want to donate items, please leave them in the box on the back counter in the kitchen.

Annual Business Meeting Ballot Results October 28, 2018

33 Registered Voters
7 Absentee Ballots
40 Total Ballots

2018 -2019 Budget Ratified

Elders

Jamie Anderson	Ratified 3-year term
Teri Zillyett	Ratified 3-year term
Phyllis Stanley	Ratified 2-year term

Nomination Committee

Louise Murphy	Elected
Jim Mitchell	Elected
Jennifer Yates	Elected
Allan Kalar	Alternate
Larry Scrivner	Alternate

Copies of the Annual Report Booklet and detailed financial reports are available

Our prayers may be awkward.
Our attempts may be feeble.
But since the power of prayer
is in the one who hears it
and not in the one who says it,
our prayers do make a difference.

~~ Max Lucado



THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
And heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
But the day toiled on, grey and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me
He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence,
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning,
And paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.



Saturday January 12th @ 1pm

Dinners For 6

All the groups will gather for a potluck to shuffle names to form new groups. New participants are welcome to join!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Happy November Birthday To:

- 1 Cade Zimmerman
- 2 Rita Beeler
- 3 Verda Oliver, Laura Pettis
- 13 Ruby Zimmerman
- 16 Kyle Freeman, Samuel Thomas,
- 17 Chris Thomas
- 24 Donna Smith
- 28 Charlie Crass

Happy Anniversary To:

- 11 Charlie & Betty Crass

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Worship and Sunday School Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

We welcome you in worship with us and to experience the joy of having fellowship with other people who believe in the love of God and teachings of Christ.

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