

The Righteous: Who are they?

Sermon 10: Chef's Kiss

Psalm 34

Montwood Small Groups

Small groups help members connect with each other and grow in their faith in God. All groups welcome new members. Small groups this week:

Wednesday

Discipleship Dynamics 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall
(led by Demetrius Williams)

Overflow (Young Adults) 6:30 p.m.
at the Tapscott's home

Faithful Witness (Revelation) 7 p.m. in Room 10
(led by Jim Kotter)

Youth Group 7 p.m. Room 34 (led by Adrian Luna)

Children's Group 7 p.m. in Room 24
(led by Ida Rusell)

This Week

Funeral for James Jones - March 10th, 10 a.m. Fox and Lake church of Christ, Carlsbad, NM

Men's Breakfast - March 14th, 8 a.m.

Food Pantry Prep - March 14th, 9 a.m.

Save the Date: March 29th

Visit the church in Zaragoza, please see Romy Tapscott if you are interested in going.

Area-wide Bilingual Singing - 5:30 p.m. at Northside Bilingual Church of Christ.

Men who would like to lead songs, please call Carlos Gonzales at 909-717-6672.

Meal provided after singing.

How do I become a Christian?

We believe God's Word teaches we are saved by grace, through faith, at our baptism and remain so as we pursue the obedience of faith.

If you would like to become a disciple of Jesus, we invite you to come forward during our Response Time or meet with our leaders to further discuss what Scripture reveals.

How do I become a member of Montwood?

All disciples of Jesus are welcome to place membership with our flock. If you are interested in doing so, the shepherds would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss this.

Who we are:

MCOC is an undenominational, autonomous, independent Christian church. We believe in...

- a Triune God.
- the Deity of Jesus.
- the inerrancy of Scripture.
- the resurrection of the dead.
- the priesthood of all believers.

We invite all who want to know God in a personal way to join us as we work together at following Jesus every day.

Prayer Requests

Please continue in prayer for Christina Lewis, Riki Pinales, Jake LeMense, Randa Smoot, Amelia McDonald, Alta Rubio, Dolores & Frank Gonzalez's nephew Ralph, Aliene Williams, her grandson Isaac, Ethan Williams, Lisa Dean, Cindy Hernandez Martinez, Rachel Jones



Scan to submit prayer requests or

Call: 915-855-9896

Email: prayer@montwood.org



A Church for You to Call Home

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Singing | Cantos – Carlos Gonzales

He Gave Me a Song | Me dió un canto

At Calvary | En Calvario

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

Salmos 34 (Probad y ved)

Welcome | Bienvenida – Carlos Gonzales

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Sublime gracia (libre soy)

A Shield About Me | Eres mi escudo

Mighty to Save | La muerte venció

Lord's Supper | Comunción

& Offering | Ofrenda – Ray Gutierrez and

Jesús Ruelas

Joy in Jesus – Carlos Gonzales

KFC – Shelby Oliver

Bible Adventure Club is on hiatus

Scripture Reading – Caleb Bloom, Psalm 34

Sermon – Lonnie Tapscott

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Sermón – Carlos Gonzales

Response Time – *I Still Have Joy*

Family News – Demetrius Williams

Closing Song – *There's Power in the Blood*

The Lord's Servants

Preaching Elder: Jim Kotter

Preaching Elder: Lonnie Tapscott

Worship Minister: Carlos Gonzales

Family & Youth Minister: Adrian Luna

Missionaries:

- Paul & Claire Ahrens - Querétaro, Mexico
- Miguel Garcia - Zaragoza, Mexico
- Dionicio Santillan - Juárez, Mexico
- Kevin Montgomery - Texas International Bible Institute, Houston
- Dan & Sonia Koen – Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Greg Clodfelter – Nyeri, Kenya

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AJ Leday, Adam Lewis

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For the Week of March 1, 2026

Worship: 178 Budget: \$6,154
Bible Class: 76 Contributions: \$8,546.65
Wednesday: 89

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9 - Alta Rubio 14 - Bill Covey
12 - Max Crow 14 - Keith & Ida Russell ❤️
10 - Calvin Cooper

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. (Psalm 98:1)

We all enjoy old music. Whether it's centuries old like Beethoven or Bach or just a few decades old such as the songs we listened to as teenagers, the tunes we appreciate most are usually ones we already know. (What we don't enjoy is when our children refer to the songs of our youth as "oldies" because that label dates us as well.) Music has a rare power to capture thoughts and feelings from our past and stream them into our present at the sound of just a few notes.

Six times in the Psalms, however, the command is given to "sing a new song." Why is this the case? Because when we see the mighty hand of God working in a way we've never observed before, we can't help but burst forth with a song we've never sung before.

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. (Psalm 98:2)

New songs of praise are appropriate for new realities and fresh indicators of God's grace. God continually reveals to us his power and his works, and when a new aspect of his plan for us unfolds, it is appropriate to sing something new about his marvelous nature. The new song we sing does not have to be a newly composed worship number; it is merely a fresh response of praise and thanks that matches the novelty of God's goodness and mercies, which are "new every morning." (Lamentations 3:23)

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Psalm 98:3)

The Psalmist is foretelling the Gospel message being shared to the ends of the earth, since in his day, God's salvation was largely unknown outside of Israel. The day was coming, after Jesus came into our world, when that would change. Now that we live in the day of his forgiveness being preached to all nations (Luke 24:46-47), a new song is in order for this new reality.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King. (Psalm 98:4-6)

A new song springs from the heart of a believer who

has been struck anew with wonder at the greatness and salvation of God. Now that the experience of his mercy and grace is a worldwide phenomenon, our new song of salvation reflects this truth, which is why it is sung with jubilant shouts of joy and accompanied by instruments to express our delight.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. (Psalm 98:7-9a)

The salvation Jesus brings is first and foremost for people, but the entire creation is impacted. Seas, rivers, and mountains joining in praise to God is a literary device known as *personification*, but this is more than symbolism. God created the heavens and the earth and all creation was cursed and subject to decay as a result of sin. When Jesus returns as judge, the creation itself will be liberated along with God's children and the curse will be no more. (Romans 8:19-21)

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98:9b)

The climax of a new song of salvation expresses how a righteous judge will correct all wrongs, reward faithfulness, and punish wickedness as he promised. This is part of our future hope and why those already in heaven with God are also able to sing a new song:

And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth...They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. (Revelation 14:3-4)

The ultimate new experience of God's salvation will be ours when we gather around God's throne with all the redeemed from throughout history ("the 144,000"). The new song we enjoy then is only taught to those who "follow the Lamb (Jesus) wherever he goes."

What was true in ancient Israel is true in our day and will be true for eternity. God is gracious, keeps his promises, awes us with the power of his word, and will end history by redeeming his faithful children. Thus, it is fitting that we not merely sing old songs inspired by his past works, but also new songs about his present transforming work and future demonstrations of grace which he will surely deliver.

-- Jim