

The Righteous: Who's in Charge?

(Part 11) Psalm 2:1-12

I. Mankind's attitude (Humans speak - 2:1-3)

II. God's response (The Father reacts - 2:4-6)

III. God's Anointed (The Son is revealed - 2:7-9)

IV. Our response (The Spirit moves - 2:10-12)

V. Summary.

Why do I think, in pride, "I can be free of God"?
God scoffs at such an attitude and anoints his Messiah.
Jesus is the Son of God (whether I like it or not).
He rules over all God's creation, including me.
I will embrace and take refuge in God's Son.
By doing so, I avoid his wrath and am blessed.

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, Cindy Martinez, Greg Bunn's sister Christy Jaksch



Scan to submit prayer requests or
Call: 915-855-9896
Email: prayer@montwood.org



A Church for You to Call Home

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Singing | Cantos – Carlos Gonzales

The Battle Belongs to the Lord
La batalla es de nuestro Señor

Song of Moses | Canto de Moisés

Let Us Worship | Adoremos al Padre

You are Holy | Eres santo

Welcome | Bienvenida – Carlos Gonzales

You are Worthy of My Praise
Eres digno de mi loor

Worthy is the Lamb | Digno es mi Dios

Lord's Supper | Comunción

& Offering | Ofrenda – Adrian Luna

Joy in Jesus – Carlos Gonzales

KFC – Marina Kacsmar

Bible Adventure Club is on hiatus

Scripture Reading – Ray Gutierrez
Acts 13:32-39

Sermon – Jim Kotter

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Sermón – Lonnie Tapscott

Response Time – *We Fall Down*

Family News – AJ Leday

Closing Song – *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

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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For the Week of March 8, 2026

Worship: 157 Budget: \$6,154
Bible Class: 79 Contributions: \$5,073
Midweek: 83

Birthdays & Anniversaries

17 - Jessye Boutwell

19 - Florina Barnett

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:

Tuesday

Single Women 6:30 p.m. in Room 7 & Zoom

Wednesday

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

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)

Thursday

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

Virtual Bible Study 6:30 p.m. on Google Meet

This Week

Retiree Luncheon - March 16th, 11 a.m. at Famous Dave's. RSVP with Cherry Potter.

Public Speaking Workshop - March 18th, 5 p.m.
See Ray Gutierrez for details.

Disciples in Fasting - March 20th, 6 p.m. See
Jeremy Blackowl for more information.

Food Pantry Distribution - March 21st 8-10 a.m.

"I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." (Psalm 2:6)

Zion refers to the hill on the southeast side of Jerusalem where David's palace was built. Zion is also sometimes used in a broader sense to describe the city of Jerusalem (Psalm 9:14), Israel as a nation (Psalm 48:11), God's dwelling place in the Temple (Psalm 76:2), and heaven itself (Psalm 102:16).

Psalm 2 begins with the kings of the earth opposing God's "Anointed," which means they hope to thwart the plans of God. However, God laughs at their scheming because they cannot succeed.

He has already decreed that His king would reign from Zion and never be overthrown. The psalmist concludes by telling rulers of the earth to ally with God's king and find refuge in him instead of opposing him and becoming targets of his wrath.

This Psalm is a wonderful example of how Old Testament passages often have dual meanings. The Holy Spirit inspired the psalmist to sing about God's protection and vindication of Israel's king and write prophetically about what God was planning to do in the future with another king from the same line.

The anointed king described is David in his day and Jesus in our day. David was chosen by God to lead his people and both foreign kings and rebellious citizens (including his own son, Absalom) schemed to topple him from his throne. All the plots against him failed, however, and he died of old age in Zion as Israel's king, still under God's protection.

This turned out to be true for Jesus as well, who is the fuller and greater fulfillment of Psalm 2. He is the Christ ("anointed one") whom God sent to lead and redeem his people, but the secular rulers and religious authorities of his day sought to bring him down. The Apostles acknowledge that this passage refers to Jesus because the nations (Rome and Israel and their rulers (Herod, Pontius Pilate, and the High Priest) raged against and plotted to defeat him. (Acts 4:25-28)

Even though they succeeded in killing Jesus, they were ultimately unsuccessful because God's son rose from the dead and now rules over the nations of the world with an iron scepter (Psalm 2:8-9)

The choice laid out for us in Psalm 2 is obvious: we can join the masses in our day who rebel against God and his Word, seeking to throw off the "shackles" of his authority; or we can embrace Jesus and submit to him as the king who reigns from heavenly Zion. The fate of the rebellious is destruction (Psalm 2:12) but the future of the righteous is seen in the last book of the Bible:

**"Then I looked, and there before me was the
Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with
him 144,000 who had his name and his
Father's name written on their foreheads."
(Revelation 14:1)**

- - *Jim*