



The Heart That Looks Like Christ

Ephesians 4:32

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 and Bob and Margie Cranston.

Riki Pinales is working hard in recovery and needs continued support and encouragement.

Rudy and Ofelia Estrada's niece passed away.

AJ Leday has contracted COVID.



Scan to submit prayer requests or

Call: 915-855-9896

Email: prayer@montwood.org



A Church for You to Call Home

Sunday, July 26, 2026

**Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ
God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)**

Singing – Demetrius Williams

Here I Am to Worship

We Will Glorify

Welcome & Prayer – Demetrius Williams
and Marco Santiago

Have You Seen Jesus My Lord

Highest Place

How Great is Our God

Lamb of God

Come Share the Lord

Communion & Offering - Efrain Robles and
Marco Santiago

Joy in Jesus – Adrian Luna

KFC (ages 4-7) – on break

BAC (ages 8-10) – Cindy Cooper

Scripture Reading – Troy Cranston
Ephesians 4:29-32

Sermon – Carlos Gonzales
"The Heart That Looks Like Christ"

Response Time – Lord, Reign in Me

Family News – JimKotter

Closing – My Life is In You, Lord

This Week

Leadership Meeting 7 p.m. on July 28th

Ladies Breakfast 9 a.m. on August 1st

Cindy Cooper will lead the lesson on Abigail.

Save the Date

Our **Church Picnic** will be on August 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at Dick Shinaut Park.

The next **5th Sunday Singing** will be on August 30th at Las Cruces Church of Christ, 2025 North Valley Drive, 88007.

The Lord's Servants

Preaching Elder: Jim Kotter

Preaching Elder: Lonnie Tapscott

Worship Minister: Carlos Gonzales

Family & Youth Minister: Adrian Luna

Missionaries:

- 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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Caleb Bloom, Keith Boutwell, Troy Cranston,
AJ Leday, Adam Lewis

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For the Week of July 19, 2026

Worship: 203 Budget: \$6,154

Bible Class: 83 Contributions: \$6,499

Birthdays and Anniversaries

26 - Jeremy & Lizzie Blackowl ❤️

29 - Samuel Alderete

30 - Elton & Linda Davis ❤️

31 - Dan Barton, Caleb Bloom

8/1 - Lilah Blackowl

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

Contend for the Faith 7 p.m. in Room 10

(led by Jim Kotter)

Youth Group 7 p.m. Room 34

(led by Adrian Luna)

Thursday

Overflow (Young Adults) meet at 6:30 p.m.

Single Women's group, led by Zoe Nelson, will resume on August 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7 and on Google Meet.

Discipleship Dynamics group, led by Demetrius Williams, resumes August 5th at 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

The **Children's** group, led by Ida Russell, will resume on August 5th at 7 p.m.

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying,

**“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”
Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.
(Genesis 14:18-20)**

Who is Melchizedek?

The answer has been debated for centuries. Some believe him to be a *theophany*, which means an appearance of the pre-incarnate Christ. Others assert that he foreshadows Jesus as a type. In Jewish tradition, some rabbinic writings identify him as Shem, the son of Noah, who would have still been alive as a righteous patriarch at that time.

During Wednesday's *Contend for the Faith* small group, we will be looking at this person in great

detail. Though he is a mysterious figure, there is enough information in the three books of the Bible which mention him to reach several important conclusions.

From Genesis 14:1-24, we know for certain that Abram (later “Abraham”) encountered him and that Melchizedek was the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High. We also know that his name means “king of righteousness” and that Abram recognized him as having spiritual authority by honoring him with a tithe.



Meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek
Peter Paul Rubens c. 1626

In Psalm 110:4, he is described as being of a “priestly order” which is ordained by an oath of God and sworn to endure permanently.

Then, in Hebrews 7:1-28, the writer describes the supremacy of Jesus over the Old Testament priesthood by discussing Melchizedek. It is in this text that the meaning of his life and ministry are fully explained and we gain valuable insight into Jesus and his work for us by understanding it.

**[Jesus] has become a high priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.
(Hebrews 6:20)**

Who is Melchizedek? Join us Wednesday at 7 PM in Room 10 to find out.

- - - *Jim*