

“Devoted to Witnessing” (Part One)

Acts 3:1-10

I. Background.

II. The Incident.

A. Peter and John go to pray.

B. They encounter a lame man.

C. They perform a wondrous sign.

III. Five Stages of Witnessing.

A. Denial.

B. Anger.

C. Bargaining.

D. Depression.

E. Acceptance.

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.

Who We Are

MCOC is an independent, non-denominational 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

Arturo Torres, Elton Davis, Dena Counts, Christina Lewis, Alta Rubio

Everyone is welcome to submit prayer requests by phone (915-855-9896), text (915-329-5787) or e-mail (montwood.churchofchrist@yahoo.com)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

21 - Hope and William Covey

24 - Monica Moreno



A Church for You to Call Home
Sunday, October 19, 2025

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15)

Singing – Lonnie Tapscott

Mighty to Save / La Muerte Venció

Welcome & Prayer – Lonnie Tapscott

I Stand Amazed / Oh cuán grande amor
Stand Up for Jesus / Estar por Cristo firmes
Standing on the Promises /
Todas las Promesas

My Hope is Built / Con alma y voz te alabaré
I Stand in Awe / A Ti, te alabo

Lord's Supper/Offering – AJ Leday /
Marco Santiago

Joy in Jesus – Adrian Luna

KFC – Shelby Oliver

BAC – Noah Holguin and Lizett Moreno

Scripture Reading – George Caruthers
Acts: 3:1-10

Sermon in English - Jim Kotter
“Devoted to Witnessing” (Part One)

Sermón en español - Lonnie Tapscott

Response Time – *Restore My Soul*

Family News – Demetrius Williams

Closing Song – *Bind Us Together*

**“You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord,
“that I am God.” (Isaiah 43:12)**

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, México

Miguel Garcia - Zaragoza, México

Dionicio Santillan - Juárez, México

Kevin Montgomery - Texas International
Bible Institute, Houston

Dan & Sonia Koen – Bo, Sierra Leone

Greg Clodfelter – Nyeri, Kenya

Montwood Leadership

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Keith Boutwell

Troy Cranston

AJ Leday

Adam Lewis

Join us on YouTube:

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Visit our website: montwood.org to view
our calendar, ministry info, and more.

Statistics for the week of October 12, 2025

Weekly Budget: \$6,026

Contributions: \$3,502.55

Sunday School: 79

Worship: 169

Wednesday: 86

Montwood Small Groups

Small groups help members connect with
each other and grow in their faith in God.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday

Single Women 6:30 PM at MCOC and on Zoom

Wednesday

Discipleship Dynamics 6 PM in Dining Hall
(led by Demetrius Williams)

Overflow (Young Adults) 6:30 PM
at the Tapscott's home

Faithful Witness (Revelation) 7 PM Room 10
(led by Jim Kotter)

Youth Group 7 PM Room 34 (led by Adrian Luna)

Children's Group 7 PM Room 24
(led by Ida Russell)

All Groups welcome new members

October Events

19th – Sisters Sharpening Sisters 3 PM

20th – Retiree's Luncheon at Jason's Deli 11 AM

Baptism

Jonathan Tapia was baptized on October
12, 2025. Please welcome him to the
family of believers.

Membership

Emily Skelton has placed membership.
Please welcome Emily to the Montwood
family.

Ladies Breakfast - Nov. 1, 2025

At the Ladies Breakfast on Saturday,
November 1st, the ladies will prepare
Thanksgiving Baskets for our elderly, ill
and shut-ins. A sign-up sheet for items to
be put in the baskets is in the foyer. If you
would like to give a monetary donation or
have questions, please see Cindy Cooper.

**When they saw the courage of Peter and John
and realized that they were unschooled,
ordinary men, they were astonished, and they
took note that these men had been with Jesus.
(Acts 4:13)**

As followers of Jesus, one of our biggest worries
is our loved ones who don't know God. Often the
saddest part about this is that they don't realize
all they are missing because they don't hunger
for God's truth or desire to spend time with him.

To try and correct the situation, we take it upon
ourselves to tell our unsaved loved ones about
what they don't have. Often this produces little
movement because spiritually blind people
usually see their lives as normal. Until the Holy
Spirit awakens the desire in an unbeliever to get
to know Christ, our talk falls on deaf ears.

Instead of growing frustrated or pushing so
hard that we alienate our loved ones, perhaps we
should witness for Christ by focusing on the faith
we do have instead of the faith another person
doesn't have. Spending time with God daily
empowers us to become more like him and
though our loved one may not read Scripture,
they can read our lives. When Peter and John
were detained for sharing the Gospel, what was
noticed about them was that "these men had
been with Jesus."

Being devoted to witnessing includes being
open to the Spirit's guidance. He will help us to
find opportunities when the time is right to speak
about Jesus' love. He will also work through our
prayers to help people become ready to hear the
truth of God's Word.

If you have been trying for a while to help
someone you care about come to Christ, perhaps
renewing your own relationship with Jesus will
help you be a more effective witness. There is
only one Savior, and the closer we are to him, the
more others can see Him and come to desire him
for themselves.

---Jim