



Part 4: Why Jesus Came
Luke 19:1-10

How Do I Become a Christian?

We believe God's Word teaches that we are initially saved (justified) by grace through faith in baptism and remain in a saving relationship (sanctified) as we walk with Jesus in the light.

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

Becoming a Member of Montwood

All disciples of Jesus Christ are welcome to place membership with our local congregation. If you are interested in doing so, the shepherds would welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

Who We Are

Montwood Church of Christ 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.

Montwood Small Groups

Christian Dynamics (led by Demetrius Williams)

6 PM every Wednesday in Dining Hall

Gospel of Grace (Romans led by Jim Kotter)

7 PM every Wednesday in Room 10

Youth Group (Led by Adrian Luna)

7 PM every Wednesday in Room 34

Spanish (Led by Lonnie Tapscott)

7 PM every Wednesday at Tapscott's

Single Ladies (Led by Zoe Nelson)

6:30 PM 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in Room 7

Acts (on-line Led by Troy Cranston)

6:30 PM every other Thursday on Zoom

Next Step (Young Adults led by Will Sharp)

5:00 PM Sundays at various homes



Sunday, March 24, 2024

**Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham."
(Luke 17:9)**

Singing – Carlos Gonzales

Restore My Soul / Renueva mi fe

Hear, O Israel / Oye, Israel

God of Wonders / Dios de Maravillas

Living Hope / Espero en Ti

Prayer – Carlos Gonzales

How Great Is Our God /

Cuan grande es mi Dios

-Create In Me a Clean Heart /

Crea en mi un limpio corazón

-Come to the Table / Ven a la mesa

Lord's Supper/Offering - Lonnie Tapscott

Joy in Jesus – Carlos Gonzales

(Kids For Christ: Robi Hernandez)

Bible Adventure Club: Beni Pinales)

Scripture Reading – Brandon Williams

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon – Chris Taylor

"Dinner with Jesus" Part 4: Why Jesus Came

Luke 19:1-10

(Sermon en Español – Carlos Gonzales)

Response Time –

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Family News – Jim Kotter

Closing Song –

Take the Name of Jesus With You

Lord's Servants

Evangelist: Chris Taylor

Preaching Elder: Jim Kotter

Preaching Elder: Lonnie Tapscott

Worship Minister: Carlos Gonzales

Family & Youth Minister: Adrian Luna

Missionaries:

Paul Ahrens - Querétaro, México

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Visit our website: montwood.org to view upcoming events, bulletins and more.

Contributions & Attendance

March 17, 2024:

Contributions: \$4,901.00

Sunday School: 88

Worship: 159 Next Steps: 9

Wednesday: 74 (4 small groups)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

17 – Jessye Boutwell

19 – Florina Barnett

Upcoming Events

- March 24th 12 PM Youth Group Parent Meeting
- March 30th 5:30 PM Married Couples at Luna's
- April 6th 2:00 PM Baby Shower for Elizabeth Blackowl (ladies check email)

Prayer Requests

Physical Healing for Pat Kelly, Arturo Torres, Wendel Nicholson, Becky Sanchez, Albert Martinez, James Jones, Tonya Seale, Rhonda LeMense, Carla Fields (cousin of Glenna Bunn)

Peace & Comfort for Christina, Katy, Dominic Hernandez & extended family on the passing of Christina's father, Anselmo

Safety for our US Military Personnel

Please send prayer requests to:

montwood.churchofchrist@yahoo.com

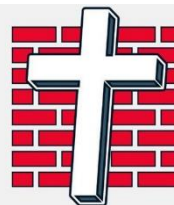
Call the office 915-855-9896
or text Alta at 915-329-5787



Jiu Jitsu & Jesus
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4:30 (ages 6-12)
5:30 (ages 13-18)

Married Couple's Group
March 30 at 5:30 PM
Dinner, fellowship, & discussion
Sacred Marriage Chapter 14
Hosted by the Lunas

Beyond Church Walls
Volleyball
April 14th 4 pm - 6 pm
Salvador Rivas Jr. Park
12515 Tierra Norte Rd.



Many of the details about Jesus' encounter with Zaccheus are well-known, such as the tax collector being vertically challenged. (Since the average height of Judean men back then was 5'5", being described as short proves he was indeed a "wee little man.")

Another detail, the sycamore-fig tree he climbed to see Jesus, has a connection to an ancient prophet:

Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" (Amos 7:14-15)

That passage in Amos foreshadows of the coming of the Messiah because it describes God reaching out to save the people of Israel, despite the difficulties that are coming their way. Here's what Amos says:

This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: He was preparing swarms of locusts after the king's share had been harvested and just as the second crop was coming up. When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" So the LORD relented. "This will not happen," the LORD said.

This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: The Sovereign LORD was calling for judgment by fire; it dried up the great deep and devoured the land. Then I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" So the LORD relented. "This will not happen either," the Sovereign LORD said.

This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

(Amos 7:1-9)

Notice the parallel as Amos pleads for God to forgive Jacob, referring to Israel, because "he is so small!" Before God could forgive his people, they needed to repent so he places a plumb line in their midst to show them what is straight and true. The plumb line is God's righteous and holy standard that Israel failed to adhere to, leading to them being punished.

When Jesus came, he adhered perfectly to God's plumb line and made forgiveness possible for those who place their trust in him. His righteousness can become our own by faith after Jesus offered himself to satisfy God's punishment upon sinners. Jesus was headed towards Jerusalem to do exactly that when he passed through Jericho and encountered Zacchaeus.

---Jim