

“Growing Pains” (Acts 6:1-7)

- I. The church is growing.
- II. Some widows are complaining.
- III. The apostles are preaching.
- IV. The work of deacons is beginning.
- V. Lessons from Growing Pains.
 - A. They acknowledge the issue.
 - B. They seek input from others.
 - C. They build consensus.
 - D. They act with integrity.
 - E. They persist in unity.

In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.
(1 Timothy 3:8-9)

How Do I Become a Christian?

We believe God's Word teaches we are saved by grace through faith in 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Belated

August 1 – Lilah Blackowl

5 – Lonnie Tapscott

6 – Vivianna Luna

Prayer Requests

Austin Hernandez, Arturo Torres, Sammy Alderete, Frank Gonzalez, Tanya Seale, Robert McDonald

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

New Members

Jordan and Lauren Allbritten have placed membership with Montwood. Please welcome them and their son Asher to our family.



A Church for You to Call **Home**

Sunday, August 3, 2025

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

Singing – Carlos Gonzales

*We Have Heard the Joyful Sound /
Es la voz de mi Jesús*

Victory in Jesus / Victoria en Cristo

Mighty to Save / La muerte venció

Welcome & Prayer – Carlos Gonzales

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) /
Sublime Gracia (Libre Soy)*

He Paid a Debt / El pago mi deuda cruel

Shine on Us / Dios, danos luz

Lord's Supper/Offering – Lonnie Tapscott

Joy in Jesus – Carlos Gonzales

KFC – Lauren Owens

BAC – Vivianna Luna

Scripture Reading – Ray Gutierrez
Ephesians 4:1-13

Sermon – Jim Kotter
“Growing Pains” (Acts 6:1-7)

Sermón en Español – Lonnie Tapscott

Response Time – *We've a Story to Tell*

Deacon Ordination

Family News – Lonnie Tapscott

Closing Song – *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

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

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Deacons

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Keith Boutwell

Troy Cranston

AJ Leday

Adam Lewis

Join us on YouTube:

[youtube.com/@montwoodchurchofchrist](https://www.youtube.com/@montwoodchurchofchrist)

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

Statistics for the week of July 27, 2025

Weekly Budget: \$6,026

Contributions: \$10,168.32

Sunday School: 117

Worship: Not recorded

Upcoming Events

August 3rd – Deacon Ordination

August 5th – Single Men's Small Group 6 PM
Single Ladies Small Group 6:30 PM

August 6th – Wednesday Small Groups Resume

August 9th – Men's Breakfast 8 AM
Food Pantry Packing 9 AM

August 16th – Food Pantry Distribution 7:30 AM
Youth Rally at Zaragosa 5:30 PM

August 23rd – Church Picnic 4 PM

August 24th - Sisters Sharpening Sisters 3 PM
Youth Group Fantasy Football Draft 3:30 PM

August 31st – 5th Sunday Singing at San Elizario 5 PM

Montwood Small Groups

Montwood offers small groups to help our
members get connected with each other and
grow in their relationship with God.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday

Single Women (led by Zoe Nelson)
6:30 PM in Room 7

Single Men (led by Ray Gutierrez)
6 PM at Troy Crantson's

Wednesday

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

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

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

Children's Group (led by Ida Russell)
7 PM in Room 25

Thursday

Zoom Discipleship (led by Troy Cranston)
6:30PM on Zoom (see Troy for link)

All Groups welcome new members

As a church grows, organization is essential. Though some may prefer the way the church existed after Christ's ascension when they had only 120 people, God's plan is that the church expand as the Gospel is shared and more people accept his grace through faith in Jesus. As that happens, some structure will become necessary so that God's work can continue to prosper.

After Moses led God's people out of Egypt, his father-in-law came to visit him. Jethro expressed his delight to hear what God was doing through Moses, and he offered a sacrifice to God for delivering his people from bondage. (Exodus 18:5-12)

However, when Jethro saw that Moses was doing all the work of leadership by himself, he was not pleased, and he counseled his son-in-law to adapt to the increasing needs of the expanding nation he led:

"What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you...select capable men from all the people - men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain - and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens...That will make your load lighter, since they will share it with you." (Exodus 18:17-22)

Moses followed the advice he was given and Israel flourished as a result.

A similar situation arose in the early church as they began to increase in number and the apostles who were called to lead God's people found a comparable remedy. They ordained men who could handle the day-to-day needs of the people so that their work of teaching God's Word and praying for the flock would not suffer. These men eventually came to be known in the church as deacons.

Our goal in adding men to this role at Montwood is not organizing for organization's sake, nor to increase the number of men listed in our weekly bulletin who have an official role or title. Our intent is that by appointing men to assist with the planning, logistics, and implementation of God's work in his church, the ministry of teaching the Word and prayer will continue unabated. We have grown and intend to continue growing and thus the burden of leading and serving our flock is one that must be shared by an expanding leadership team.

---Jim