

Sermon Series: Devoted

“Your Kingdom Come”

Acts 1:1-8

Notes:



A Church for You to Call **Home**

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Singing – Carlos Gonzales

Let Us Worship the Father / Adoremus al Padre

Shout Halleluja / Canta Aleluya

Psalm 34 / Salmos 34

Welcome & Prayer – Carlos Gonzales

Shine On Us / Dios, danos luz

We Fall Down (1x) / A los pies de Cristo

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross /

La Cruz Excelsa

Lord's Supper/Offering – Ray Gutierrez &

Jesus Ruelas

Joy in Jesus – Carlos Gonzales

KFC – Vivianna Luna

BAC – Noah Holguin and Lizett Moreno

Scripture Reading – George Caruthers
Colossians 1:9-14

Sermon – Lonnie Tapscott
“Your Kingdom Come”

Acts 1:1-8

Sermon en Español – Carlos Gonzales

Response Time – *Make Me a Servant*

Family News – Jim Kotter

Closing Song – *Might to Save (Chorus)*

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

18 – Efrain Robles, Sr.

19 – Lauren Owens

20 – Christian Lutu & Sophia Duley

Prayer Requests

Austin Hernandez, Arturo Torres, Hope Morales, Amelia McDonald, Riki Pinales, Otis Johnson, Usha Khanna

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

Faith. Friendship. Foundation.

Join Montwood's Young Adult Life Group

Young Adults: If you're looking to deepen your faith and build lasting connections within Christ's family here at Montwood, we invite you to be part of our Young Adult Life Group. Together, we'll share in meaningful conversations, Christ-centered activities, and opportunities to grow a strong spiritual foundation. For more information, please connect with Lonnie Tapscott.

Lord's Servants

Preaching Elder: Jim Kotter

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Worship Minister: Carlos Gonzales

Family & Youth Minister: Adrian Luna

Missionaries:

Paul & Claire Ahrens - Querétaro, México

Miguel Garcia - Zaragoza, México

Dionicio Santillan - Juárez, México

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Dan & Sonia Koen - Bo, Sierra Leone

Greg Clodfelter - Nyeri, Kenya

Montwood Leadership

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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 Sept. 7, 2025

Weekly Budget: \$6,026

Contributions: \$6,992.55

Sunday School: 88

Worship: 213

Wednesday: 88

September Events

15th – Retiree's Luncheon at Del Paso Mexican
Restaurant, 12211 Montwood Dr. 11 AM

20th – Food Pantry Distribution 7:30 AM
Security Team Training 10 AM

21st – Sisters Sharpening Sisters 3 PM

28th – Beyond Church Walls Volleyball 4 PM

Montwood Small Groups

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

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday

Single Women (led by Zoe Nelson)

6:30 PM in Room 7

Wednesday

Discipleship (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

**They devoted themselves to the apostles'
teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking
of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)**

God's Word is divided into two parts, the Old and New Testament. The Old Testament tells the story of creation, how sin entered the world, and how God began his work of redeeming sinful people. Starting with Genesis 12:1, the underlying theme is God's people looking forward to Jesus, who would come to bring salvation to the world.

The New Testament contains the story of Jesus, the church he establishes, and what it means to live as his followers.

Today, we begin a new series in the book of Acts to look at how God's church is founded and how those in it live once they become a part of this body.

The beginning takes place during a Jewish festival known as Pentecost and the first summary statement of how they go about their lives after is in Acts 2:42, which contains a key word, **devoted**.

Being devoted means continuing steadfastly or persevering. In a nutshell, being devoted is the opposite of dabbling. Whereas dabbling is to be occasional, infrequent, or irregular in something, devoted means "to adhere constantly, be continually focused, or give undivided attention to."

All of us have things in life that we are dedicated to in this way. Personally, I am devoted to drinking coffee, but I dabble in Chai. I am a devotee of NCAA basketball, but merely a dilettante when it comes to the NBA.

Part of God's expectation for his church is that each member be devoted to certain things and not merely dabble in them. In Acts 2:42, that list includes prayer, instruction in the Word, participation in the Lord's Supper, and fellowship with one another. In the series we are undertaking, we will look at these and other habits which were developed by the first Christians.

As always, our goal in this series is to not only become informed about Scripture but be transformed by the work of God in our lives. It's not ultimately beneficial to learn more about Jesus and his church unless that translates into how we live each day.

I encourage you to think about this question before we begin: What would it look like for me to take one step forward in my devotion to God and his people?

Pray and think about this as we walk through this study from Acts together. None of us can live the Christian life perfectly except for Jesus, but we are in full control of the way we utilize our time, the people we associate with, and what we allow to influence our thinking. Choosing wisely in those areas is what helps develop spiritually mature habits.

You can be more like Jesus. You can be an active participant in the life of his church. You can be part of the work that God has given his people to do. You can be devoted.

---Jim