MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 411 W. First Street/P.O. Box 321, Mtn. Grove, MO 65711, 417-926-4982

FAMILY NEWS - NOVEMBER 2, 2025

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP**: SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM
Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM; Men's Class - Thursday 6:00 PM (on hiatus until Fall)
www.mountaingrovechurchofchrist.com and www.MGChristianRadio.com

Announcements: Jeremiah Hicks
Scripture Reader: Jude Hicks
Preacher: Keith Cozort

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday:

9:00 A.M. **Phil Driskill**
10:00 A.M. **Kevin Cozort**
Brian Sherrell
11:15 A.M. **Max Schmollinger**
Richard Sciba

Wednesday: **Brent LeBaron**
David Grow

SONG LEADERS

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. **Brent LeBaron**
11:15 A.M. **Matt Lawrence**
Wednesday: **Wyatt Hicks**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Preside: **Richard Sciba**
Assist: **Logan Howard**
Ronnie Deaton
Max Schmollinger

USHER

Sunday: 10:00 **Danny Lathrom**
11:15 **Terry LeBaron**
Wednesday: **Phil Driskill**

NEED A RIDE?

Sunday: **Terry LeBaron** 259-3261
Wed: **Richard Sciba** 926-6416

LET US SERVE

Communion Prep: **Ruby Sciba**
Flowers: **Lori Lathrom**

November 2nd

Greeters: Wyatt/Addison Hicks
Pew Greeters: Phil/Donna Driskill
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
Visitor Bags: Kenley LeBaron

November 9th

Greeters: Richard/Ruby Sciba
Pew Greeters: Brent/Jessica LeBaron
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
Visitor Bags: Logan Howard

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Week of October 26th
Sunday: (BC, AM1, AM2): 62, 78, 42
Wednesday 39
Contribution $3345.00

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us in worship today. If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guests!

GOD'S PLAN: HEAR-Rom. 10:17; **BELIEVE** - John 8:24; **REPENT**- Acts 17:30; **CONFESS** - Rom. 10:9-10; **BE IMMERSED** - Acts 2:38; **REMAIN FAITH even in death** - Rev. 2:10. **Have you obeyed?**

WORKS WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT: On-line Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS); The Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM); Global School of Biblical Studies; Shaddy Chapel church of Christ; Brent Green; Coby Hicks, Jesse Howard, David Bass (Instructor at the Jamaica School of Preaching).

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, please walk!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Nov. 2nd - Potluck, Youth class 1:00
*Nov. 16th - Youth Speaking, Sack Lunch, Men's meeting 1:00
*Nov. 26th - Singing
*Nov. 28th - The Norwood Multi-purpose room has been reserved from 2:00 - 6:00 for any who wish to join the youth for games and fellowship. Please bring your own water bottles and snacks.

YOUTH ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER - There is still an opening for December to host the youth.

LADIES: Holly recommended a book, "Prescriptions For A Woman's Soul" by Brenda Rollins. The cost is $10.00. (If we order at least 10 we get a discount). Cheryl is going to put in an order this week. If you would like one, please tell Cheryl today. A reminder of the content: Prescriptions for a Woman's Soul guides women straight to the Bible for no-fail advice to cure spiritual weakness. What is the secret? Take the fruit of the Spirit as strictly as you take pills for physical maladies. Brenda's exhaustive research and sharing of Scripture helps you find definitions, instructions, and Bible examples of the Christian graces, so that "if you do these things, you will never fall." She calls the book "a road map to Christian maturity." (Do you have any sisters - young or old who you might encourage with a gift?)

THANK-YOU to the Hicks for opening their home last evening. We all enjoyed good food and fellowship.

PANTRY ITEMS: Spaghetti Sauce. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ann Lake
Lois Schmollinger
Dwain Murphy - Nov. 12th appt.
Sue Murphy - awaiting lab results
Dorthy Robertson
Ann Newton
Sheila Deaton
Tinzie Mackey
Buddy & Annette McCarty
Effie Hicks - shut-in
SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Aaron Haddock - (LeBaron's worker is at home)
Tabitha Lamer (niece of Liz)
Kristen Easterling (works with Addison)
Avery Reed - baby in KC children's hospital (Her grandmother worked at the YMCA. Kevin received this request for prayers)
Roy Boykin - cancer treatment (friend of Tuckers)
Wes Roberts - Cancer treatment (Susan's nephew's father-in-law)
Scarlett Hall - (girl from Ava - major improvements)
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister)
Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's sister)
Michael Claxton - improving (Sandy's friend)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's Dad)
Phyllis Coffman
Madison Cozort
Jodee Sherrell's family: *William and Lavone Wood* & *Carla Elkhorn* & *daughters*.
Deborah Allen's family: *Christin Cook, Cody Allen, & grandchildren*
Joe Wyrick (Linda's brother)
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
Virl & Alice Deaton

MILITARY FAMILIES:
Derek Davis family

CHAMELEONS - FASCINATION AND FRUSTRATION

I cannot remember a time when I was not fascinated by chameleons. Among all of the defense mechanisms that the Creator built into some of His creation, the ability to change the appearance in order to blend in with the surroundings is one of the most remarkable.

From a very early age, I've read about chameleons, seen pictures of them, watched videos, etc. At times, it takes some effort to distinguish this lizard-like creature from a leaf, the bark of a tree, and/or whatever else is in the background. It is my understanding that some species are more adept at this transformation than others, but merely the ability to do this is interesting to me.

While I am fascinated by these relatively small creatures, there is another kind of chameleon that frustrates me. The ones that frustrate me are not those who have the ability to adapt to their surroundings built in by God. They are the ones who have developed this ability on their own.

These chameleons are in all kinds of surroundings and environments. At times, they may be difficult to detect because they blend in so well. They don't change the color of their skin in order to look like a tree, a leaf, piece of fabric, a wall, etc. Instead, they change things like their wardrobe, their language, their habits, etc. in order to fit in with the people they are around.

One of these chameleons may "take a lead" in a worship service on a Sunday and follow the crowd in living an ungodly life the rest of the week. They may invoke the name of God in prayer when they believe themselves to be in some sort of religious setting and/or around religious people and then take His name in vain when they are not in that environment or around those people.

Some of these chameleons will at least make an attempt to dress modestly and respectfully when they believe that it is proper to do so and then show a lot more skin than cloth when they are in an environment where this is acceptable and maybe even expected. While they at least pay lip service to the idea that the church is a family and that Christians are to have much more in common with each other than they do with people of the world, the truth is that their closest friends are people who are not Christians and that they have much more in common with them.

I'm reminded of what the Lord said about John the immerser. In Matthew 11:7, He asked the crowd what might be considered a rhetorical question: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?" In effect, Jesus was saying that John was the same everywhere and in every situation. He was not swayed or intimidated by circumstances or people. As those who are familiar with the New Testament know, his "color" did not change even when it cost him his life.

I'm already thinking of one possible objection to what I've written so far. Some may view what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 as an argument for changing depending upon the circumstances. I would invite people who might think along these lines to read that passage carefully. I believe that, when that is done, it will be seen that Paul's emphasis was on the gospel, the salvation of those who heard him preach, and the eternal destiny of his own soul. While he was willing to adapt his methods, he was unwilling to do anything that would compromise the message. I believe that Paul knew something that all of us need to think very seriously about:

There will be no chameleons (of either kind) in heaven.

~Jim Faughn - A Legacy of Faith - September 12, 2022 - (Emphasis added - cac)