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

FAMILY NEWS - NOVEMBER 22, 2026

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP**: SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM
Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM
www.mountaingrovechurchofchrist.com and www.MGChristianRadio.com

WELCOME! If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guest!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). The holidays are supposed to be a time of family, of good times and of blessings. This Thanksgiving season may not be all of that. There will be tables missing loved ones. Some may have tables less filled in years past due to financial reversals, unemployment or other issues with which they have to deal. Many may wonder whether they have anything about which to be thankful this Thanksgiving, living an uncertain life in an uncertain world.

The above Scripture reminds us, however, that we can always be thankful. The issue is one of perspective. I certainly wouldn't want to minimize the tragedies that have plagued us, as a nation or as individuals. I wouldn't want to make light of the pain anyone may feel, but having God to petition and in which to trust is something for which we can always be thankful. Not only is He our Creator, but God is also our Sustainer (Colossians 1:17). Is it even possible to imagine what life would be like without His constant provision and care over the universe? How many of life's trials come because of humanity's choice of sin, and yet, God hasn't abandoned us. He provides for His creation's needs in general (Matthew 5:45) and specifically for us as His children (2 Peter 1:3). What a wonderful promise He offers in Romans 8. **"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (8:38-39).

There are events and issues that are a real concern. Many hearts are truly burdened for a variety of reasons, but in Christ there is hope. Satan wants to rob Christians of their joy by focusing only on the problems. While we don't deny or ignore problems, we can still be thankful – thankful for the many blessings we still have. We need to be thankful for having a God who cares, loves and provides for us (1 Peter 5:7). Christians need to be thankful that they can go to God in prayer at any time, knowing that He listens. No one has to tell us to enjoy the good times, but if we can have a heart that offers thanks, even in the midst of difficulty, then God offers us something more. The verse following Philippians 4:6 is most encouraging, **"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"** (4:7). This is what so many desperately want, and yet so few ever find. Will you look at life from God's perspective, being thankful no matter what the external circumstances may be and find His offer of peace? **"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world"** (John 16:33).

~Robert Johnson, https://gospelgazette.com/2025-11/

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Terry LeBaron**
SCRIPTURE READER **Logan Howard**
PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Matt Lawrence**
10:00 A.M. - **Richard Sciba**
Phil Driskill
11:15 A.M. - **Jeremiah Hicks**
Matt Lawrence
WEDNESDAY - **Terry LeBaron**
Wyatt Hicks

SONG LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M. **- Kevin Cozort**
11:15 A.M. - **Richard Sciba**
WEDNESDAY - **Brent LeBaron**

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:
PRESIDE - **Brent LeBaron**
ASSIST - **Owen LeBaron**
ASSIST - **Max Schmollinger**
ASSIST - **Coby Hicks**

USHERS:
SUNDAY AM1 - **Danny Lathrom**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Brent LeBaron**
WEDNESDAY - **Terry LeBaron**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:
SUNDAY - **Richard Sciba -** 349-1544
WEDNESDAY -**Terry LeBaron -** 259-3261

BLESSED TO SERVE:
COMMUNION PREP **- Ruby Sciba**
FLOWERS - **Lori Lathrom**

EVANGELISM PREP: November 22nd
GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Brian/Jodee Sherrell**
Brent/Jessica LeBaron
VISITOR BAGS - **Owen LeBaron**

EVANGELISM PREP: November 29th
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS - **Phil/Donna Driskill**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Jude Hicks**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - November 15, 2026
SUNDAY CLASS - 52
AM1 - 68
AM2 - 49
WEDNESDAY - 36
CONTRIBUTION - $2747.00

MILITARY SERVICE -
Derek Davis family - Texas

Pray for our evangelistic efforts!

Have you been on our website lately? Have you passed out 10 business cards this month?

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Nov. 25th - Singing, men's meeting afterwards
*Dec. 6th - Potluck
*Dec. 20th - Youth speaking, sack lunch; men's meeting - 1:00
*Dec. 31st - games and singing - 5:00 pm until ??

LADIES' CLASS - **Tuesday** class resumes **December 1st** at 10:00.

PANTRY ITEMS: Peanut butter. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS
Max Schmollinger - throat surgery, December 4th
Troy Mings and Randy Mings - (Brenda's father and brother)
Ann Lake
Joni Culton - (Depression & finances - friend of Liz)
Leedy family - Husband and father-in-law killed in accident (Lawrences)
Retha Cullins (Shawna's mother-in-law)
Jerry and Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's family)
Mike Lemons (customer of Phil's)
William Hicks (cancer, Effie's son)
Jeannine & John Vawter (Karene's family)
Kevin Robertson - stroke recovery (Dorthy's son)
Shirley Hart - (Ann Newton's sister - physical therapy)
Sandy Pendergrass - (Lyme's disease - Ann Newton's family)
Roy Boykin - (Tucker's friend) cancer
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister)
Joe Wyrick - (Linda's family)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's dad)
William & Lavonne Wood - (Jodee's family)
Phyllis Coffman
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
Ukrainian citizens and Christians and Russian Christians (war)

On-going health issues:
Richard & Ruby Sciba, Alberta Steinert, Tinzie Mackey, Lois Schmollinger, Bonnie Wolfe, Ann Newton, Dorthy Robertson, Sheila Deaton, Buddy & Annette McCarty, Dwain & Sue Murphy, Effie Hicks.

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