

My children, let us love not with words or with our lips, but in truth and in deed.  
-1 John 3:18



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## THE ANTICHRIST

It was 1973, I was only twelve years old when the movie, *The Exorcist*, hit the big screen. It spawned a huge discussion over demonic possession, a subject not discussed very much in Protestant or Evangelical churches, certainly not in the churches of Christ. But everyone started talking about it after the movie. Our Catholic friends were very much in the know not only about demonic possessions, but about the exorcism of such demonic spirits. In 1976, just three short years later, another block buster movie came out, *The Omen*. I remember the first time I saw the movie. I was drawn in completely. Its plot was not about demonic possession, but rather about the son of Satan being born into the world. The movie stars Gregory Peck and Lee Remick. Gregory Peck plays an ambassador, Robert Thorn, whose baby is murdered at his birth in the hospital. The baby is replaced by the son of Satan in order for him to grow up in wealth and power. Even though a series of mysterious and ominous deaths occurs all around them, they are unaware the boy growing up in their home, Damien, is the antichrist.

These kinds of movies and poor theological theories about the antichrist cause a great deal of confusion to biblical terms and their meanings. The word, "Antichrist" is found only five times in Scripture. Twice in **I John 2:18**; once in **2:22**; **4:3** and in **II John verse 7**. No one specific person is referenced as the antichrist, rather John declares that "many antichrists have arisen," (**I John 2:18**; **II John 7**). Second, these passages do not suggest the antichrist is some evil person born with the number 666 on their body (as Damien had underneath the hair on his head) and who would rise to political power. The number 666 is taken from **Revelation 13:18** and has been attached to the antichrist and to the "man of sin," or the "lawless one," (**2 Thessalonians 2:7-10**).

The text says, "even now many antichrist have arisen." The term is a general description used to suggest a **spirit of unbelief** that can be manifested in different ways. Antichrist is a **disposition of unbelief**, not a specific person. My true concern about this passage is the spirit of unbelief that exists in the church world today. In I John it is clear they were denying Jesus as the Messiah and that GOD had come in the flesh (**I John 2:22**; **II John 7**). Our spirit of unbelief is found in our unwillingness to live our GOD's transforming power in our lives. As Paul writes, "Having a *form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them,*" (**2 Timothy 3:5**). Where does unbelief manifest itself in your life?

## BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS ON SUNDAY

**The Book of Joshua** Lyndal Dale—Auditorium  
The study of Israelites conquering Canaan with special emphasis on application for today's world.

**Unity in the Church** Dennie Stokes & Dexter Mott—Parlor  
We are talking about challenges churches face. Topics include: autonomy, selfishness, decline, etc...

**The SUM-Thing** Jason & Lori Bratton—Room 221  
We all long to be connected with friends. We long to know and be known by God. We long to make a difference. How does being in a small group impact those things?  
In these four video Bible study sessions, Alan Danielson will take a look at four questions every small group should ask themselves. You'll hear real-life interviews from small groups whose lives were changed after they asked themselves those very questions. **What if we cared? What if we were honest? What if we failed? What if we got off the couch?**

## YOUTH MINISTRY BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAY

**"Control: A Biblical Teaching on the Nature of Authority"**  
**(10th-12th grades)** John Warmath, —room 217  
A study on how the gospel defines your purity.

**Gospels (7th-9th grades)** Kendall Lowe—room 205  
A survey of the life and teachings of Jesus as told by his followers.

## BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN ON SUNDAY

Nursery April Stokes & Winkie Horton Room 104  
3-4 year old Judy Shepherd Room 102  
K-1 grade Sue Cash, Emily Cooley, Lori Nicholson Room 115

2-3 grades Jan Goslin, Carolyn Malone Room 218  
4-6 grades Jessica Conn Room 114

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Katie Hollis  
Cathy Sippel

## CHURCH NEWS

### LEADING PRAYERS

- **Mid-Service**-Scott Lovelady
- **Closing**-Dennie Stokes

### SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to the Teague family in the passing of Steve Teague last Saturday. His funeral service was on Thursday.
- Our sympathy goes to Diann Combs in the passing of her sister, Dolly Pankey of McCrory, on Wednesday.
- We express our sympathy to Bill Harris in the passing of Dymple Harris on Thursday. Graveside service was on Saturday.

### TODAY

- **CHILDRENS MINISTRY:** All the Bible teachers & those who are interested in teaching or supporting our Ministry in other ways are invited for a lunch meeting **in room 221** immediately after the morning service. We are going to eat lunch (provided) & talk about MoSt Children's Ministry's present & future.

### MONDAY

- **EXERCISE CLASS (not GET FIT) FOR SENIORS** continues at 1 pm in room 211.

### THURSDAY

- **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Next time on September 13.
- **EXERCISE CLASS (not GET FIT) FOR SENIORS** continues at 1 pm in room 211.

### FRIDAY

- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Join us at the Shake Shack at 9AM.

**LOWES CELEBRATION:** Kendall & Kim have been with MoSt for six months. When they left their RV & moved into a house, several in our congregation discussed having a house warming for them. We dropped the ball over the summer, but now it is time! We are taking up money for a money tree gift for the Lowe's in celebration of their move to West Memphis! Money may be given to Val Ramer, Karen Summers, or Loretta Dale. We will give the money to Kendall & Kim following the Wednesday night huddles, August 29.

**JACK RAINES MEMORIAL BIBLE CLASS** will begin on Wednesday, **September 5**, at 3 PM, in room 221. This year's theme is "Writings of Paul."

**MESSAGE FROM LINDA VAUGHN:** Dear MOST church family... It is with mixed emotions that I leave you. I am excited to be near my family in Maumelle, but I am sad to leave so many dear friends here at Missouri Street. This congregation is very special to me & will continue to be in my thoughts & prayers. I plan to be back for visits & hope to see some of you when you are in the Little Rock area. My new address is 400 Valencia Dr, Apt 1317, Maumelle, AR 72113.

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**THANK YOU:** Dear Church family! Thank you for the calls, cards & prayers (especially prayers) during my recent illness. Missouri Street family has always been a loving & caring family. Where there is a need, you can always find our church family. Thank you for your love & kindness. I love you all. In Christian love, Clara Barnes.

## PRAY

**PRAY FOR CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM ILLNESSES**  
**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES**

### HOSPITAL

Methodist University—Norman Vickers, room 405 Tower.  
**HOME FROM HOSPITAL**

- **Billy Stripling** (Mike Seale's brother-in-law)

### SHUT-INS

- **HOME:** Ruie Harmon, Marge Young
- **NURSING HOME:** Broadway Healthcare Center—Griffin Elzey, rm. 303; **Nema Richmond**, rm. 320; **Gwen Townsend**, room 212; Willowbend Nursing Home—Helen McNair.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MoSt FAMILY:** Diann Combs, Clara Barnes, Glenda Currie, Inez Reavis, John Townsend, Peggie Curtis, Butch Pike, Peggy Griffith, Sheryl Taylor, Glenda Runions.

### OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### Cancer

- **Lorri Petty**,
- **Hayden Campbell** & his family. Hayden (a little boy we had on our prayer list before) had his brain tumor removed. Please pray for recovery.

#### Surgeries

- **Betty Honeycutt** (Sharron Foster's sister had an emergency surgery, next few days are critical for her recovery)
- **Peggy Warbritton** (friend of the Yens)

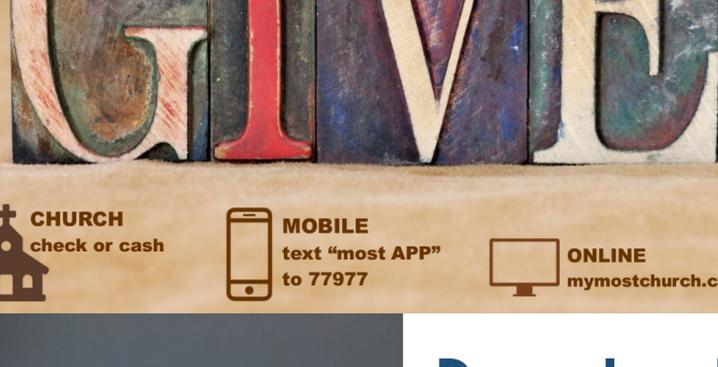
#### Heart problems

- **Bob Andrews** (friend of the Yens)

**James & Heather Lawrence** (son & daughter-in-law of Gretta Blanchard/custody of Heather's children), **Roger Love** (Judy Shepherd's brother is in hospice care), **Dale Wadley** (friend of Doris Bridges), **Noah Rickard** (Grandson of the Yens - polycystic kidney disease),

If you want your prayer request to be mentioned in our prayer list please contact the church office either by email ([victoriadeal@comcast.net](mailto:victoriadeal@comcast.net)) or by phone (870.735.3394). If there are changes please let the office know. WE START A NEW LIST EVERY MONTH.

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