

**For The Record...**

**February 21st**

Bible Study 83  
AM Worship 120  
PM Worship 58

**February 24th**

Bible Study 58

**Offering February 21st**  
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Please keep any electronic devices on silent during worship.

**LADIES MONTHLY DEVO**

This Tuesday the ladies will meet in the fellowship hall for their monthly devo. They are studying out of a book. If you need one please see Judy. The dinner will begin at 7PM. Please bring a finger food!

**GARRY JONES**

Garry Jones was here this past Sunday. He taught our bible class as well as delivered the sermon. He did a great job. There is a great need for help in spreading the Word of God in India. If you can help please see the elders.

Where can you help out?  
Please let one of the deacons know.

**IF YOU NEED A HEARING DEVICE PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From the beginning to the end.

And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

He noted that first came her date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.

If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.

So, when your eulogy's being read  
With your life's actions to rehash  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?

For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

By: Linda Ellis  
Shared by June Handte in honor  
of Mrs. Martha Stanley

So think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

**Assembly Times:**

**Sunday**

Bible Study-9:30 am  
Worship-10:30 am  
PM Worship-6:00 pm

**Wednesday**

Bible Study  
Morning-10:30 am  
Evening-7:00 pm

**GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION**

Hear Romans 10:17  
Believe John 8:24  
Repent Acts 17:30  
Confess Romans 10:9-10  
Baptized Acts 22:16  
Live Faithfully Matthew 7:21

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*"...worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24*

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*Visitors Welcome!*

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

**TEAM 3 WILL MEET NEXT DOOR FOR LUNCH**  
UP  
Coming  
events

Guests are welcomed to stay for lunch next door! It would be an honor to have you stay.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED-9AM ~ POT-LUCK CAFE**

- 03/06 Team 1 Meeting
- 03/08 Ladies Monthly Devo-7PM
- 03/13 Team 2 Meeting
- 03/20 Team 3 Meeting

**NURSING HOME VISITATION EVERY THRID SUNDAY**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jerry Martinez's daughter is in need of a heart transplant. Please keep her and Jerry in your prayers as they deal with this tragic event. Anita Pettus will have surgery soon for her back pain. Larry Eldridge's sister, Donna White is taking chemotherapy. Pat Thomas will have open heart surgery soon. Linda Parker was able to see a doctor who is certain he can help her! Sharon Bowdens father-in-law had a stroke and has lost vision in both eyes. Carole Wolaver's sister, Joyce Beech has been admitted to hospice. Almeda Cooper is undergoing physical therapy. Anthony recently had a procedure done for a degenerate disc in his neck. Anthony also found out that he has prostate cancer. Bob Knox, a Summer Series speaker, had complications during surgery and is blind in his left eye. Lonnie Jones, a Summer Series speaker, passed away on Feb 16. Please pray for his family. Barbara Tittle's coworker, Steven Ansley, has colon cancer. Donna Parkers sister, Brenda Hughes, is having health issues.



**PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY**



Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd, Shilo Crane, Garrett Crane, Tim Dixon, Matt Shepherd, Corey Henry

**IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE ADDED PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-FEB.**

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Canned Tuna
- Rice-a-roni
- Jello
- Peanut Butter
- Mouth Wash

**MEMBER WORKDAY IN THE WORKS**

The Elders will be scheduling a work day here at the building very soon. Please stay tuned for more details.

**Come back to worship tonight!**

What does God want us to do?

God has given us ways to determine what He wants us to do in obedience to Him. The passage of Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We are commanded to go into all the world, but God did not tell us how to go. Thus the method for us to go into all the world is left up to us.

Another passage that is a command is that of 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Within this passage there is the command to give, and it is to be upon the first day of the week. The conclusion would be that we are commanded to meet upon the first day of the week and we are to give upon that same day.

God has also given us examples to follow. Acts 20:7, "Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" This is an example of the disciples meeting upon the first day of the week. There are also other passages that state that the disciples came together 1 Corinthians 11:18, 20 are two such passages that just state that the disciples came together to partake of the Lord's Supper upon a given day. We can know that it was the first day of the week from Acts 20:7. There is necessary inferences to be made also. Because there is the command to worship God (John 4:23-24, notice in that passage the word "must") and there is the example of when the disciples came together to partake of the Lord's Supper and there is the command to give upon the first day of the week, we can lawfully conclude that there is a meeting place for the saints in a given area to meet to worship God. So the church needs a place to meet to worship, where that is is left up the good judgement of the elders or the men of the congregation.

There is application of this to other areas of our worship. The Bible tells us to sing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12; 13:15; Acts 16:25). The Bible tells us what we are to sing, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." The Bible does not tell us the style in which to sing. That is left up to the song leader to determine. Also the pitch is not listed so that is also left up to man because for one to sing he must have a pitch. Also included the command to sing is the words that are to be sung and thus we need a song book with music. We can use something to get the proper pitch also. On the other hand that does not allow the use of mechanical instrument of music. The instrument that is to be used is stated in Ephesians 5:19. We are to stir or pluck the heart; that can be our heart of the heart of someone else for we are to teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16).

Think also of the Lord's Supper. We are to partake of the fruit of the vine. Implied in that statement is a container, but it is left up to us to determine how many and the kind of container. You know we could use a mason jar. We

could use a glass, glass. We could use a tupperware glass to partake of the fruit of the vine. The bread is something else, we could use a container or we could just pass the bread around and let everyone handle it and just break off a little bit of it or we could use a container and then we are only touching the piece that we will eat.

Let us go back to the command to give. We are not told how or what we are to place our giving in. We could use a box and let everyone place their contribution in a box. We could use a velvet pouch in which to place our contribution, the Bible does not tell us what to use, so it is left up to our good judgement.

When it comes to the meeting house, do we need lights, do we need pews, do we need the public address system? No, but I am glad we have everyone of these things at our disposal to use. I am glad we have the ability to use these things and the God has given us the freedom to decide what is the best for us to use and how to do those things. The important things is that we do those things that God requires of us upon the proper day, and with the proper attitude. Let us do Bible things in Bible ways! Love, Keith.

### **A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS...**

As we go through this next year we need to keep in mind that there are chances that we will be bombarded by things that are trying to under mind our Christian faith. The world will slowly try to whittle away at our strength, our commitment and our faith. God has promised that he will always take care of us and through his word we will find strength. Only by our studying, attending classes, attending worship services and by fellowshiping with each other will we be able to find the strength to overcome the challenges of the world. Hope to see you all soon and often.

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### **WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES**

Every week Amy Hill sends out emails of the latest news and upcoming events here at Monroe. If you are NOT receiving these emails but would like to please EMAIL Amy so she can get you on the current list. Her email is: amy30655@hotmail.com

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### **BULLETIN INFORMATION**

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514