

# THE CIRCUIT WRITER

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*My prayer is that each of us will mark each of these two important dates on our personal calendars. They are:*

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>... Children’s Sabbath**

In worship that Sunday we will celebrate the gift of children to the church and our families. The AGAPE School students, teachers and parents are invited to be with us in worship and in Sunday School. The AGAPE students will sing a song for us and for God. Families of children of all ages are encouraged to bring them to worship and Sunday School that Sunday also. It is my prayer that we will also have two Sunday School classes for children during Sunday School with teachers prepared to teach and places designated for them to meet. I want as pastor of the church to meet at 10:00 a.m. with parents, and persons who have children or youth living with them, in their care, in the overflow room adjoining the sanctuary for conversation and visioning about the value and challenge of children in our lives.

**Sunday, October 30 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Lunch & Visioning**

On this Sunday the choir will lead us in a service of song and music in worship. Following worship we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to eat and have fellowship. Following the meal, we will have a time to ask questions and receive information and have discussion seeking God’s Vision for the Monterey Church. We pray to move beyond what we desire or want to discover something of what God’s will and purpose is for us. As pastor I will lead this time of seeking God’s vision for us. It may be that we will just have a beginning of seeking. Follow up will be very important. Prayer and openness to God are crucial to this time together.

Every Sunday and day in the life of the church are very vital, but these two dates could be very important in our journey forward. God bless you! Pray for the church!

In Christ’s Love,

Jerry Mayo

**SUPPORT FOR AGAPE PRESCHOOL**

Listed below are the different ways you can support AGAPE Preschool during the month of October:

- Baked & Canned goods sale on Standing Stone Day, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Connor is coordinating the donations for the sale. All proceeds go to AGAPE.
- Silent Auction Bake Sale on October 30<sup>th</sup> during the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship luncheon. Wanda Balsley will be coordinating the auction and donations for AGAPE.

Your support means our AGAPE students will have not only a Faith based learning program but also benefits of dental screening and breakfast and lunch served daily, things they may not have otherwise.

**MONTHLY & WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULING**

Sunday School	Sundays at 10:00am
Youth Group	Sundays at 5:30pm
Monterey Hilltop Chorale	Mondays at 6:00pm
Civitan Club	3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
AGAPE Chapel	Wednesdays at 10:00am
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Cottage Ministry	Friday & Saturday, 9am – Noon
<i>(Cottage will be closed on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>)</i>	

**A RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

*Please note the new listing for our financials, hopefully this will be easier for all to understand and follow on a monthly basis:*

**SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL RESULTS (OPERATING FUNDS)**

9/1/16	Beginning Balance	\$9,916.46
9/1/16-9/30/16	Tithes & Offerings	\$8,712.02
9/1/16-9-30-16	Operating Expenses	(12,788.69)
9/30/16	Ending Balance	\$5,839.74

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- ABBA’s Coffee House Prayer Mtg. Wednesdays at Noon**
- World Communion Day Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Lay Leadership Mtg. (snack lunch provided) Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 12:25p**
- Standing Stone Day Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Children’s Sabbath Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- Burks Honor Roll Party Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship & Meeting Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**
- Trunk or Treat Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5p-9p**

**OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Liturgist	MaryJane Lifsey
Ushers	David & Judy Webster
Acolytes	Megan Moore & Christopher Willix

**SPECIAL INVITATION:** Abba’s Coffee House located at 708 S. Holly St. will hold prayer meetings open to everyone starting at noon on Wednesdays. Prayers of praise and concern for our nation and all will be lifted up to God our Abba. Spread the word and come as you are. For more information please call Wanda Balsley (931-261-8676)



**SENIOR FITNESS** –Range of Motion & Muscle Strength are only part of what you will benefit from if you join the fitness program at the Monterey Senior Center on Monday, Wednesday & Friday beginning at 9:00am. Contact Wanda Balsley for more information

**MONTEREY'S OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

In an effort to update our records and to include your information in the newsletter, please send the church your birthdays and anniversaries. (Please list the name(s) and date(s) of all in your family who are connected to the church. Thank you!)

- John Glyn-Jones (10/2)
- Dale Chaffin (10/2)
- Carolyn Peach (10/4)
- Blanche Hessell (10/4)
- Patricia Mayo (10/4)
- Mary "Cissy" Davenport (10/7)
- Jessica Swafford (10/8)
- Tommy Jones (10/12)
- Bob Cournoyer (10/13)
- Benjamin Wiggins (10/15)
- Georgia Garrett (10/16)
- Johnny Looper (10/17)
- J.T. McCormick (10/18)
- Cassie Blodgett (10/22)
- Pam Dunn (10/22)
- Matthew Sheffler (10/22)
- Jim Lifsey (10/23)
- Louise Vail (10/26)
- Gerri Reese (10/30)

**MONTEREY'S OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Keelan & Marcy Milligan (10/6)
- David & Judy Webster (10/12)
- Jim & MaryJane Lifsey (10/24)

**AGAPE PRESCHOOL**



AGAPE STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE FALL SEASON

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you would be interested in volunteering on an on call basis for Children's Sunday School please contact Suzy Jackson. Lessons would be provided.

**NOTE FOR THOUGHT**

"If life becomes hard, soften it with random acts of kindness." Written in 2014 by Michael Levy --- Florida

**9-11 TRIBUTE**

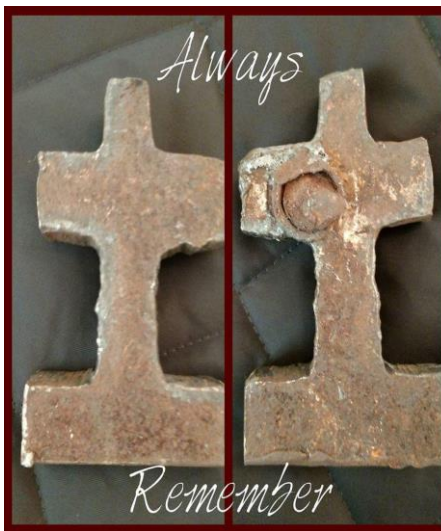


PHOTO CREDIT TO JILL JONES-LAZUKA

*This cross was made from a steel beam from the south tower on West Street collected during the rescue work from the Twin Towers on 9-11-2001. It was made by John Nimmo who was an iron worker and was there as a rescue worker at the time. John is the son of Ed & Louise Vail, he was injured and saved.*

**AGAPE FALL NEWS**

This week the Agape Preschool will begin our two week Fall Break.



This is the time of year when we usually focus upon giving our thanks and prayers to the Lord and celebrate the season with family and friends. As you are aware, this ministry depends on private donations, grants and perhaps most importantly your support and generosity. Without your support we might not have important items like soap, books, paper towels, cleaners, trash bags and other necessities. Each item donated seems to appear just when needed. Our August fundraiser was our first of its kind and thanks to your support, we made \$622.90. It was surprisingly painless. Thank You!

We are also grateful to other funding from outside of our church family. We received a VEC grant that helped the school buy new playground equipment and materials. We also received a grant from the Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Company that enabled us to replace our old pots, pans, griddle, and purchase some very much needed kitchen utensils. In addition, Fairfield Glade UMC donated \$2,000 to the school. We are so grateful for all these donations and grants. Please continue to support the school with all that you do and I assure you it means a great deal to all of the children and their families. Thank You All!

As a special reminder, please mark your calendars that on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate a Children's Sunday here at Monterey UMC. The Agape Students and families are invited to attend Sunday school, church, and sing at our 11:00am worship service. This will be a great opportunity for you to get to meet our Agape families. Please feel free to invite any and all children that you know to attend this service and share in this early thanksgiving.

Warmly in Christ,  
Dr. Williamson

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Come worship with us at Monterey at 11am



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Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NOTES:</b> ABBA's Coffee House will now be opened on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for PRAYERS & PRAISES. Please help support ABBA's Coffee House at 706 S. Holly Street, Monterey, TN. Phone: (931) 487-4631. For more information please see their website at <a href="http://www.abbacoffeehouse.com">www.abbacoffeehouse.com</a>						
<b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 2 <b>Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14</b> <b>"Rekindle the Gift of God (That Is Within You)"</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 5:30p-Youth	3 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale	4	5 10:00a-AGAPE Chapel 12:00p-ABBA's Coffee House prayer time 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	6	7 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	8 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
9 <b>Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:6-8</b> <b>"The Lord Stood By Me"</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 12:15p-Lay Leadership Meeting 5:30p-Youth	10  <b>Columbus Day</b> 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale	11	12 10:00a-AGAPE Chapel 12:00p-ABBA's Coffee House prayer time 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	13	14 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	15 <b>STANDING STONE DAY</b> 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
16 <b>Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:1-14</b> <b>"Always Be Sober"</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 5:30p-Youth	17 <b>5:00p-Finance Committee Meeting</b> 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale	18 6:00p-Civitans	19 10:00a-AGAPE Chapel 12:00p-ABBA's Coffee House prayer time 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	20	21 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	22 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
<b>CHILDREN'S SABBATH</b> 23 <b>Scripture: Luke 18:9-17</b> <b>"Let The Little Children Come to Me"</b> 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Worship Service 5:30p-Youth	24 6:00p-Monterey Hilltop Chorale	25	26 10:00a-AGAPE Chapel 12:00p-ABBA's Coffee House prayer time 6:30p-Choir Rehearsal	27	28 <b>8:30a-Burks Honor Roll Party</b> 9:00a-Cottage Ministry	29 9:00a-Cottage Ministry
<b>Silent Auction during Luncheon</b> 30 10:00a-Sunday School 11:00a-Music Worship Service 12:00p-Fellowship Luncheon & Meeting with Pastor regarding the vision for our church 5:30p-Youth	31 <b>TRUNK OR TREAT</b> 5pm - 9pm 	<b>For more information about Trunk or Treat please contact the church office at (931) 839-2597</b>				