



12.29.2024

# THE MT. COMFORT CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS AND ONE ANOTHER,  
WHILE SERVING GOD TOGETHER.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Leader**  
**Andrew Chance**

O Come Let Us Adore Him

**Welcome**  
**Matt Wilson**

**Prayer**  
**Jeff Sorrels**

We Bow Down  
There Is A Redeemer  
How Deep The Father's Love For Us

**Communion/Offering**  
**Logan Kiihnl**

Jesus Never Fails  
(Children's Offering)

His Grace Reaches Me  
Hallelujah! What A Savior  
Great Are You, Lord

**Message**  
**Nathan Jorgenson**

Days Of Elijah

**Shepherd's Blessing**  
**Joe Foshe**

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**Attended Nursery** available in Room 106,  
intended for babies in the two year old class  
and younger. This is available during the  
entire worship service.

**Children's Church** available in Room 211, for  
ages 3 through kindergarten. Parents can  
take their children upstairs after the children's  
offering & pick them up immediately after  
worship service concludes.

## **MINISTER HIGHLIGHT: NATHAN JORGENSON**

*Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the  
vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.*

Song of Solomon 2:15

I know Forrest Gump just "kept on running" from coast to coast, but it is hard for me to imagine someone doing that for real. Think of the obstacles a person would have to overcome: the Rocky Mountains, the barren deserts. There was a man who accomplished this rarest of feats. Surprisingly, when asked what the toughest part of the trip was he didn't mention any of those major obstacles. Instead, he said, "The thing that came the closest to defeating me was the sand in my shoes."

Now when I saw that it made me think of how like the Christian's life that really is. We gear ourselves up and prepare for the major obstacles. But too often we are defeated by some insignificant (by our estimation) little thing. Faced with a powerful and threatening spiritual foe, we rise up and become overcomers in the strength of the Lord and His might. But because we think the little things are to be handled on our own, we let an unkind word, some small setback, or a minor misunderstanding get us down. We let these small pinpricks pile up until we can't stop the bleeding and in despair we give up the fight, falling short of our goal—all because of a "little sand in our shoes."

The 16th century English explorer, Sir Francis Drake, had sailed around the world. While crossing the Thames River a violent storm threatened to sink his ship. His cry was, "Shall I who have endured the storms of the oceans be drowned in a ditch?" Two things I would like us to think on. First, there is no such thing as a small challenge. All of them are threats Satan is throwing before us to try and draw us away from the Lord. Whatever it is, take it to the Lord to be won by His power. Second, let's take Drake's thought to heart when the pinpricks seem too numerous, "Shall I, who have come this far by faith, be defeated by 'sand in my shoes?'"

Hard to believe that this coming year represents the conclusion of the first quarter of the 21st century. I pray everyone one of us can look forward to walking 2025 in God's strength, putting all both large and small-in His loving hands.

## PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests will be printed on this list for up to 3 weeks at a time, unless further updates are received by the church office. Requests can be submitted by email through Thursday mornings to [office@mountcomfort.org](mailto:office@mountcomfort.org). Thanks!

**Billy Scales** has requested prayers for himself and his family.

**John Hebard** has been suffering from a sinus infection since last weekend. He went to the emergency room for the pain, and an X-ray showed what appeared to be a growth in the sinus area. He followed up with his Doctor, who saw on a CAT scan what appeared to be an abnormal growth in his sinus area. An MRI is scheduled for **Dec 31st** and a biopsy on **Jan 9th**. John requests our prayers as he deals with this issue.

**Johnnie Thibodaux** had hip replacement surgery on Dec 26th. Please pray for his recovery and swift healing.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

May 2025 bring you unwavering faith that guides your steps,  
illuminates your path, and fills your heart with hope and strength  
throughout the new year ahead through Christ our Lord.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER...

Eddie Kinzer	Harold Shook
Kyle Hunter	Wendi Super
Becky Tyree	Janet Riegle
Glen "Pops" Wade	Mary Bruce
Lila Campbell	
Lorene Adams	
Jessica Collins	
Kathy Walsh	

## THOSE SHUT IN...

Joe Conley  
Kathy Hayes  
Libby Laningham  
Jack & Brenda Richardson  
Margie Slasor  
Janice Umberger

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/29	Johnnie Thibodaux	1/5	Justus Bobo
	Noah Warmack		Jennifer King
1/1	Shayla Bailey		Jerome Yates
1/2	Kathy Cogburn		
	Gordon Evans		
	Janice Sharp		
1/3	Luke Justice		
1/4	Millie Foster		

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/29	Jerome & Linda Yates
12/30	Jerry & Sheri Homishak
12/31	Gerald & Sandra Guillot
1/2	Gaylon & Sally Lamb
	Rich & Tina Leonard

# NEWS AND NOTES

## Welcome, new members!

We are excited to have **Jo Peterka** and **Tara Wilburn** join our church family here at Mount Comfort. Welcome to you both—we're glad you're here!

## Holiday Dates for Services

Tues. Dec 24 – Candlelight Service from 5:00-5:45pm

Wed. Dec 25 – No Services

Wed. Jan 1 – Combined Devo in the Auditorium from 6:30-7:30pm. No classes.

## Thank You

Dear CASA Christmas for a Child Supporters,

As we reflect on the holidays, we wanted to extend our deepest appreciation for your generosity and support. Because of you, 430 children in Northwest Arkansas will wake up on Christmas morning to gifts that will bring joy and wonder. Your support makes sure every child in foster care in our community feels seen and loved during the holidays.

For children navigating the foster care system, the holidays can be a difficult time. But thanks to your kindness, we are able to transform the season into one of joy, hope, and connection. The gifts you gave—both physical and emotional—will leave a lasting impact well into the year ahead.

Thank you for being a part of CASA and for making such a meaningful difference in our community year after year.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Emily Wilkins  
Advocate Supervisor  
CASA of Northwest Arkansas

## Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

The Ladies Tuesday morning Bible class is on a break for the holidays. The class will resume on **January 14th at 9:30am** and will be studying 1 & 2 Timothy. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## Pleasant Valley Ladies Day February 22, 2025 from 9am-2pm

Save the Date! The ladies of the Pleasant Valley congregation in Van Buren are hosting a Ladies Day on Feb 22 from 9am-2pm. The speaker will be Erynn Sprouse, co-creator of "Come Fill Your Cup" on the topic of "Riding the Fence."



Thank you for joining the Mt Comfort Church of Christ in worship today! We're glad you are here.

## OUR SHEPHERDS

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Anthony Spencer	479-238-5187
Kenneth Wilcox	479-422-0673
Keith Winn	406-591-5163

To email a shepherd, please send a message to  
**elders@mountcomfort.org**

## OUR MINISTERS

**Nathan Jorgenson** - Pulpit Minister  
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**Matt Wilson** - Involvement Minister  
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**Glenda Davis LPC, LMFT** - Christian Counselor  
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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
 8:30am to 2:30pm  
**office@mountcomfort.org**

 **Monday - Friday**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
[info@mtcomfortsonshineschool.org](mailto:info@mtcomfortsonshineschool.org)

**479-316-4597**

After school care until 5 pm.

## **Banford House**

**Community Food Pantry**

3281 W Mount Comfort Rd

Open Wednesdays, 9am - 11am

Members anytime by appointment

[banford@mountcomfort.org](mailto:banford@mountcomfort.org)



## **RAZORBACKS FOR CHRIST**

608 N Storer  
 Fayetteville AR 72701  
[www.razorbacksforchrist.com](http://www.razorbacksforchrist.com)

**Sunday**  
 Bible Class 9:00am  
 "Seeing Jesus"  
 Life Group 5:00pm

**Monday**  
 Freshman Dinner & Bible  
 Study 6:30pm

**Tuesday**  
 V-Ball/Ultimate & Devo @  
 Creekside Park 5:00-8:00pm

**Wednesday**  
 Bible Class at MC 6:30pm

**Thursday**  
 Girls and Guys Bible Study  
 7:00pm



If you would like to send your contribution electronically, please scan to be taken to our Give+ Portal.

## 2024 CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

Weekly Contribution	\$31,199.25
Weekly Budget	\$20,667.00
Weekly Average	\$20,596.60
Weekly Children's	\$29.26
YTD Children's	\$2,292.36

<b>Building Expansion Project</b>	
Total Bldg Cost	\$1,649,637 +/-
Remaining Principal	\$66,970.08
Bldg Contributions	\$674,707.80

<b>2023 Records</b>	
Weekly Contribution	\$18,746.11
Weekly Average	\$19,532.61

## 2024 ATTENDANCE RECORDS

**Sunday, December 22**

Bible Class	207
Worship	410

**Wednesday, December 25**

Devo & Bible	No Services
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