

Worship Servants:

This week: 1/22/23

Sermon: Matt Jones
Preside: Don C, David D, John A, Lee S
Opening Prayer: Dylan N
Closing Prayer: James M
Singing AM: Doug M
Singing PM: PRAYER SERVICE

Next week: 1/29/23

Sermon: Matt Jones
Preside: Dylan N, John S, Barry S, Caleb O
Opening Prayer: Scott S
Closing Prayer: Bert S
Singing AM: David D
Singing PM: Justin H

Sermon Notes:



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Service Times

Sunday:

Bible Class 9 AM
Worship 10 AM
Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class 6 PM

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Welcome

VISITORS, we are glad you are joining us today! We pray that you will find our worship service to be reverent and uplifting. If you have any questions about anything you see or hear, please do not hesitate to ask!

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | February 7th 6:30pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | February 11th, 9am
Host -
Teacher -

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | February 14th, 6pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

TEENS IN THE WORD | February 21st, 6pm
At the Jones new home, 2445 Crystal Lake Rd

MEN'S BREAKFAST | January 22nd, 7am
At the building.

GIRLS FOR CHRIST | January 22nd after services

January 27th Singing at Riverchase coC
January 29th 5th Sunday Singing at Cottondale

CHECK BULLETIN BOARD IN FOYER FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

Your Best is NOT Enough...And That's OK

Joe Wells

Recently, while talking with my son about being a disciple of Jesus, he said something during our discussion that struck me and caused me to stop and think.

What did he say?

He expressed the same sentiment I've heard from many people regarding how we will never be "good enough" in our following Jesus. To that point, he is correct; however, that was not the point that caused me to pause and reflect. It wasn't until he stressed that we have to give Jesus our "best" in our walk and trust in the grace of God along the way. Like a car that abruptly breaks, that's when my mind halted.

It caused me to pause because it hit me. This mindset of "giving God my best" has taken hold in the church and society. With our desire to be pleasing to God and bring Him honor and glory, we have adopted a mentality that places the emphasis on us as the disciples.

Us giving God our best...is it possible this premise is incomplete?

Now, don't think I'm suggesting or hinting at the opposite of the statement. I'm not making a case for the extreme opposite of this statement that claims since we can't be good enough, why even try to be and do what God desires? That belief is flat-out wrong and rebellious.

Instead, I'm making the case that when the emphasis in our walk with God is that we do our best, the fulcrum or the hinge of that statement is on us, and that's never where it is supposed to be.

What if, instead of saying we need to give God our best, we say we need to be disciples who surrender every aspect of our lives to Him? In other words, instead of God wanting my best, He wants my total surrender. What might that do in our lives as we follow Jesus?

For starters, it would give us more peace because the emphasis is on what God will do as we surrender instead of what we'll do in our "best." Secondly, it brings clarity to my daily walk. My purpose is simple when surrendering to God is my mindset and life, and it's all about Him. Lastly, my living hope (1 Peter 1:3) becomes much more of a regular anchor and reminder of where I'm going by God's grace. My anchor is firmly rooted when my hope is not in how well I do but entirely in Jesus.

Giving God your best is not bad; however, completely surrendering your will and walk is what He desires.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **AMY SAVAGE** Ruth and Phillip's daughter has pneumonia
- **MICHAEL EDMONDSON**, has a fast spreading cancer, given 12-18 mos. to live.
- **DEVIN SOLIS**. David D's friend, had a heart attack and bypass surgery
- **LYN'D DUNNWOODY** Debbie's Brother in Law's Daughter, has breast cancer
- **MELISSA DEWBERRY** having back problems and will be receiving treatment
- **MIKE BRAMBLETT'S FATHER** is awaiting biopsy results.
- **MR. PRICE** at Brookwood, his wife was put into hospice care
- **NATALIE KIZZIRE** encouragement in her walk with Christ
- **LARRY HARCROW** was in a bad car wreck this and has serious injuries
- **DEBORAH**, friend of Kitty, lost her 2nd husband in 3 years
- **KATIE**, friend of Kitty's daughter, has been having life struggles lately
- **JAMIE KELLEY**, James Hall's daughter, health struggles, is home still needs prayers
- **JAMES HALL** needing prayers and is needing encouragement
- **LANETTE LISHMAN**, Lee Smith's sister, has COVID, still waiting for heart valve surgery
- **HEATHER MELSON**, Stephanie Mills' old coworker, lost her baby before birth.
- **BETTY RAMAYS** brother's son is having problems
- **KOLIS GRANDMOTHER**, Keep her in your prayers
- **MARLOWE CHASON**, Cicero's relative, born prematurely 12/14. Pray she gains weight
- **CADEN HACKNEY**, Cicero's relative, 9 month old who had open heart surgery Nov. 30th
- **SHIRLEY CARTE**, friend of the Daileys, diagnosed with breast cancer
- **RANDY PERKINS**, friend of Ken Ramay, diagnosed with cancer.
- **KENZI SWINDLE** and family she has cancer and is 4 yrs old and want to be home.
- **RUBY MILLIGAN**, Doug's SIL, has T-Cell Lymphoma. Pray for her and Don.

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 88

Worship P.M. 52

Wed P.M.57

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,943.00.

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

