

## Worship Servants:

**This week: 2/5/23**

**Next week: 2/12/23**

Sermon: Matt Jones  
 Preside: Philip E, Danny D  
 McCloud S, Justin H  
 Opening Prayer: Glenn E  
 Closing Prayer: Ken R  
 Singing AM: John S  
 Singing PM: Alex H

Sermon: Matt Jones  
 Preside: Glenn E, Scott S,  
 Bert S, Alex H  
 Opening Prayer: Phillip E  
 Closing Prayer: David D  
 Singing AM: Doug M  
 Singing PM: Bert S

## Sermon Notes:

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# CHURCH of CHRIST

February 5th, 2023

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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 - Jean Cicero  
 Teacher - Courtney Conner

**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** | February 26th, 7am  
 At the building.

**GIRLS FOR CHRIST** | February 26th after services

**1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP STARTS BACK TODAY!!!!**  
**PLEASE COME BACK AT 4 FOR GAMES AND FUN**  
**FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!**

**CHECK BULLETIN BOARD IN FOYER FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!**

## Healer of Sorrow

Tyler King

I suppose tear-filled eyes are an inevitable experience in our journey through this fallen world. As I reflect on my limited and short-lived experience, working through my late 20's, I have frequently found myself losing the battle of holding back the waterworks. Though I argue, when you have Wes Autrey as a father-in-law, Corey Sawyers as a mentor, and Bob Turner as a teacher, my effort for resisting crying is vanity.

Two times in Luke's account of Jesus, we see our Lord console with the words, "don't cry."

1) **In times of loss** (7:13) – As Jesus journeyed through the town of Nain, He looked over and saw a grieving mother walking beside the casket of her only son. When a woman became a widow in this time era, she solely relied on her children to help care for her (they didn't have life insurance back then). Additionally, she is forced into the to experience of grief; something any parent faces when burying a child. She is emotionally lost and economically paralyzed. When Jesus looks at the scene, compassion was His reaction. "Don't cry" were His words to the woman, followed by His working power to restore the child back to life. Luke beautifully notes, "Jesus gave him back to his mother" (same terminology used in 1 Kings 17:23).

2) **In times of hopelessness** (8:52) – To say that Jesus was popular would be an understatement. We read of crowds constantly surrounding the Lord that they may experience His healing in their life. Such was the case for a man named Jairus who came falling at the feet of Jesus, begging Him to heal his 12 year old daughter who was sick. Jesus got caught up en route to the house of Jairus by a woman who had a incurable hemorrhage. After inadvertently healing her, Jesus proceeded to the house where He was greeted with the news, "don't bother the teacher, the girl is dead." We read that "all the people were willing," not just the parents. The Christ instructs, "stop crying, she is not dead but asleep." He would then proceed to bring her back to life and allow her to return to her family.

The lesson is so much more grand than the miraculous act of bringing someone back to life. Rather, the message broadcasts the love, compassion, and intention God has for us. When Jesus told the individuals to stop crying, He didn't leave them in disarray; He wiped away tears with divine power. In a magnificent expectation, we eagerly await the fulfillment of God's promise, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **ODOM'S** moving to Decatur.
- **CHRISTINE ODOM'S SISTER** recovery from surgery
- **ADELYNN**, Cicero's granddaughter, recovery from illness
- **BARBIE AND LEE SMITH** The loss of her Brother and his Sister
- **MEDIA SLOAN** Recovery from surgery and fall
- **CRISTY WORLEYS** Father Michael Dunn passed away
- **GREYSON ROPER** Senior at BHS has kidney failure and pneumonia
- **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
- **NATALIE KIZZIRE** encouragement in her walk with Christ
- **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
- **KOLIS GRANDMOTHER**, Keep her in your prayers
- **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. ... 80  
 Worship P.M. .... 58  
 Wed P.M. ....48

### CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,683.00.

### BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

