

Worship Servants:

This week: 2/19/23

Sermon: Doug M
 Preside: Glenn E, David D
 Lee S, John S
 Opening Prayer: David H
 Closing Prayer: Danny D
 Singing AM: David D
 Singing PM: Justin H

Next week: 2/26/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: Doug M, Dylan N
 Ken R, Justin H
 Opening Prayer: James M
 Closing Prayer: Lee S
 Singing AM: John S
 Singing PM: Alex H

Sermon Notes:



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CHURCH of CHRIST

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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 | March 2nd 6:30pm
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall
 Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | March 11th, 9am
 Host - TBD
 Teacher - TBD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | March 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 | March 5th
 9AM - Bible Class
 10AM - Worship
 3PM - Kids activities
 5PM - Family Singing / Devotional
 6PM - Potluck to follow

CHECK BULLETIN BOARD IN FOYER FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

You Can't Have the Head Without the Body

Kolton Ballance

There's an old dirt road back home called Bragg Road. It has been made popular because it's supposedly haunted by a headless man. It's an 8 mile long road that has no turns on it, but is straight as an arrow. When driving down it at night many have claimed to see an eery floating light in the distance moving down the road. The story is that back in the 1800's there was a train conductor who sped his train way too fast down the 8 mile stretch in order to stay on schedule with deliveries. One particular trip through there was too fast, and he derailed the train and was decapitated. The legend is that he walks up and down Bragg Road with his lantern looking for his head to this day. While this old legend of a headless man walking down the road looking for his head may haunt children, and teens who spend their weekends driving down the ghost road, adults tend to know better. It would be a far stretch for any kind of head to be detached from a body and still be lurking around. Everyone knows that you can't have a head without a body.

While we know that about some ghost story, we tend to forget that when it comes to our Christianity. The Bible often refers to the church as Jesus' body with Jesus being the head (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18,24). While we understand that illustration in principle, I think we tend to forget it in practice. What I see happening in the world around us, and in churches across this country is a trend of people wanting to be connected to Christ (the head) without being a part of the church (the body). People will say things like, "I have my own personal relationship with Jesus, and I don't need the church" (or something to that effect). What this mentality fails to recognize is that you cannot have the head without being a part of the body. Jesus is forever connected to His body (the church). Therefore, if you want to be connected to Jesus, you must be connected to the church!

We have to rid of the idea that we can be connected to Christ without being connected to His body. My challenge to you is to invest deeply in the church. After all it is the ultimate display of God's wisdom (Ephesians 3:10). Remember that you cannot have the head (Jesus) without being a part of the body (the church).

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **NEATA MCDONALD'S** sister in law passed away.
- **CLAYTON JOHNSON**, friend of the Nichol's, bad car wreck. Prayers for recovery.
- **SAM FIELDS**, Kristen Milligan's brother, had a stroke.
- **FAMILY OF JUNE FOUNTAIN**
- **KITTY WALDROP** and her recovery from her surgeries
- Those traveling back from Marriage Retreat
- Kids in schools and the administrators
- **THE HEALTH OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION**
- **BARBIE AND LEE SMITH** The loss of her Brother and his Sister
- **MEDIA SLOAN** Recovery from surgery
- **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.
- **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
- **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. ... 65
 Worship P.M. 50
 Wed P.M.50

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week...\$22,704.00.

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00



Glenn Edwards	2/2
Don Cicero	2/4
Monalisa Harbin	2/7
Juanita Watkins	2/8
Koli Nichols	2/15
Alex Harbin	2/16
Charlie Banks	2/18
Bett Smith	2/19
Barbie Smith	2/19
Donna Dailey	2/20
Ruth Edwards	2/23
Izabella McDonald	2/28