

Worship Servants:

This week: 3/19/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: Don C, David D McCloud, Doug M
 Opening Prayer: David H
 Closing Prayer: Phillip E
 Singing AM: John S
 Singing PM: Alex H

Next week: 3/26/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: David D, James M Phillip E, Bert S
 Opening Prayer: Glenn E
 Closing Prayer: Barry S
 Singing AM: Doug M
 Singing PM: PRAYER SERVICE

Sermon Notes:



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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 | April 4th, 6:30pm
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall
 Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | April 8th, 9am
 Host - TBD
 Teacher - TBD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | April 11th, 6pm
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall
 Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST | March 26th, 7:00am
 At the building.

GIRLS FOR CHRIST | March 26th after services

1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP | April 2nd
 9AM - Bible Class
 10AM - Worship
 3PM - Kids activities
 5PM - Family Singing / Devotional

Service Times

Sunday: Bible Class 9 AM
 Worship 10 AM
 Worship 6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Class 6 PM

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YOU ARE VALUED

TYLER KING

At an estimated \$350M, the Hope Diamond is considered to be one of the most valuable diamonds in the world. I had the opportunity to see this diamond in person when I visited Washington D.C. back in 2017. It was remarkable how stunning and rich in color it was under the illumination of its display case. What was once a fortunate discovery in the 1600s, the 45.52 carat rock turned into a traveling item of varying currency as it exchanged owners numerous times. It wasn't until 1958 when the diamond became official property of the Smithsonian Institution that the Hope Diamond found a permanent dwelling place. This beautiful diamond is a perpetual reminder of how value can be ignored or go unnoticed, causing an exchange of hands to take place; that is, until someone expresses invaluable desirability.

We are subject to the ebb and flow of life, and with that we find ourselves being controlled or owned by various aspects of life. However, once we devote ourselves to God our value becomes transcendent, reaching heights otherwise impossible in human standards. You are not only valued but you are inexpressibly desired by God.

Your value is unique (Ex. 19:5,6) – As the people escaped the burden of the Egyptians through the deliverance of God, the Father expressed His desire to abide with them. He revealed, “you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” As God surveyed the expanse of the world He found His delight in mankind; namely those who were devoted to Him.

Your value is divinely determined (Eph. 1:14) – Paul penning through the guidance of the Spirit states, “you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession.” What can be understood in Ephesians 1 is the mutual inheritance between man and God. Humanity gains a loving, kind, holy, and good God to shepherd over them. At the same time God gains a people as an inheritance for an eternal Eden. God values you so much that He extended a member of the Godhead to identify you as His own.

Your value is transformational (1 Peter 2:9) – in 1 Peter 2:10 the text says, “you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” Peter is speaking in relation to the transformation that took place as God called you into His family from your sinful desires. 2:9 states, “you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s possession.” You are His, and He is yours. This should completely refurbish the idea of life and living in our minds.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **DANNY DAILEY** and the upcoming tests
- **JACK ADKINS** and his upcoming decisions about surgery
- **GLENN LAWRENCE**, Andy caddell’s uncle, in hospital with bad health
- **DAVID HOWARD**, Andy Caddell’s cousin, bad car wreck
- **BILLY GUYTON’S** wife has stage 3 breast cancer
- **LINDA NEWMAN**, Kristy Sloan’s Aunt, having surgery prayers for no cancer
- **CORDIA PHILLIPS**, Ken Ramay’s Aunt, in bad health
- **JERRY FARLEY**, Donna’s Brother in Law, and his recovery from surgery
- **DANNY MILLS** and his recovery
- **KEN & BETTY RAMAY** with his health struggles.
- **REGINA SMITH**, Lee’s cousin, is in need of prayers
- **FAYE CADDELL** is in need of prayers
- **NEATA MCDONALD’S** sister in law passed away.
- **SAM FIELDS**, Kristen Milligan’s brother, had a stroke and is recovering.
- **KITTY WALDROP** and her recovery from her surgeries
- Kids in schools and the administrators
- **MEDIA SLOAN** with all her tests and surgeries
- **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
- **JAMIE KELLEY**, James Hall’s daughter, health struggles, is home still needs prayers
- **JAMES HALL** needing prayers and is needing encouragement
- **RUBY MILLIGAN**, Doug’s SIL, has T-Cell Lymphoma. Pray for her and Don.

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 68
 Worship P.M. 52
 Wed P.M.49

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week...\$2,486.00.

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

