

Worship Servants:

This week: 4/9/23

Next week: 4/16/23

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

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: John S, Bert S
 Kolton S, Scott S
 Opening Prayer: David H
 Closing Prayer: Alex H
 Singing AM: Doug M
 Singing PM: Bert S

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 upliftings If you have any questions about anything you see or hear, please do not hesitate to ask!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY** | May 2nd, 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** | April 18th, 6pm
At the Jones new home, 2445 Crystal Lake Rd
- MEN’S BREAKFAST** | April 23rd, 7:00am
At the building.
- GIRLS FOR CHRIST** | April 23rd after services
- 1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** | May 7th
9AM - Bible Class
10AM - Worship
3PM - Kids activities
5PM - Family Singing / Devotional
- LADIES REVELATION STUDY** | 2nd & 4th Sundays
1PM at the building
Taught by: Helen Mulaparthi

Service Times

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

Wednesday: Bible Class 6 PM

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4 Reasons to Think of the Resurrection

Tyler King

Life after death is a topic that all Christians should think of often. In fact, it is a discussion that all living beings need to engage with regularly in their life in order to live this life in its fullest capacity. A pursuit of materialism is shallow and limited at best, futile at worst. It is the joy of the resurrection that one finds reason to draw nearer to God Himself. Harry Blamires, in his eminent publication, *The Christian Mind*, stated, "Do we as Christian mentally inhabit the world presented to us by faith as the real world?" In other words, have we gotten so pulled down to this earth that we seldom visit the spiritual? The Apostle Paul spoke often of that life to come:

The resurrection is reason to live differently (Rom. 6:5-14) –

In this discussion, Paul highlights how our old body was crucified, just like Jesus'. It is through that crucifixion that a new self begins its walk, living with an expectation of a different world. We are regularly reminded of God's judgement and how that reality bears an incredible obligation on our end to live righteously. However, our means of living godly lives should not cease at fear of judgment. We ought to be people who embrace a new life as a product of having been given a second chance at paradise.

The resurrection is worth investing in (1 Cor. 15:42) –

As Paul logically reasons through the Christian faith and the impact it has on the church, he briefly touches on the topic of the resurrection. He notes that it is the resurrection in which we base all of our livelihood around; that if Christ was never raised from the dead, "We of all people are to be pitied." He walks through that discussion to eventually arrive at the conclusion: "What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable." Jesus revolutionized the standard on which real life has its value. We would be foolish to put our hope in anything or anyone else. Especially self.

The resurrection is capable of encouragement (1 Thess. 4:18) –

As Paul reveals what is to take place at the coming of Christ, he goes into great detail of what that day will look like, sound like, and even feel like. The sight of Jesus descending from the heavens will be a devastating vision for some and a joyous occasion for others. Paul favored the latter of the two options. Moreover, he expressed his desire for the church to talk to each other and encourage each other about these things.

The resurrection is a pursuit to be chased (Phil. 3:11) –

"By any means possible" was the extent that Paul was willing to go in order to make the resurrection his own. What are the entities or desires in your life that you would pursue "by any means possible?" I can only think of a handful. This pursuit of receiving eternal life was chief on the priority list for Paul. In fact, earlier in the letter of Philippians he expressed his dilemma of staying on this earth to work with the Christians or leaving it behind to be with Christ (1:23).

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **DAILEY FAMILY** will be traveling back from Oklahoma
- **GLENN MILLIGAN**, Doug's brother, is home from the hospital.
- **SAMUEL RAY MCPHERSON**, coach Bramblett's Father in Law passed away
- **BETTY SUE BLACKWELL** recovery from surgery
- **KEN & BETTY RAMAY** with his health struggles.
- **MR. SNELLER PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR HIS BROTHER BEING IN REMISSION**
- **DANNY DAILEY** and the upcoming tests
- **BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER** and all of health issues
- **TAMMY TOXEY**, Becky's neighbor has breast cancer
- **JACK ADKINS** and his upcoming decisions about surgery
- **GLENN LAWRENCE**, Andy caddell's uncle, with bad health
- **DAVID HOWARD**, Andy Caddell's cousin, bad car wreck
- **BILLY GUYTON'S** wife has stage 3 breast cancer
- **CORDIA PHILLIPS**, Ken Ramay's Aunt, in bad health
- **JERRY FARLEY**, Donna's Brother in Law, and his recovery from surgery
- **FAYE CADDELL** is in need of prayers
- **MEDIA SLOAN** with all her tests and surgeries
- **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. ... 82
 Worship P.M. 60
 Wed P.M.51

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week...\$3,980.00.

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

Naomi Mills	4/2
Nate Mills	4/3
Myles Banks	4/4
Kristy Sloan	4/11
Scott Sloan	4/15
Kolton Sloan	4/18
Briana Odom	4/19
Christine Odom	4/20
McCord Sloan	4/21
Kayla Banks	4/22
Tim Banks	4/28