

Worship Servants:

This week: 5/28/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: James M, Danny D
 Matt S, Alex H
 Opening Prayer: Ken R
 Closing Prayer: David D
 Singing AM: David D
 Singing PM: Prayer Service

Next week: 6/4/23

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

Sermon Notes:



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CHURCH of CHRIST

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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SATURDAY SISTERS | June 10th, 9am
 Host - TBD
 Teacher - TBD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | June 13th, 6pm
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall
 Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

TEENS IN THE WORD | June 20th, 6pm
 At the Jones House

MEN'S BREAKFAST | June 25 @ 7:45am
 At the building.

1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP | June 4th
 9AM - Bible Class
 10AM - Worship
 3PM - Kids activities
 5PM - Family Singing / Devotional

GIRLS FOR CHRIST | May 28th after services

LADIES REVELATION STUDY | 2nd & 4th Sundays
 1PM at the building
 Taught by: Helen Mulparthi

Check the bulletin in the foyer for more announcements and upcoming events.

Service Times

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

Wednesday: Bible Class 6 PM

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Be Part of Something Bigger

Tyler King

8 years ago this month, I made the decision to leave my career in welding and pursue ministry. What I often don't tell people is the sleepless nights and restless days I spent wondering "what did I just do in quitting my job." I was leaving a field that I was skilled in, a job I was comfortable in, and a future that I was confident in. As a neophyte concerning all things ministry (and still am), I was allowing the worries of a former life forfeit the blessings that were right in front of me. It wasn't until I let go of those thoughts that I learned to embrace the church.

My admonition is not for you to quit your job and pursue ministry full-time. Rather, it is an uncompromising exhortation for you to find your home in the church and allow the body of Christ to encompass you. This invitation is one that is universal no matter your age, experience, or background. Note how Paul describes the church in Ephesians 2:19-22

The church is:

Developed and invested in by the prophets and apostles – the church was not an afterthought of God; it is the intent of God. Everything you read in the Old Testament points toward the manifestation of Christ's church. We are not confined to a time or a building. The church is a kingdom that will puncture the fabric of time and permeate the landscape of eternity.

Centered around Christ – you won't find futility when it comes to investing yourself that has Christ as the center. While the people of the church can fail you, leave you abandoned and disappointed, the plan of the church is superior to any wrong that anyone does against you; or you to someone else. It is in the body that we find a Savior who proclaims forgiveness and grace, hope and expectation, awe and power. When people fail, we look to the Christ. When people succeed, we look to the Christ. Quality of life is often subject to the hierarchy of leadership (families, jobs, government), yet when Christ is the ultimate authority, a blessed life can be sure.

A Temple of God – Jesus stated, "destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it." The writer, John, adds that the Lord was not speaking of a physical building but of His body. A temple served to be a structure where one could find deity. Having a temple or a sanctuary was a commonality between the Jews and pagan nations, which meant everyone understood the gravity in which Paul spoke of the church being a temple. The church is where one goes to see deity, and a place for God's Spirit to reside.

This is just one small window into how an apostle perceived the church. For a greater study, embark on a journey through the book of Acts, read of Jesus' desire in John 17, read other letters written to the various churches. I can't stress the importance and the value of finding your home in the church. Far too many people take flight after the last "amen" of a church assembly to go sit in solitude in their vehicles. Too many people retreat themselves to their houses 6 days of the week without reaching out through text, phone, email, or even in-person visits. Paul considered the church to be the "eternal purpose of God." Who are we to relabel it as a temporal, 2 hour expedition from our house?

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **DAILEY FAMILY** as they make preparations to move to Oklahoma
- **BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER** and all of health issues
- **JACK ADKINS** prayers for the blood clotting and his recovery
- **EDEN SHEPHERD**, 3 years old, passed away
- **MEDIA SLOAN** and back troubles
- **OUR SENIORS** and their future plans
- **AUDREY TIDWELL** and her road to recovery
- **ANDY CADDELL** and his road to recovery
- **BRIAN SIDES** is recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Congrats to Tim and Kayla Banks** on the birth of their baby girl "Violet Joanie Rose"
- **KEN AND BETTY RAMAY** and health struggles
- **JACK ADKINS** is having surgery May 24.
- **ZACHARY DAVIS**, friend of Juanita, has had hospice called in.
- **FAMILY OF MICHAEL EDMENDSON** he passed away April 11th
- **JENNIFER**, Kayla Banks' friend, is needing prayers for her baby
- **MARIE STRAIN** in hospital for blood clots in her lungs
- **MISSION WORK IN INDIA**
- **LYN'D DUNNWOODY** Debbie's Brother in Law's Daughter, has breast cancer
- **JAMES HALL** needing prayers and is needing encouragement.

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 90
Worship P.M. 45
Wed P.M.43

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,796.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

