

Worship Servants:

This week: 6/4/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: Lee S, Alex H
 Doug M, Dylan N
 Opening Prayer: David D
 Closing Prayer: Phillip E
 Singing AM: John S
 Singing PM: 1st SUNDAY

Next week: 6/11/23

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

Sermon Notes:

Basic Christian Teachings

SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

You and your family are invited to join us each Sunday at 10AM at the Mercedes Drive Church of Christ. The sermons cover some of the fundamental building blocks of the Christian Faith, and are also some of the most hotly debated topics amongst religious groups. Join us this summer as we get back to the basics!

June

Am I Devoted or Distracted?
 SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

Are Denominations "OK" With God?
 SUNDAY JUNE 11TH

Can You Lose Your Salvation?
 SUNDAY JUNE 18TH

How Do I Become a Member?
 SUNDAY JUNE 25TH

July

Salvation by Faith or by Works?
 SUNDAY JULY 2ND

Can Women Lead In Worship?
 SUNDAY JULY 9TH

Church Leadership: Bishops? Priests? Presidents? Synods?
 SUNDAY JULY 16TH

Does God Still Talk To Us Today?
 SUNDAY JULY 23RD

What Is "Worship"?
 SUNDAY JULY 30RD

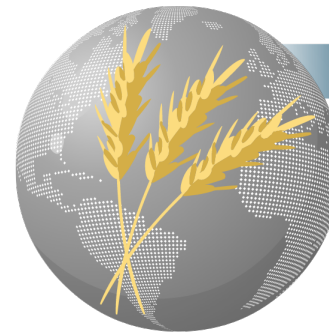
August

Instrumental Or Acapella: What Does God Desire?
 SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH

How Often Should We Take The Lord's Supper?
 SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH

Should We Tithe?
 SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH

Do I Really Need To Go To Church?
 SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH



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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 Mulaparthi

Service Times

Sunday:

Bible Class 9 AM
 Worship 10 AM
 Worship 6 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class 6 PM

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

THE GOOD DAYS...Where are they?

Tyler King

Many can think of a time in their life they would consider to be the “good days.” For most, the good days are likely when they were at the top of their fitness or the peak of their academics. For others, it is probably times that involved simpler lifestyles and more relaxed atmospheres. The present is seldom regarded as the good days, while the past can often flood the memory with wonderful realities. When looking at the timeline of humanity, we are reminded that we are currently living in the best time available because of our accessible relationship with God.

God spoke through Jeremiah, “The days are coming, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel, and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant though I was a husband to them.” Later on in the New Testament, the Hebrew writer eloquently analyzes this very text and conveys the truth of these great days. We are living in the days of the new covenant and we ought to consider that a blessing for three reasons:

These are good days because of a better covenant (Jer. 31:31-32)

The first covenant could not cleanse the conscience (Heb. 9:9). The weight of sin was constantly burdening the minds of those who tried to keep the law. Moreover, we now have the most perfect High Priest who is able to stand between us and God’s wrath (Heb. 9:11). It was through Christ that we have secured redemption and inheritance (Heb. 9:12, 15).

These are the good days because of a better knowledge (Jer. 31:33-34a)

God told the people “I will put my law in their minds and write in on their hearts... They will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest” (Jer 31:33, 34). We are reminded by the Hebrew writer that we are to have soft hearts, not rebellious ones (Heb. 3:8). It is a soft heart that can be molded and shaped by the potter, but the hard hearts that break and shatter with any degree of effort. Because of Christ’s blood, our hearts can be cleansed and ready to be offered before God to allow Him to make us greater (Heb. 10:22).

These are the good days because of a better life (Jer. 31:34b)

When looking back at the old covenant, one can recognize how difficult every day life was. Consider the constant sacrifices, the relentless guilt, the ritualistic tasks, the unending burden of religious leaders, and the bombardment of hatred from foreign nations. The new covenant provides a better life through God’s mercy (Heb. 9:15) and God’s forgiveness (Heb. 9:22). Gone are the days where we have to remind ourselves of our guilt. If we are faithful to Him, He remains faithful to us. It is a life of peace, joy, hope, assurance, and thanksgiving. There is no better life than that of a Christian, and there is no better day to embrace than the one in the present. God comforts the people, “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **FAMILY OF JOHN TAYLOR**, Stephanie Mill’s coworker, he passed away this week
- **LEE SMITH** while he is in Florida helping Barbie’s dad
- **KENZI SWINDLE**, 6 years old, is fighting cancer and broke her leg
- **KEN AND BETTY RAMAY** and health struggles
- **ODOM FAMILY** and their new transition to Athens.
- **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** had her second nerve block and she is feeling better
- **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”
- **JACK ADKINS** is having surgery May 24.
- **ZACHARY DAVIS**, friend of Juanita, has had hospice called in.
- **JENNIFER**, Kayla Banks’ friend, is needing prayers for her baby
- **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. ... 64
 Worship P.M. 38
 Wed P.M.49

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,084.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

James Hall	6/1
Jean Cicero	6/10
Jimmy Jones	6/12
Chloe Caddell	6/21
Thatcher Rottenberry	6/27
Roger Mills	6/28
Dylan Nichols	6/28
Betty Ramay	6/29