

## Worship Servants:

**This 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

**Next week: 6/18/23**

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

## Sermon Notes:

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# CHURCH of CHRIST

June 11, 2023

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## Welcome

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** | July 4th, 6:30pm  
 MDCOC Fellowship Hall  
 Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

**SATURDAY SISTERS** | July 8th, 9am  
 Host - TBD  
 Teacher - Courtney Conner

**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

### Elders

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John Sloan  
 James McDonald

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# Where Can I Find Comfort?

Tyler King

If you've driven I-40 through Little Rock, you know how monstrous the potholes are. If you haven't driven I-40 in AR, just imagine someone accidentally detonated 500lbs of dynamite in the middle of a highway and you'd have an fairly accurate depiction. In fact, I have been on roads in third world countries that were in better shape than that stretch of highway. I remember one time in particular I was driving a rental car through the city. This specific rental had a myriad of issues attached to it, one of them being a sensitive radio volume knob. While fiddling with the radio, I took my eyes off the road for two seconds and ended up drilling one of the largest potholes on the road (maybe even in the world). As the car absorbed the impact, every single light on the dash illuminated like the Rockefeller tree, the windshield wipers started swiping, and I remember looking out my passenger window to see a hubcap rolling off into the sunset.

Sometimes in an effort to "fix" a small situation, we end up causing a larger problem. It would have been better for me to temporarily deal with an overly sensitive radio knob until I was parked somewhere. Instead, I opted to distract myself from the unknowns of the Little Rock freeway. When we move from a state of focusing on the spiritual to a state of being physically indulged, our problems start to spiral out of our grasp; causing a spectacular display of absolute chaos. Only God can silence such a storm.

Notice the text of 2 Corinthians 1 and the encouragement Paul gives the church to embrace the comfort of God:

**Comfort comes from relying on God (1:9)** – Paul states that the discomfort they experienced was an opportunity for them to unplug from themselves and fully anticipate the power of God. It's not that Paul and the other disciples stopped living or stopped their pursuits, but that they simply allowed God to resume His role as God.

**Comfort comes from hope in God (1:10)** – Hope is a beautiful word, especially to a Christian. For it is in hope that individuals look forward to tomorrow; whatever that might entail. The language used in 2 Cor. 1:10 is the intentional placement of hope "we have placed our hope on God" – where is your hope? Are you still holding on to it and trying to shape it? Perhaps it is time to set it on God.

**Comfort comes from prayer to God (1:11)** – if there is one area in my Christianity I wish I was better at, it's prayer. I am confident that the remedy to discomfort is a constant communion with our Maker, our Sustainer, and our Deliverer. It's interesting that Jesus instructed His followers would "pray at all times so as to not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). The opposite is just as true, in that we begin losing heart if we keep prayer as a inconsistent practice. Pray more, and you will find weights being lifted.

When something comes up that needs your attention, wait until you can find a time to pull over, look to God, and press forward.

# WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **KEN AND BETTY RAMAY** and health struggles
- **FAMILY OF JOHN TAYLOR**, Stephanie Mill's coworker, he passed away this week
- **ZEKE**, Barbie's dad, and his health struggles.
- **KENZI SWINDLE**, 6 years old, is fighting cancer and broke her leg
- **ODOM FAMILY** and their new transition to Athens. (16557 Zehner Rd Athens, AL 35611)
- **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"
- **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. ... 77  
Worship P.M. .... 55  
Wed P.M. ....38

## CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$3,528.05  
**BUDGET**  
Weekly.....\$3,000.00

