

Worship Servants:

This 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

Next week: 6/25/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: James M, Don C,
Matt S, Justin H
Opening Prayer: David H
Closing Prayer: Barry S
Singing AM: David D
Singing PM: Prayer Night

Special Announcement



SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

4:00pm NACCH Update
5:00pm Worship Service
Don Williams, Guest Speaker

Fellowship Meal to follow Worship Service
Bring your own seating



Northridge Park
Buddy Powell Pavilion
4205 Northridge Rd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

**WE ARE TO BRING A
SIDE / DESSERT**



MERCEDES DRIVE

CHURCH of CHRIST

June 18, 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 | July 11th, 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 | will be canceled for this
month, we will be at camp

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

**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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A GOOD Night's Sleep

Cory Waddell

I have been in fulltime ministry for close to twenty years. In that time, I've had my share of long, sleepless nights. The reasons vary like flavors of ice cream at Baskin Robbins. At times the sleeplessness came from concern for loved ones being ill or maybe even on the verge of death. Flared tempers from disagreements have left me wondering, "What's going to happen next." There have been times when ongoing theological disagreements kept me awake as I worried about what the next email would say and how would I respond. Regardless of the circumstance, these sleepless nights tended to have one major thing in common. They were fueled by a level of anxiety that was hard to shake.

David seems to have had a lot of anxieties in his life as well. The Psalms are filled with lines that speak of his distress from enemies, sin, or some other adversary. For example, in *Psalm 3*, he begins, "O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me, many are saying of my soul, 'There is no salvation for him in God.'" With words like these, I can envision the man of God having a few sleepless nights of his own. Yet, David found solace to sleep the night away.

"I lay down and slept; I woke again...I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around" (Psalm 3:5-6). Where does this comfort come from? How is this troubled leader able to find the good night's sleep? It comes from the confidence he has in God to protect in the troubled times.

In vv. 3-4, David writes, "But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill."

Comforting sleep comes when a soul knows that he/she is safe from harm. Our minds can be at ease from the confidence that no real danger can arise while we are disconnected from the conscious world. David knew that God would cover (shield), elevate (glory), and comfort (lift his head) him in midst of his anxieties.

Our anxieties may not be "thousands of people who have set themselves against me," but they are no less troubling. The harm we fear may be the pain of loss, the damaging of our reputation, or perhaps the stress of verbal attacks on our faith. However, we can still find solace in God being our shield, glory, and lifter. Like David, he will see us through the trials and elevate us in due time.

Tonight, when your head hits the pillow, if something is making your heart hurt, take a few minutes and meditate on Psalm 3. Lift your pain to the God of heaven who saw David through long nights, and he will do the same for you. No matter what's happening, you can have a good night's sleep.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **WILKEY FAMILY** and the lost of Lisa's mother.
- **BRENDA**, friend of Koli, and her health issues
- **A lady** was baptized in Greensboro, AL last Tuesday
- **PETER BURNELL**, Ralph's Borthor, has liver cancer
- **ARIEL BRANHAM**, Ralph Burnell's daughter, has a serious eye issue
- **JACK ADKINS** and his recovery from surgery
- **FAMILY OF JOHN TAYLOR**, Stephanie Mill's coworker, he passed away this week
- **THE SMITH FAMILY** and **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
- **ANDY CADDELL** and his road to recovery
- Congrats to Tim and Kayla Banks on the birth of their baby girl "Violet Joanie Rose"
- **MISSION WORK IN INDIA**
- **LYN'D DUNNWOODY** Debbie's Brother in Law's Daughter, has breast cancer

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 70
 Worship P.M. 40
 Wed P.M.NA

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$1,665.00
BUDGET
 Weekly.....\$3,000.00

