

Worship Servants:

This week: 7/2/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Lee S, Alex H
Doug M, Dylan N
Opening Prayer: Danny D
Closing Prayer: Ken R
Singing AM: Doug M
Singing PM: Area Wide

Next week: 7/9/23

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

Special Announcement



SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

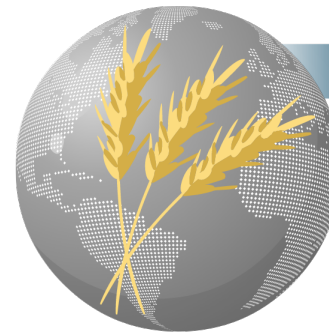
4:00pm NACCH Update
5:00pm Worship Service
Don Williams, Guest Speaker

Fellowship Meal to follow Worship Service
Bring your own seating



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

- Bring a chair
- Bring a side
- Bring a smile



MERCEDES DRIVE

CHURCH of CHRIST

July 2, 2023

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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | July 13th, 6:30pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | July 15th, 9am
Host - Jean Ciceros
Teacher - Courtney Conner

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | July 11th, 6pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

TEENS IN THE WORD | July 18th, 6pm
At the Jones House

MEN'S BREAKFAST | July 23rd @ 7:45am
At the building.

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 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.

Camp Tired

Brian Ketchem

This week I was blessed to spend four days directing a pre-teen camp in Duffield, VA. Yesterday was the last day, and today I am attempting to recover from a wild week. My muscles ache, I am sleep deprived, and my voice is all but gone. Anyone who has been away at Bible camp for very long knows exactly what I am talking about. I am "camp tired."

"Camp tired" is different than "normal tired." In one sense, it is a matter of degree. I am more tired from camp than I am on most other days. In another sense, it is a different feeling altogether. "Camp tired" brings about a clarity and perspective that can only come from being around 85 8-12 year-olds for four days. Here are some lessons that they taught me.

The Christian life should be fun. I know that Bible camp is specifically designed to be fun for these kids, but we are also serious about our study time and emulating the character of Christ. As we grow into teens and eventually adults, we forget that God's blessings are for enjoyment. We are so focused on negativity and rule-keeping we fail to make friends, spread joy, and have fun living a life for God.

We need to spend time with God's people. Between counselors, teachers, campers, and staff, we were pushing 130 people at camp this week. We talked bible, encouraged one another, and learned how to be better for God. When did you last spend four consecutive days with only God's people as an adult?

We must follow the command to become like little children (Matt 18:1-3). My week was fantastic! I learned so much about being a servant, taking correction, and honestly approaching God's word. The campers we had took on a Christ-like attitude that is, frankly, rare in a world full of adults.

"Camp tired" is a feeling I wouldn't trade for anything. My body is tired (and maybe a little broken), but my soul is refreshed. Hopefully, I have been able to share the blessings of my week with you, and you are inspired to take on the character of these outstanding children this week.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **THOSE TRAVELING TO OKLAHOMA**
- **MARK AND SHANA**, members at Central, they were in bad car wreck
- **TIM NOLAN**, member at Hillcrest, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **CONGRATULATIONS BRAXTON!** He put on Christ in Baptism June 30, 2023
- **DAILEY FAMILY** as they make preparations to move to Oklahoma
- **DON CICERO** and his recovery from surgery
- **WILKEY FAMILY** and the lost of Lisa's mother.
- **BRENDA**, friend of Koli, and her health struggles (procedure went well)
- **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.
- **BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER** and all of health issues
- **JACK ADKINS** prayers for the blood clotting and his recovery
- **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. ... 80
 Worship P.M. na
 Wed P.M.na

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,895.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

