

Worship Servants:

This week: 7/30/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Lee S, David H
Doug M, Dylan N
Opening Prayer: David H
Closing Prayer: Scott S
Singing AM: John S
Singing PM: 5th Sunday Singing

Next week: 8/6/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: James M, Barry S
Scott S, Braxton M
Opening Prayer: Danny D
Closing Prayer: Ken R.
Singing AM: Alex H
Singing PM: Prayer Evening

Special Announcement

East Tuscaloosa Area Wide
5th Sunday Fellowship

Cottondale East Pointe Hillcrest Mercedes Drive

Sunday
July 30, 2023
5:00pm

PROGRAM LOCATION:
17303 Highway 11 N
Vance, AL 35490

PROGRAM LED BY:
Mercedes Drive Congregation

**WE ARE PROVIDING TACOS AND THE
TOPPINGS THAT GO WITH TACOS. PLEASE,
GET WITH HEATHER / BETHANY ON WHAT
TO BRING.**



MERCEDES DRIVE

CHURCH of CHRIST

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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | August 1st, 6:30pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | August 12, 9am
Host -
Teacher -

1st Sunday Fellowship | August 6th
Regular Morning Services

3pm - Teens/kids activities at building

5pm - Devotional / Singing

6pm - Fellowship meal

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | August 8th, 6pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

TEENS IN THE WORD | August 15th, 7pm
At The Nichols' house

MEN'S BREAKFAST | August 27th @ 7:45am
At the building.

GIRLS FOR CHRIST | will be canceled for this month

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

**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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How Far Will A "Thank You" Go?

Tyler King

One of the simplest actions a Christian can do is express a motion of gratitude. It doesn't cost anything other than being selfless and can often be a moment that is remembered. Yet it is an effort that we often overlook, and can collectively improve upon as the body of Christ. Consider very briefly how and why Paul was thankful in his letter to the Colossian community. Though, I'd encourage you to look in the scriptures at the other instances "thankfulness" is brought up (It's a big theme)!

Paul was...

Thankful for individuals (Colossians 1:3) / and often specific of which individuals

Thankful for the salvation revealed to the world (Colossians 1:12)

Thankful for peace of Christ (Colossians 3:15)

Thankful for the Word of Christ which leads to teaching, admonishing, and songs (Colossians 3:16)

Thankful for the ability to work (Colossians 3:17)

Even when you look at pivotal moments in the life of Jesus, He was seen giving thanks on numerous occasions. He gave thanks for the seven loaves and the fish (Matthew 15:36). He gave thanks at the last supper, knowing that it was the last meal He'd share with His inner circle (Matthew 26:27). He gave thanks at the raising of Lazarus (John 11:41). Not only is giving thanks a good thing to do, it is a phenomenal way to emulate our Lord.

If you're not good at saying "thank you;" get better. A motion of gratitude can reach beyond the boundaries of this life and touch the landscape of eternity. I have had the absolute privilege of being around families and individuals who, seemingly, their spiritual gift was thanksgiving. Whenever I got a "thank you" card or text, it was always personal and specific. They didn't just pass along a canned "thanks." They would extrapolate on particular areas they were thankful for. It takes work, selflessness, and Christ-likeness to be genuine in thanksgiving. Not only that, but it also takes diligent watchfulness to see the people who could use a good encouragement in what they are doing (whether its for the church or part of their job). When you are grateful, you suppress your own achievements or burdens momentarily to celebrate the victories of others. Be part of someone else's joy and make your words to be the catalyst of a deeper friendship. Moreover, allow yourself to share in a divine attribute.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- NEATA MCDONALD is praying to find answers to health struggles
- LEANZA FOWLER, Hal's daughter, has been struggling with seizures
- STEEN HALL, Friend of Jay, bad motorcycle accident
- TODD TEAL, Doug's niece's husband, had stint put in and is recovering.
- RONNIE HOWARD and his recovery from open heart surgery
- MELISSA DEWBERRY, Ramay's Daughter, her recovery from foot surgery
- KIMBRO FAMILY in Oklahoma with loss of 11yr old daughter
- KEN RAMAY and all of his health struggles (thankful for new plan)
- TODD PIERCE, Jay's neighbor, recovery from Knee surgery
- JESS, Ruth Edward's DIL, her recovery from car accident
- TAMMI JONES with her broken arm.
- Peace and Comfort for Jack Adkins and Family
- MARK AND SHANA, members at Central, they were in bad car wreck
- TIM NOLAN, member at Hillcrest, and his health struggles
- DAILEY FAMILY as they make preparations to move to Oklahoma
- DON CICERO and his recovery from surgery (doing better)
- WILKEY FAMILY and the lost of Lisa's mother.
- BRENDA, friend of Koli, is doing better
- KENZI SWINDLE, 6 years old, is fighting cancer and broke her leg
- KEN AND BETTY RAMAY and health struggles (Good news about Ken)
- BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER and all of health issues
- ANDY CADDELL and his road to recovery

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 71
 Worship P.M. 37
 Wed P.M.37

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,360.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

