

Worship Servants:

This week: 8/27/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: John S, McCloud,
Scott S, Dalton S
Opening Prayer: Glenn E
Closing Prayer: Barry S
Singing AM: Alex H
Singing PM: Prayer Night

Next week: 9/3/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Barry S, James M
David H, Braxton
Opening Prayer: Lee S
Closing Prayer: John A
Singing AM: John S
Singing PM: 1st Sunday

Sermon Notes



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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | September 5th, 6:30pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | September 9th, 9am
Host -
Teacher -

1st Sunday Fellowship | September 3rd
Regular Morning Services
3pm - Teens/kids activities at building
5pm - Devotional / Singing
6pm - Fellowship meal

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | September 12th, 6pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

TEENS IN THE WORD | September 19th, 7pm

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

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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Look Good, Feel Better

Tyler King

The phrase, “look good, feel better” is widely known among individuals and has roots back to a charitable program that partnered with the American Cancer Society. Since its initial origin in 1989, the phrase has been used in a number of different settings. The company originally set out to provide cosmetic care for those going through cancer treatments but the popular slogan quickly became utilized as a common phrase. The principle is self-explanatory; when you are dressed well you hold yourself to a higher standard.

Solomon, in writing to his son, penned, “Listen, my son, your father’s instruction/ discipline, and don’t abandon your mother’s teaching, for they are graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck” (Proverbs 1:8,9). One of the most beautiful articles of clothing an individual could ever wear is the timeless fabric of experienced and tested wisdom. Perhaps we don’t view “teaching” or “instruction” as something that we metaphorically “put on” but that is the vocabulary used in the early verses of Proverbs.

If one seeks to find success, happiness, and wisdom, then it is imperative for them to remain open to the sage of those who have experienced more “life” than themselves. The context that comes before and after verses 8 and 9 further supplement how beautiful it is for one to seek instruction and teaching. Verse 7 confirms, “fools despise wisdom and instruction/discipline” while verses 10 and following speak of those who are ugly in their morality and futile in their wickedness. By putting on discipline and instruction we find ourselves more adorned than the wicked and not willing to compromise our standards to revel in such erroneous lifestyles.

Lastly, take care of your discipline and teaching. When we have articles of clothing that climb the rank of becoming one of our favorite things to wear, we try to take care of them. Do the same with the wisdom you’ve been taught. Solomon strictly charged his son not to “abandon” his mother’s teaching. Don’t throw wisdom away, don’t leave it to be trampled on by others, but rather, wear it as the valued possession it is. As the phrase, “look good, feel better” got its origin through a company seeking to help the sick feel better, we too find ourselves in a similar situation; sick with temptations and sin, but given a gift of feeling and doing better.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- TOM NOLAN and his health
- APRIL HOWTON, friend of Bethany, was diagnosed with Breast cancer
- Dailey’s will be traveling and moving
- Friend of Regina Hunt is in bad health and homeless in Jacksonville, FL
- RHONDA HOLISTER is a member at Central and was diagnosed with cancer
- REACH FAMILY with recent losses of Olaree and Commodore.
- TAYAH EDWARDS, Jojo’s friend, all healthy and doing well.
- SHIRLENE CARGILE, friend of Barry, her cancer has come back
- JESS, Ruth Edward’s DIL, her recovery from back surgery
- 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
- KEN RAMAY and all of his health struggles (thankful for new plan)
- TODD PIERCE, Jay’s neighbor, recovery from Knee surgery
- Peace and Comfort for Jack Adkins and Family
- 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. ... 58
 Worship P.M. 44
 Wed P.M.50

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,797.23

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00



Regina Hunt	8/1
Caleb Odom	8/14
Denise Mears	8/17
John Adams	8/17
Josie Jones	8/18
Jarrod Kersey	8/21
Yvonne Cicero	8/21
Ellye Nichols	8/23
Janie Nichols	8/23
Phillip Edwards	8/31