

Worship Servants:

This week: 9/10/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Danny D, Don C, Sandy M, Bert S
Opening Prayer: James M
Closing Prayer: John S
Singing AM: Doug M
Singing PM: Bert S

Next week: 9/17/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Dylan N, Doug M, Sandy M, Bert S
Opening Prayer: Danny D
Closing Prayer: Ken R
Singing AM: Alex H
Singing PM: Justin H

Sermon Notes



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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | October 3rd, 6:30pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | October 14th, 9am
Host - Monalisa
Teacher -

1st Sunday Fellowship | October 1st
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 | September 24th @ 7:45am
At the building.

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

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 to Keep the Temporal From Blurring Out the Eternal

Tyler King

“As a thinking being, the modern Christian has succumbed to secularization. He accepts religion – its morality, its worship, its spiritual culture; but he rejects the religious view of life, the view which sets all earthly issues within the context of the eternal...” This is one of the opening statements Harry Blamires makes in his book, *The Christian Mind*, written in 1963. I find it interesting to walk back in time a few decades and to discover common denominators in our cultures. I believe we are still facing a spiritual crisis by not fully embracing the “Christian Mind.” We continue to allow the temporal world to blur our vision of the eternal landscape.

If you’re like me, it’s frustrating whenever something blocks my vision – an array of splattered bugs on my windshield, smudges on my glasses, or finger prints on my computer screen. There are not many things in life that I keep tidy, but those are at the top of the list. Yet sometimes I feel as if I allow different aspects of this life to block my view of eternity.

The prophet Ezekiel saw many sights that changed his life forever, but one of the most dramatic experiences was the vision of the future temple. Ezekiel chapter 40 starts the last section in the book and encourages the audience that God’s presence would return. The man assigned to show Ezekiel this vision told the prophet, “look with your eyes, hear with your ears, and set your heart upon all that I will show you” (Ezekiel 40:4).

At this point in his life, there wasn’t a single thing that could distract Ezekiel from the sight of God’s new temple. Tyrannical governments, wicked cultures, and artificial religious leaders stood no chance in luring Ezekiel in; for he was absolutely fixated on the heavenly sight.

While Ezekiel’s circumstance was rather different than ours, I’d suggest the imperative he was given can still be applied. Look, hear, and set your heart on the things of heaven. Look at how God and His people are working in your life. Listen for sounds such as praises, thanksgivings, prayers, and outbursts of joy that lead back to God. Set your heart on God’s presence in knowing that He is active and living. To Blamires’ point, we must be intentional about being people who adopt a Christian Mind. While there are so many channels and stations that pull us from the broadcast of God, know that at any point you can pause and find Him.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **MARLOWE CHASON**, Mrs. Jean’s brother great-grandchild, is a premie baby.
- **RICK HAYES**, friend of Doug Milligan, has medical issue and in need of prayers.
- **SHANE ACKER’S DAD** is in ICU on a ventilator
- **SIBLING OF DONNA DAILEY’S** grandchild has been diagnosed with kidney cancer
- **CAROL MARCHANT** awaiting test results about cancers
- **Barbie’s dad** is sick and awaiting test results.
- **KEN AND BETTY RAMAY** and health struggles (He is bleeding again)
- **MCDONALD** family and their battle with COVID
- **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 - CHECK
- **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
- **TODD TEAL**, Doug’s niece’s husband, had stint put in and is recovering.
- **RONNIE HOWARD** and his recovery from open heart surgery
- **KENZI SWINDLE**, 6 years old, is fighting cancer and broke her leg
- **BARBIE SMITH’S FATHER** and all of health issues

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 76
Worship P.M. 48
Wed P.M.36

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$4,352.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

