

Worship Servants:

This week: 10/29/23

Next week: 11/5/23

Sermon:	Matt J	Sermon:	Matt J
Preside:	Dylan N, Doug M Justin H, Matt S	Preside:	David H, Alex H Justin H, Don C
Opening Prayer:	David H	Opening Prayer:	Danny D
Closing Prayer:	Glenn E	Closing Prayer:	Ken R
Singing AM:	Alex H	Singing AM:	John S
Singing PM:	5th Sunday Singing	Singing PM:	1st Sunday

Sermon Notes



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CHURCH of CHRIST

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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | November 7, 6:30pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | November 11, 9am
Host -
Teacher -

1st Sunday Fellowship | Nov. 5 (last one)
Regular Morning Services

3pm - Teens/kids activities at building

5pm - Devotional / Singing

6pm - Fellowship meal

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | November 14th, 6pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the second Tuesday.

5th Sunday Singing | October 29th

5pm - singing

6pm - Potluck meal

TEENS IN THE WORD | November 16th, 7pm
Dylan and Koli's House

MEN'S BREAKFAST | November 26 @ 7:45am
At the building.

Check the bulletin in the foyer for more announcements and upcoming events.

Service Times

Sunday: **Wednesday:**

Bible Class 9 AM

Bible Class 6 PM

Worship 10 AM

Worship 6 PM

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Don't Under Estimate Your Opponent

Matt Jones

We probably all grew up rooting for the underdog. Whenever we watched a sports game or the Olympics, we always wanted the lower seed team to win. In March every year, we have "March Madness" and what a madness it is. Everyone fills out their bracket, and usually, everyone picks an underdog to have a Cinderella story.

This article's focus is not on the underdog, but rather what happened to the higher-ranked team. This article is not going to talk about the David versus Goliath upset, which wasn't an upset at all, but rather the defeat of the Israelite army by the little town of Ai.

Let's get caught up with what happened to Israel at this point. The Israelite people have just crossed the Jordan River after conquering all the nations east of the Jordan. They have just destroyed Jericho and are headed to the city of Ai. In chapter 7:2-5, we read of an upset that could have been prevented. Joshua sends out three thousand men to take down this small town whose people are few. Joshua didn't go to God to ask Him for His battle plan; instead, Joshua thought he could pull this win off without God. HUGE MISTAKE. Ai pulled a huge upset and defeated the army of Israel and killed 36 men. The mistake was they did not go to God.

As Christians, do we let the underdog Satan have a Cinderella story in our game of life? Did Satan upset the Apostle Judas? Did Satan upset King David, a man after God's own heart? How can we prepare ourselves to be ready against Satan? Each morning we need to wake up and put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20). We need to understand God's battle plan (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The big thing we can learn from the defeat at Ai is that, without the battle plan of God, Satan has really good odds in his game against us.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- 2 young ladies from Brookwood High School who are having mental struggles
- Courtney Connor will be traveling home soon
- Andy Caddell will be traveling
- Mike Marlowe spot on arm biopsied awaiting test results
- Alma Parrot, Edwards brothers' sister, not doing well
- Bekah Vining, West Blocton resident, has breast cancer. She is young.
- Alexis Hughes, Heather's cousin, has been diagnosed with GBS.
- Harry Green, member of the Church, has cancer and is on ventilator.
- Eric Hiott blood clot in the brain after heart surgery
- Lesa Manzella, friend of Debbie, has an upcoming surgery
- Yvonne Cicero's great aunt Nell Tomlin is starting radiation for cancer.
- Bridgett Hobson friend of Juanita, her brain tumor is back. Treatment plan figured out
- Sarah Martin, Heather's Mom, recovery from knee surgery
- Ladon Bracken, friend of Ramays, diagnosed with bone cancer
- Marilyn Shackleford health struggles and is at home.
- Corah Kinard 3 year old is recovering and doing well
- SHANE ACRE'S DAD, Eddie, still in hospital with a stomach abscess
- Kyson Farley, Donna Dailey's grandnephew, has kidney cancer and is on Chemo
- KEN AND BETTY RAMAY and health struggles
- TOM NOLAN and his health
- APRIL HOWTON, friend of Bethany, was diagnosed with Breast cancer
- RHONDA HOLISTER was diagnosed with cancer. Recovering from surgery.
- SHIRLENE CARGILE, friend of Barry, her cancer has come back
- KENZI SWINDLE, 6 years old, is fighting cancer. Treatment plan changing.
- BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER and all of health issues, is making progress.

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 67
 Worship P.M. 43
 Wed P.M.44

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,345.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00

