

Worship Servants:

This week: 11/12/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Danny D, James M
Braxton, Sandy M
Opening Prayer: Barry S
Closing Prayer: Philip E
Singing AM: Doug M
Singing PM: Braxton M

Next week: 11/19/23

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

Sermon Notes



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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SATURDAY SISTERS | November 18, 9am
Host - Koli
Teacher - Courtney Conner

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

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

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

IN BETWEENERS NIGHT | Dec. 8 @ 6pm
White elephant part @ Jones House

Ladies Swag Party | November 25
Talk to Juanita for details

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.

On The Throne

Nate Miller

There are a few places in the Bible where we get to see God in His heavenly space. If you're anything like me, you're fascinated by these scenes. If you are unfamiliar with the passages I am referring to, take a moment and look at Isaiah 6, Ezekial 1, Job 1, 1 Kings 22, and Revelation 4-5.

These passages transport us- they pull us out of time and space, out of this physical world, out of the daily chaos that surrounds us, out of the pain and suffering we endure. These heaven scenes allow us to get a taste of the timelessness, perfect order, and never-ending serenity of being in His presence.

What is specifically fascinating is that these scenes are nearly unchanging throughout the Bible- what is recorded in Job 1 is parallel to what Micah saw in 1 Kings 22. What Isaiah said he saw, what Ezekial said he saw, and what John wrote he saw are all strikingly similar! Hundreds of years apart! The same God. On The same throne. Protected by the same 4 seraphim. Worshipped by the same countless angels. Forever. What a mind-blowing thought!

I want to note what was going on, in the earthly, physical realm, while each of these characters were transported to see God's heavenly space.

- Isaiah and Ezekial were in the middle of a national and spiritual crisis. Their nation had left God and would soon be carried into slavery.
- Job lost his house, his 10 children, all of his possessions, and his wife.
- Micah was a lonely faithful prophet who was living in a land that had left God.
- John was banned to an island, and the Christians he was writing to were being imprisoned, tortured and killed for their faith.

There seems to be a theme here- scripture transports the reader to the eternal, unchanging throne of God during the most chaotic, strugglesome, lonely, and chaotic times here on earth. Let's not get confused- the point is NOT that God kicks his feet up and enjoys eternal bliss while His creation is suffering. The point is that despite our suffering, we must remember that God is still on the throne. For Ezekial, for Job, for John, for Micah, for Isaiah, for the Jews and the Christians that they were writing to.... In their darkest, loneliest, most chaotic moments, they could trust the eternal, unchanging, praiseworthy God, because He sat on the throne.

How does this apply to you? When you are depressed, God is on the throne. When you are anxious, God is on the throne. When you are sick, God is on the throne. When you are the only faithful one around, God is on the throne. When life is chaotic, God is on the throne. When you lose a loved one, God is on the throne. When there's 5, or 500 people at church, God is on the throne. Trust the King on the Throne.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Todd Pierce, Jay and Kitty's neighbor, having life struggles
- Kenzi Swindel has started her treatments
- Sandy Mears is in hospital for irregular heartbeat
- Dominic Jackson lost his father tragically and he is a 9th grader.
- Jimmy Bearden, West Blocton resident, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Wayne, brother in law of Kitty's friend, having health struggles
- Sharlene, friend of Kitty, is having a hard time these days.
- Reatha Griffin is having a lot of health issues.
- Joel Booth, member of Cicero family, has health struggles.
- 2 young ladies from Brookwood High School who are having mental struggles
- 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.
- 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
- Ladon Bracken, friend of Ramays, diagnosed with bone cancer
- Marilyn Shackleford is improving day by day
- Corah Kinard 3 year old is recovering and doing well
- SHANE ACRE'S DAD, Eddie, had his port put in for chemo
- 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
- BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER and all of health issues, is making progress.

ATTENDANCE

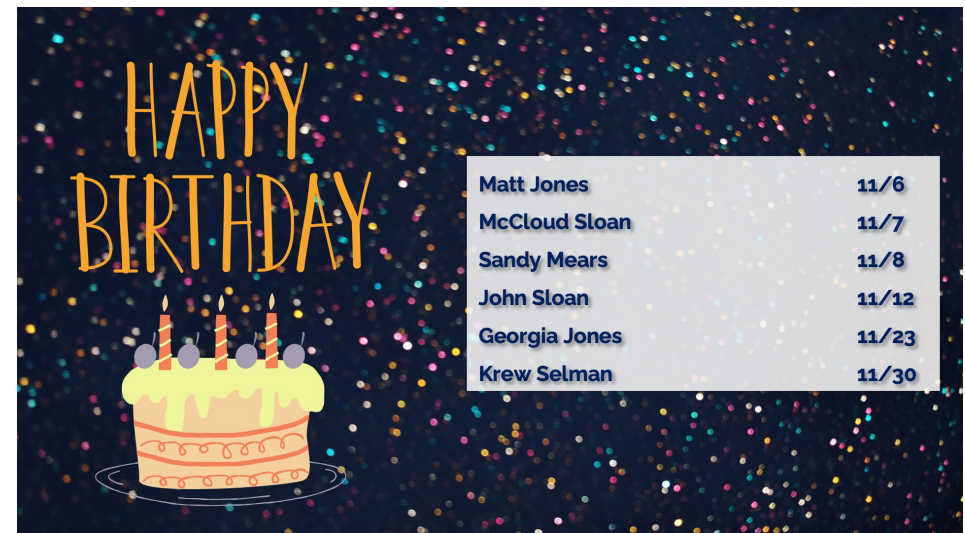
Worship A.M. ... 62
Worship P.M. 44
Wed P.M.44

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$3,375.00

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Matt Jones	11/6
McCloud Sloan	11/7
Sandy Mears	11/8
John Sloan	11/12
Georgia Jones	11/23
Krew Selman	11/30