

Worship Servants:

This week: 11/26/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Dylan N, Doug M
Justin H, Matt S
Opening Prayer: Scott S
Closing Prayer: Danny D
Singing AM: John S
Singing PM: Prayer Service

Next week: 12/3/23

Sermon: Matt J
Preside: Barry S, James M
David H, Braxton M
Opening Prayer: David H
Closing Prayer: Glenn E
Singing AM: Doug M
Singing PM: Bert 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 | TBD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY |
December 12, 6:00pm

TEENS IN THE WORD | TBD

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

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

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.

An Upside Down Thanksgiving

Joe Wells

With Thanksgiving week upon us, many are thinking of turkey and dressing (stuffing for those not from the South.) Decorations will be set free from the garage, and family pictures depicting the happiness of the holidays will be enjoyed.

Erin and I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a hearty "Gobble till you Wobble." But we would also like to recognize that for many this year, Thanksgiving has changed. There's no stopping time, and change comes with the passing of time. Some will have empty chairs due to a loved one passing along. For the first time, others may not have all their children at home for one reason or another.

While holidays are about remembering the past and enjoying the changes of the future, the hustle and bustle often consume the week. For a moment, I invite you to slow down and consider "An Upside Down Thanksgiving."

News flash...not everything in life goes our way.

If you've lived any amount of time, you are not shocked by that statement. However, I would like you to consider being thankful, even when life is hard and circumstances aren't going your way.

In Philippians 1:12 -18, the apostle Paul writes:

Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear. Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

With the unfair predicament of imprisonment, the apostle Paul kept a rejoicing attitude and disposition. Why? Not because it was working out for him but because Christ was being advanced. That is his reason for rejoicing. That is his "upside-down Thanksgiving."

This season, as you celebrate, stop and consider being grateful for the rough patches you've encountered this year. Especially be thankful that through your difficulties, God was glorified.

May God bless you this week as you walk with HIM!

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Faye Caddell is having health struggles
- Wayne Worley, Harbin's neighbor, is in need of prayers
- Donna Dailey is recovering from surgery
- McKinley Kidd high schooler at WBHS is having health struggles
- Capri Day's mother passed away
- Bill Finnen, coworker with Scott Sloan, has pneumonia and is in bad shape
- Ken Ramay and his recovery from procedure / spiritual struggles
- Brad Berryhill, friend of Glenn Edwards, has pneumonia and is not doing well
- 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
- 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
- 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
- BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER and all of health issues, is making progress.

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 58

Worship P.M. 36

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,515.00

BUDGET\$3,000.00

