

Worship Servants:

This week: 12/24/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: David H, Alex H
 Justin H, Don C
 Opening Prayer: John S
 Closing Prayer: Dylan N
 Singing AM: Doug M
 Singing PM: Braxton M

Next week: 12/31/23

Sermon: Matt J
 Preside: Danny D, James M
 Braxton, Sandy M
 Opening Prayer: David H
 Closing Prayer: Doug M
 Singing AM: John S
 Singing PM: Kolton S

Sermon Notes



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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY | January 2, 6:30pm
MDCOC Fellowship Hall
Held monthly on the first Tuesday.

SATURDAY SISTERS | TBD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY |
January 9th, 6:00pm
Held monthly on the Second Tuesday.

TEENS IN THE WORD | TBD

MEN'S BREAKFAST | December 31 @ 7:45am
At the building.

SERVICE SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24th
9AM Bible Class
10AM Worship Service
1PM Worship Service

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.

“Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!”

David Sproule

There was an old preacher who loved his children dearly and longed for them to live right. As they grew older, he did not want to browbeat them or make them think he was always “preaching at them,” so he looked for a way to lovingly and gently encourage them. He came up with his own heartfelt catchphrase, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!”

As each child graduated and moved out of the house, he heartily urged, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!” As they began to experiment with the “pleasures” and the “ways” of the world, he gently implored, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!” Then, as they all gathered around his bed, with tears in their eyes, watching their adoring father take his last breaths on this side of eternity, they heard him whisper again, “Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!”

What sage advice! Consider how this should become the motto for each of us!

When Satan comes calling, whatever you do, don’t miss heaven! There is certainly a momentary pleasure to be found in sin, but Moses learned to weigh temptation in the balance and see the lasting pleasure in “the reward” that awaited him (Heb. 11:24-26). View every temptation through the eternal ramifications that it can have.

When considering the one whom you will marry, whatever you do, don’t miss heaven! When the children of Israel moved into the temporal Promised Land of Canaan and married those of a different faith, “they forgot the Lord their God” and “served their gods” (Judg. 3:5-7), and they missed the eternal Promised Land of heaven. View your future spouse through the eternal impact he/she will have on you.

When considering your choice of career and your choice of hobbies, whatever you do, don’t miss heaven! Some things in life (like a job) are a necessity; some things in life (like hobbies) are optional. Yet, all things in life (whether we consider them necessities or options) must be evaluated in light of that which is “earthly” and that which is “eternal” (2 Cor. 5:1-8). View every decision of life through the eternal effect that it will have on your soul.

When considering the place of the church in your life, whatever you do, don’t miss heaven! The church cannot take a secondary role in your life, off to the side, with occasional attention, for Jesus taught that we must “seek [it] first” (Matt. 6:33). View the priority to which you give the church through the eternal magnitude that it will have on you.

Friend, what is heaven worth to you? Have you “set your mind on things above” or “on things of the earth” (Col. 3:1-2)? Whatever you do, don’t miss heaven!

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jones family
- Edwards family with the loss of their sister Almarena
- Connie Kersey, Barbie’s mom, is not feeling well and is in a bad health condition.
- Regina Summerlin is sick with COVID
- 2 students at BHS lost their fathers recently
- Faye Caddell is having health struggles
- Wayne Worley, Harbin’s neighbor, is in need of prayers
- Donna Dailey is recovering from surgery
- Capri Day’s mother passed away, UPDATE. Capri is really struggling
- Bill Finnen, coworker with Scott Sloan, has pneumonia and is in bad shape
- Ken Ramay and his recovery from procedure / spiritual struggles
- Todd Pierce, Jay and Kitty’s neighbor, having life struggles
- Kenzi Swindel has started her treatments, has had some victories lately
- Jimmy Bearden, West Blocton resident, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Wayne, brother in law of Kitty’s friend, having health struggles
- 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
- Bekah Vining, West Blocton resident, has breast cancer. She is young.
- 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. ... 78

Worship P.M.41

Wed P.M.40

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week.....\$2,221.00

BUDGET\$3,000.00

