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MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome: David Singletary
Song Leader: John Butts
Prayer: Joe Liles
Communion Prayers: David Singletary
Offering Prayer: Bobby Simmons
Scripture Reading: Lee Coleman
Message: DC Brown
Benediction: Bob Mobley



EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer: David Singletary
Song Leader: Johnny Singletary
Communion Prayers: Gerry Luther & Bubba Burnett
Evening Lesson: DC Brown
Closing Prayer: Keith Ferguson



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Evening Worship: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM



SUNDAY ADULT & TEEN BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium:	Minor Prophets	Lonnie Ritchie
Annex Classroom:	<u>Respectable Sins</u>	David Singletary
Annex Meeting Rm:	Young Adults	Scott Carpenter
Fellowship:	Hebrews	DC Brown
Library:	New Christians	Morris Fridie
Annex Teen Room:	<u>This Is Church</u>	Nick Schroeder

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Network: MCOC Guest
Password: fellowship

Welcome!

We know the way forward!

As the nation looks to the US Senate to either confirm or deny the president's nomination for the next justice of the US Supreme Court, there has been the predictable moves and countermoves from both political parties. Within those parties are smaller factions with their own agendas. Some want the nominee for no other reason than party loyalty and some want the nomination to go down in defeat for the same reason. Claims, accusations and political spin will obfuscate reality. Count on it. Regardless, there are two things that are unaffected by political moves and to which both sides will have to concede. First, the US constitution sets down specific requirements, laws and procedures. These are inviolate. Whatever elasticity is built in has its own limits. Without a nation-wide referendum there can be no changes to the law or setting aside existing law. The process stipulated by the constitution will have to be followed regardless. Second, the nominee has a track record. There is a body of work; written opinions which are a matter of public record that stand as they are regardless. One may scream "Too liberal!" or "Too conservative!" and hope to sway public opinion but the record of work will still stand.

But this isn't an article intended to be for or against any nominee or any political party. The things mentioned are brought to mind only because they serve to illustrate the challenges which confront the gospel in our times. There are two insurmountable certainties which have and will always cause the shipwreck of manmade schemes to circumvent the purposes of God.

First, God's word stands. In Psalm 33, the psalmist said that the word of the Lord is right and true (v. 4). By His word the heavens were made (v. 6). He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm (v. 9). Therefore, the inspired psalmist reasons, "The counsel of the Lord stands forever" (Psalm 33:11) Men want the truth to be malleable and go to extraordinary means to manipulate truth, but this has never been a permanent solution to their problem of trying to get around the Scriptures. Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees often found ways to excuse themselves of having to follow the Law. **"They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger"** (Mt. 23:4). But no amount of re-engineering or ecclesiastical findings will change one thing that Jesus taught. Everything He said about salvation, the church or righteous living is subject to human will. It remains as Jesus stated because His words are eternal. **"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away"** (Mt. 24:35).

Second, we have a body of work. We can delude ourselves into thinking something is true when it is a lie. Without a love for the truth, we are quickly beguiled by the lies of a deluding influence (2 Thess. 2:10,11). Led by evil, we commit evil – there can be no other outcome. Doing what is not from God is evil no matter the accompanying religious trappings it may wear. Deeds matter. They matter because they are a reflection of the heart. They matter because they build up or destroy. They matter because we will be judged on basis of deeds, godly or ungodly. Jesus told the Ephesian brethren, **"I know your deeds ..."** (Rev. 2:2). The word translated "know" speaks of a knowledge based on understanding. He knows our deeds because He also knows our hearts (Acts 1:24). We cannot know another person's heart to the degree and in the way that our omniscient Lord does, but we can know a person by their deeds (Mt. 7:16-20).

What a blessing that these two things are! I can be guided without error because God's word stands and remains unalterable. I can also pilot the stormy times of my generation because the hearts of the wicked as well as the hearts of the righteous are exposed by their deeds. Thus, I can choose not only righteousness but also righteous people. The path forward is not as hidden as some would love to claim. We know the way forward!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Bob & Kitty Mobley
- ◆ Nancy Morrow
- ◆ Cliff & Barbara Purvis
- ◆ Jack & Katheryn Bullock
- ◆ Jimmy & Charlene Ware
- ◆ Evelyn Stalcup
- ◆ Reina Butts
- ◆ Rick, Sherry & Macy Damazio
- ◆ Charlotte Smith
- ◆ Paul Miller
- ◆ Frances Poehl
- ◆ Jerry & Janice Walker
- ◆ Rosemary Lunt
- ◆ Wilma Davenport
- ◆ Louise Hairgrove
- ◆ Diane Flanagan
- ◆ Walter Polk
- ◆ Barbara Loving
- ◆ Connie Matics
- ◆ Langley Family

Our Active Military : Cody Damazio, Ricky Damazio, Matt Gilley, & John Neidrich

◆ Prayers for the friends and loved ones of our church family:

- ◆ Billy Dickerson, Linda Ritchie's brother (heart issues)
- ◆ Tommie Sue Wacbod, Ethel Mitchell's friend (cancer)
- ◆ Ada Etheridge, Barbara Loving's sister (health & life struggles)
- ◆ Hadley Daniel, Jean Lowery's great granddaughter (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia)
- ◆ Lee & Melissa Roberds, Charlene Ware's son & daughter-in-law (Melissa-procedures/MD Anderson)
- ◆ Eion, Terry Woodson's relative (life threatening seizures)
- ◆ Roger Brass, Maggie Polk's brother (cancer treatments)
- ◆ Mason Walton, Ann Skelly's infant great grand nephew (serious health issues)
- ◆ Tori Reece, Nia Matthews friend (life struggles)
- ◆ Michelle McGinnis, Charlene Ware's daughter's friend (spiritual struggles)



EVENTS & UPDATES

ELDER IN CHARGE FOR JULY - DAVID SINGLETARY (281.802.8613)

- ◆ Guest Speaker: Nathan Harper on Wednesday, July 18
- ◆ Men's Breakfast: Saturday, July 21 at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship room
- ◆ Communication Session: Sunday PM, July 22nd. Elders welcome questions, requests for updates, and suggested topics of discussion, before or during Session.
- ◆ MNFTM: Monday, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room.
- ◆ Guest Speaker: Thomas Reed on Wednesday, July 25
- ◆ Speaker: Lonnie Ritchie during AM assembly on July 29.
- ◆ 5th Sunday Potluck: Sunday, July 29 (No PM Assembly)



DAILY BIBLE READING

MONDAY 16 - Isaiah 23-27; TUESDAY 17 - 2 Kings 18:1-8, 2 Chron 29-31, Ps 48; WEDNESDAY 18 - Hosea 1-7; THURSDAY 19 - Hosea 8-14; FRIDAY 20 - Isaiah 28-31; SATURDAY 21 - Isaiah 32-35



YOUTH UPDATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Preacher Training Camp - July 15-20
- ◆ EWES Camp for Girls - July 29-August 3
- ◆ Back2School Bash - August 11

**Family VBS will be Sunday, August 12
- Wednesday, August 15, 7PM**



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Summer Series: July Speakers
July 18 - Nathan Harper July 25 - Thomas Reed

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 21 at 7:00 AM
in Fellowship Rm



Magnolia church of Christ – Building Bridges shirts are now available for purchase by all church members. Sign-up sheet & shirt examples are located in the foyer.



When placing your order, we will need your size (x-small to 4 X), material (dry-wick or 50/50 blend), men's (crew collar only), women's (V-neck or crew collar). If ordering the dry-wick (not as heavy as 50/50 blend, lighter in weight, and cooler), you may want to select a size larger than normal. 50/50 blend \$12 and Dry-wick \$15. Submit payment (check or cash) to either Melanie or Gerry Luther. If check, make payable to Magnolia church of Christ (For: Building Bridges shirt). Last day to submit order is August 5th.



Ladies (and gentlemen), we are asking for donations of homemade goodies (non perishable foods, jams jellies, any crafts, etc.) for the 2018 Ladies Day. If you have questions, please contact Megan Schroeder.



The Dell triplets are HERE! Phyllis Lynn, Dakota Paige, & McKenzie Marie Let's shower them with baby girl gifts. A basket is in the foyer to place your gifts . We get the gifts to Heath & Jessica before the girls come home. Contact Cheryl with any questions.



RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

JULY 8, 2018

Sunday Bible Class:	112	Contribution:	\$7,809
Morning Worship:	160	Budget:	\$8,020
Evening Worship:	68	Over/(Under) Budget:	\$6,932
Wednesday Bible Study:	58		