

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Some years ago a friend of mine was visiting a congregation in the western part of our nation. His observance of the disruptions in the worship is something to think about.

He watched as the younger people were allowed to play games as the worship service was going on. Many times the older ones were the ones who were encouraging the games played by the children. Not only did these people not get anything out of worship, but they disturbed everyone else who was sitting around them.

This just goes to show that many do not know the purpose, nor do they understand what worship is. If they did they surely wouldn't disturb the worship assembly, and would act more worshipful.

To answer **WHAT IS WORSHIP?**, first let us see what it is not:

1. Worship is not a time for fun and games. Children should be trained at an early age to respect worship.
2. Worship is not a time to manicure our fingernails.
3. Worship is not a time to catch up on lost sleep.
4. Worship is not a time to balance our check books.
5. Worship is not a time to allow our children to run wild. Someone might be hurt by someone running into them.
6. Worship is not a time to communicate with those around us (whispering and note passing).
7. Worship is not a time to go back and forth to the water fountain and rest rooms. (most of us can take care of this **BEFORE** worship begins. Of course it is understandable for those with medical problems).
8. Worship is not just a time to give of our means and take the Lord's Supper. It is the time which we do those things, but we also are to sing, pray, and hear the Word of God.

Worship Is:

1. A time to praise the Living God.
2. A time to remember the love of Christ as He died for us.
3. A time of encouragement, uplifting, and exhortation.
4. A time of Christian fellowship.
5. A time to leave behind the cares of the world.
6. A time to focus on bowing before God.
7. A time commanded to be set aside and done properly. (JOHN 4:23-24)
8. A time for things to be done decently and in order. (I COR. 14:40)

Additionally the nursery is not the place to go and shut out the worship service. It is the place set aside for mothers to train and take care of the little ones. Even in the nursery there is to be respect for worship.

Acceptable worship is no accident. We must work at it.

This article by Garry Stanton



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We welcome you to services here at University church of Christ. We are encouraged to see each one of you as we work and worship the Lord in the work he has for us. If you are visiting we are glad you have come and would ask if you would remain after services so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. If you have any questions or if there is a way we can serve you please contact us and let us know.

Ever wander? Most of the time we wander when we are out of our environment, like while on vacation we may wander to take in and see the sights. But we are ever so cautious to not wander off to far. Why?. I remember the serious instruction coming from my mother when we are venturing out in a new location. She would often say "Don't wander off to far! Why was she concerned? The simple answer is I may wander to far and not find my way back! Well what would my mother do if I didn't return in a reasonable amount of time? She would come looking for me. The same instruction is given to us when a believer wanders or strays away from the truth. In James chapter 5 we will examine what we are to be about today in the lives of people we know and love. Our wandering instructions for us is found in James 5:19-20.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Eric Sharum

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:54
Morning Worship:84
Evening Worship:
Mid-Week:59
Ladies Class:12
Contribution:\$4,861.00
Weekly Budget:\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Charles Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Tim Curtis

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:.....David Byrd
Closing Prayer:Joshua Sharum

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Tommy Bowden
Closing Prayer:Charlie Kelsey

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS: J.L. Bolton’s surgery went well on Monday. Brad McKinzie is in Memorial Hospital having tests run. Kaiden Higgins, Debbie Bowden, Leroy Horn, Chesley Montague, LaDonna McKinzie, Sue Peddy, Suzy Salas & Amanda Pack and her babies.

THANK YOU NOTE: Dear Church Family, Thank you for the beautiful flowers for Scarlett’s birth. I really appreciate it. They were lovely coming home to. In Christian love, Aubrey Holloway.

THANK YOU NOTE: Dear church family, We wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the money you gave us to help in our travel costs and work in N.Z. Your interest, prayers, and support are a real encouragement to us and help us to do what we need to do. Chris enjoyed his time with you and seeing your interest in our work. I’m so sorry I wasn’t there this time. But you know how it is when you have grandchildren, and especially with them so far away. Thank you again for your support of our work and your prayers, it really means a lot to us. God Bless, Chris & Melinda Miller

GOSPEL MEETING - Cache Church of Christ - October 6 - October 9 - Toney Smith Preaching - 7 P.M. Monday thru Wednesday

GOSPEL MEETING - Sterling Church of Christ - October 13-16 - Featured Speakers Are: Kermit Webb, Josh Howe, Lee Parish, Toney Smith & Brant Stubblefield. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHATTANOOGA CHURCH OF CHRIST invite our sisters to be our guests to a brain storming session to discuss “**What Women Can Do To Help Grow Christ’s Church**” Saturday, October 12, 2013, 11:00 AM—2:00 PM - Larry Shelley, Chattanooga’s

minister, will speak about women’s roll in the church. Lunch will be served. **Please, RSVP by Oct. 7.** The flyer is posted in the foyer.

THE WESTVIEW BOYS’ HOME grocery truck will be back in December.

Shopping List

Canned Fruit
Splenda/Sugar
Tamales/Ravioli
Chocolate Chips
Orange/Fruit Juice

Non-Food

Men’s Boxer Briefs - S, M, L, XL

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, Leroy & Pat Horn, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Chesley Montague, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Cae’s cousin, Carol, Sue Peddy’s sister, Mary Hood, Jerry Golson’s sister, Linda Harshberger who has cancer, Greg Ray’s Aunt, Scotty Patterson, who has bone cancer, and Chris & Nicole Hall who are going through adoption proceedings.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5 - Katie Jackson	23 - Jeannie Montague
7 - Don Marcum	23 - Shirley Sharum
8 - Jeanette Ball	23 - Lesley Wirt
10 - Earline Gregory	26 - Jean Parrish
17 - J. L. Bolton	28 - Cindy Byrd
20 - Weldon Flanagan	30 - Karee Curtis

THE ADDRESS for Kaiden Higgins C/O The Children’s Center, Patient Mail, 6800 NW 39th Expressway, Room #7, Bethany, Ok. 73008

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Thes. 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

In her book “The Hiding Place” Corrie ten Boom relates an incident that taught her always to be thankful. She and her sister Betsy had just been transferred to the worst German prison camp they had seen yet, called Ravensbruck. The barracks were extremely overcrowded and horribly flea-infested. After their scripture reading in 1st Thesalonians that morning, where the Lord reminded them to rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks in all circumstances. Betsy suggested they stop and thank the Lord for every detail of their new living quarters. At first, Corrie was appalled by the idea. She flatly refused to give thanks for that smelly, dirty, flea-ridden place. But Betsy persisted — and Corrie finally gave in to her request. It was by a miracle of God that Corrie and Betsy were able to smuggle their Bible into the camp. If the guards found out that the women were holding nightly Bible studies in their barracks, they surely would have been punished harshly, maybe even killed. During the months they spent at that camp, however, no guard ever said one word. It was not until several months later that they learned the reason why the guards would hardly ever come into their barracks. They wouldn’t enter the barracks because of the fleas! Perhaps you’re dealing with some difficult circumstances today. But who knows? There may be a purpose beyond our understanding! Let’s choose trust the Lord and maintain an attitude of thankfulness in every situation.