

The Reason for Worship

I am grateful that we had a successful worship service this past Sunday. I know that it seemed quite strange having to have two services and making sure to remain separated. However, I am so grateful that we had such a good turnout. I also would like to encourage our shut-in's and at risk members who are not able to come to worship to tune into our face book live streams on the Nashville Road Church of Christ face book page, or watch our worship services on YouTube.

With what has been going on the past few months along with us having to change up how our worship services take place, it can become easy to lose sight of the very nature of worship. As a matter of fact, even if we never had any virus or quarantine, it is still easy to lose sight on the real reason behind worship. Ask yourself this question. "Why do I come to worship each week?" There are probably many reasons, but what is the core reason? Why do you still worship on Sunday even when the building is closed? What is the one reason you seek to worship God on the first day of each week?

One of the first answers that comes to mind is, "because I am commanded to." If, like myself, that is your first thought, maybe we should think further into worship. After all, Jesus said in **Matthew 15:8**, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me". The last thing that we want as the body of Christ is to become complacent and only worship God in speech but not in truth. So how do we change that mindset? Well, let us look at a few passages and see how they portray worship.

One of the first passages that comes to mind is **Psalm 95:2**, it says, "Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" I don't know about you, but this passage, to me, doesn't sound like David was simply looking for a private time of praise. When we look at this passage it should help us remember that It is "us" who comes before Him in His presence. **Psalm 95:3-5** explains why we come and

worship God. It says, "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land." That doesn't sound like someone we need to worship just because we are commanded to. Instead we should desire to praise His name above all things, considering that HE IS above all things.

Another thing that we need to consider when it comes to developing the proper perspective of worship can be found in **Ecclesiastes 5:1-2**. It reads, "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few." Every aspect of worship is important. As we read in Psalm 95, we need to be actively involved in praising God. We need to be actively involved in singing, prayer, communion, and giving. However, as we see in this passage in Ecclesiastes, God also designed worship as a time when He would speak to us through the preaching of His word. We are in His presence and should come motivated to hear His words.

Worship is not simply making a payment on an apartment in Heaven. We do not come just to obey Him or do as He commands. "Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence. as Jesus said in **John 4:23-24**, But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." Let us make sure that we have the proper mindset of worship when we praise God.

(June 11, 2020) **Andrew Spivey**

At the writing of this bulletin we can declare that our V.B.S. was a success. A Big thank you to all who made it happen for the glory of God.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 1 Kings 21
Wednesday Read – 1 Kings 22

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **1 Kings 19-20**.

1. What did Jezebel say she would do to Elijah after the prophets of Baal died and what did Elijah do?
2. What did Elijah say about being a prophet of God and how many did God tell him had not worshiped Baal ?
3. Who was Elijah to anoint as king of Aram, king of Israel, and prophet after him?
4. Where did Ben-Hadad's officials think the "gods" of Israel were powerful?
5. How did God show his power over Ben-Hadad?

SENIOR GROUP

Please note the date change The Senior group will meet on **Thursday June 23rd at 6:00 pm.** in the fellowship room. Be sure to bring finger foods and be ready to play games. For more details, please see **Jean Law**.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

The youth will be going to church camp June 26th-July 1st. Please see **Garrett Rowlett** for more details.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings of eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." **Isaiah 40:31**

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

June 12, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Jerry Watson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....David Thompson
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

WEDNESDAY

June 15, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pat Watson

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Bill Johnson has finished treatments and will be seeing his doctor soon. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Mike Tidwell**, is doing much better. **Rachel Goode**, friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ronald Milliken**, husband of Helen Milliken, continues cancer treatments. **Steven Simmons**, son of Charles and Fay Simmons, continues to recover from back surgery. **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato, continues recovering from hip replacement. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Craig Sweeney**, son of Doris Sweeney, hopes to qualify for a new treatment available on 5/18. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; **Frances Catron; Jean Deaton; Charlie Cliburn; Ricky Cantrell; Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **Joyce Savage**, NHC Place Sumner, room 107; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill; Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 204, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

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| Bible Study..... | 108 |
| Morning Worship..... | 154 |
| VBS Sunday Evening..... | 106 |
| VBS Monday Evening..... | 91 |
| VBS Tuesday Evening..... | 92 |
| VBS Wednesday Evening..... | 120 |
| Contributions..... | \$8,474.00 |
| Youth Group Account..... | \$4,578.00 |

Elders

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