

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Lannie Key

On the Table: Head - Eddy Dickinson
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Billy Box
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Gary Addison

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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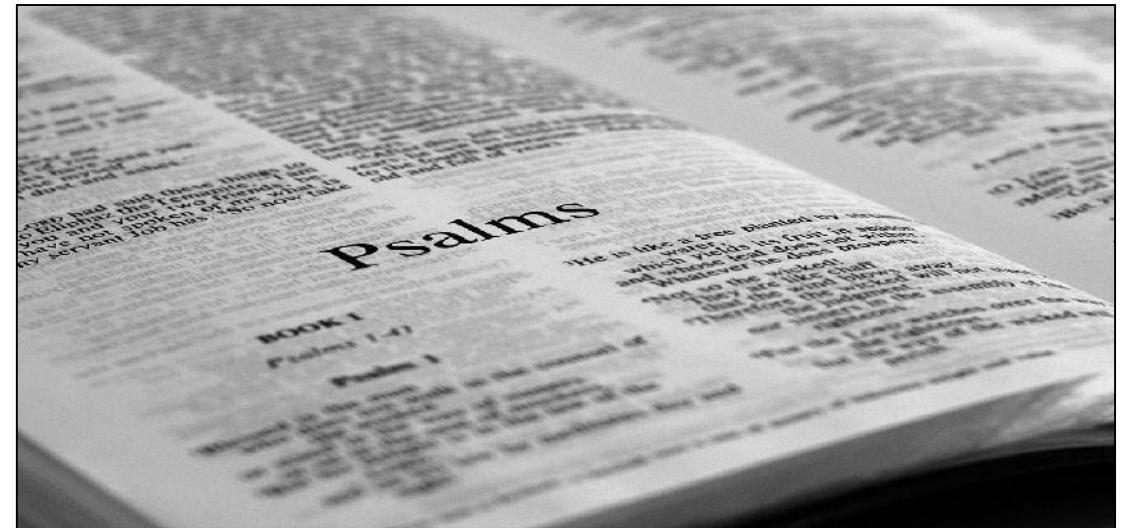
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Longing For Worship



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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

By Tim Dooley

Psalms 120–134 are referred to as Songs of degree or Psalms of Ascent. These psalms were most likely pilgrim hymns sung as one would ascend the hill to Jerusalem or by the priests as they ascended the stairs of the Temple to do their worshipful service to the Lord and for the people. Possibly the most familiar of these is the psalmist exclamation “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD” (122:1).

As we approach the Lord’s Day each week we need to consider whether or not we ascend to worship God with gladness in our hearts? Do we long to worship God and do we yearn to be with, and fellowship, the people of God? We talk a lot about our hearts: being kind, loving, forgiving, friendly, gracious, humble, selfless, merciful, and compassionate. But does our attitude toward worship the kind of heart God desires from us? Allow me to offer some suggestions.

- Consider how much God has blessed you.
- Consider how much God loves you.
- Consider how much your soul is worth.
- Consider how much you encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Consider how much you need to be encour-aged, and strengthened.
- Consider how much worship here prepares us for heaven.
- Consider how much your family’s souls mean to you and to God.
- Consider how much you learn from Bible study and sermons.
- Consider how much the Lord’s Supper means to our never forgetting His sac-rifice.
- Consider how much encouragement we gain from praying together.
- Consider how much we are blessed to give.
- Consider how much the singing of songs lifts our souls.

Where will you be this Lord’s Day? Where will you be every Lord’s Day? Faithfully assembling with the saints? Prepare your heart!

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THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: she will be starting new treatments soon, please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and she will win

Denise Kimbrell: still taking treatments and has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis; please be praying that with med’s all of this can be controlled

Rosa Melton: her surgery went well to remove cancer from her womb, please be praying that she will make a quick recovery and no more will be found cancer

Kay Dodd: is continuing to take treatments, please continue to pray that this cancer will stay in remission

Barbara Wilkinson: still having problem with infection on her feet, please pray that the medicine she is taking will cure this infection

Charles Gay: last scan showed shrinkage with his brain tumor, attends the Cleveland congregation, please pray for him and his family

Barbra Fields: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that with these treatments cancer will be in remission.

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Vertie Mae York: knee replacement surgery went well, please pray that she can make a quick and full recovery

Mary Box: she has finished taking radiation treatments, please pray that this cancer has been defeated

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please remember the family of Mable Weeks, her funeral was Friday.

Please remember the family of Tommy Corkren, his funeral was yesterday.

Please remember the family of Kristy Ingram, who passed away on Friday.

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Upcoming Events

Today	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm
December 3 rd	Country Place {Devotional}	2:00 pm
December 10 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm

The Church in Your Life

By Robert Notgrass

What place does the church have in your life? A big place, a little place, or no place? Let me give you some reasons why you ought to let the church have a big place in your life.

1. We have the example of Jesus. He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and as his custom was, worshipped the God of the ages (Lk. 4:16). If Jesus regularly needed worship, how much more do we?
2. When we worship we are reminded of our link with the Divine. Man’s fighting, fussing, feuding, striving, lusting, killing—all these show man to be one of envy and strife. But man is also a spirit. He longs for God, he worships God, he is dissatisfied with himself. In worship he is brought into fellowship with God and gains power to live a constructive life.
3. Through worship we pay homage to the one who redeemed us. God is our Creator. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer. We belong to God for both reasons. So we come to church to thank God for all that he had done for us. In his holy presence, we have no time for mischief, for cutting up, for disturbance; we have time only for reverence and thanksgiving.
4. In worship we have see Christians who teach us to join together and praise God. This is why we sing, “Blest be the tie that binds.”
5. We come to worship for rest. Just at we need physical food and eat three meals a day, so we need spiritual food and this we find in our worship of God. Here we are filled with God’s Word and the power that comes from His Word.

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Worship or Play Church?

By Dan Jenkins

I will never forget that cottonwood tree just outside the back door of the house I lived in for my entire childhood. It was where we built our treehouse and where the ropes for young “Tarzans” and swings for young children were anchored. But, the best memory I have of that tree was that several times every week we “played church” in its shade.

We were serious about “playing church”—I preached hundreds of sermons and lead hundreds of songs under its huge branches. However, just to be entirely truthful, if my mother offered us treats or suggested we go get a special toy at the “five and dime” store—talk about inflation, they are now called the dollar store—church ended!

Sometimes as I worship, I wonder if even now I fully comprehend the seriousness of worship. How far have I come from those days when I “played church”? The words God gave to two of His messengers come to my soul and create a longing for Him to help me to do more than “play church”—they help me to worship. “The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him...Guard your steps as you go into the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools...for God is in heaven and you are on the earth” (Hab. 2:20; Ecc. 5:1-2).

It sometimes is far easier to “play church” and to just sing rather than to worship and praise Him. I know the words and melody of many songs but at those times when I sing, they come from my body and not my soul. Do you ever do this?

As I listen to godly men proclaim His message, I sometimes lose the attitude expressed by Cornelius, “We are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God” (Acts 10:33). God, at these times, help me. Mold me and make me...thou are the potter I am the clay. Do you ever do this?

We prayed under that cottonwood tree, but sometimes we missed the seriousness of prayer. Paul was in prayer, and when in prison, he asked others to pray for him because he truly believed he would be released from prison because of these very prayers (Phil. 1:19). Do you ever do this?

We used to pretend to give as we “played church.” Sometimes, I lose sight of how my giving is designed to help minister to the needy, to proclaim the gospel to the lost, to enable the church to be edified especially in our building and to “help” God accomplish His work. Do you ever do this?

The same is true of the Lord’s Supper. When I forget the cross, I close the door to spiritual maturity (2 Pet. 1:8-9). Do you ever do this? God help me to be changed by worshiping you. Forgive me when I just “play church.”

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If You Would Like To Help

Collecting money for gift cards for the children’s homes, please see Mary Eddy.

Collecting small items: travel size lotion, soap, tissue, socks, etc. for gift bag for Kemp-Meadows, please see Deborah Box

Also taking names for people who would like to receive a gift basket...