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## Meeting Times:

### Sunday:

Bible Study ..... 9:45 AM  
Worship..... 10:40 AM  
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM  
Worship..... 6:00 PM

### Tuesday:

Redstone Class..... 9:30 AM

### Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class ..... On Break  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

## Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

## Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Jim Moore

Don Smith..... James Thomas

## Preacher:

Ryan Smithey.....

## Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children  
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Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)  
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The Truth in Love  
World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study  
the Bible to know more about  
Christ and His Church.

## The Privilege of Worshipping God in Song

By Andy Baker

As Israelites brought their offering to the temple for worship, Levite musicians sang and played psalms for worship to God in the court of the temple. In part, this was to help remind the people that their worship to God was a privilege based upon God's goodness towards Israel. Worship then not simply the killing of an animal, but both a physical and spiritual act (1 Chron. 16:4; 23:4-5). Today we as priests of the New Testament also offer up worship in song, which also helps remind us what a privilege it is to worship the God of heaven. Singing in worship is both a physical and spiritual act when done with the spirit and with the understanding (John 4:24; 1 Cor. 14:15). Consider some of the privileges, reminders, and blessings of offering our worship to God in song:

**Singing in Worship, We Emphasize Our Unity.** Among the issues in the Corinthian church was unity in worship. It seems they were each skilled in singing their own praises, but unskilled in unifying to sing God's praises (cf. 1 Cor. 14:26). When we join together in a song in worship, we all are singing the same things. Our hearts and voices blend, and carry the congregation's song to our everlasting Father. Thus, with one voice and with one heart (as it should be), we proclaim our love and adoration to God the Father for His goodness towards us. No other singing group on earth has such a privilege, especially knowing that our God hears the physical and spiritual sound we make in our worship in song. *"They hymned their King in strains divine."*

**Singing in Worship, We Emphasize Our Dependence on One Another.** When each voice blends with harmony, it is both wonderful and edifying. Yet, one alone cannot create harmony with a single voice. Brothers and sisters, we depend upon each other in singing. When we *all* sing with our whole hearts, isn't it a glorious sound? When the *voices of all* are blended, doesn't it cause us all to want to sing? On the reverse, when folks choose not to sing in worship, is it not discouraging? When many are absent, doesn't the song service and worship lack? The privilege of singing in worship reminds us that when we care for and admonish Christians as we should, our worship is that much sweeter (cf. Gal. 6:1-3; James 5:16-20). *"I heard the song and strove to join."*

**Singing in Worship, We Emphasize Our Common Hope.** What would we Christians have in common if we had never found Christ? Many of us would have never crossed paths in this life. Yet, now, in the kingdom, God's family, we offer up our songs together; we teach and admonish one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; and we do so because of our common hope in Christ. We sing together in worship knowing that one day, we will sing before the throne of Jesus in

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*For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain  
his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:  
Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.*

1 Peter 3:10-11

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heaven, and ever praise Him there (Rev. 5:9-14). *“Shout victory now and hail the Lamb, and bow before the great I AM.”*

**Singing in Worship, We Focus on God’s Holiness.** We bring and offer to our holy God, the sacrifice of praise, that is the fruit of our lips, and we give thanks to Him, because that is what He has commanded (Heb. 13:15). So many people are trying to fashion the worship of the church to look more like the world. In doing so, they do not show respect for the holiness of God, nor are they trying to be holy *as He is holy* (1 Pet. 1:13-19). We would do well to concentrate upon the holiness, the separateness, the hallowedness of God. It would make a difference in how we sing. *“Holy, holy, holy, Lord! God of hosts on high adored! Who like me Thy praise should sing, O almighty King?”*

**Singing in Worship, We Anticipate the Day of Our Redemption.** Revelation 14 opens with a picture of a Lamb and one hundred forty-four thousand who were sealed from the earth. They sing a song that no one else can learn except for those who were redeemed from the earth (Rev. 14:3). The songs of our lips and hearts that we offer in worship to God now prepares us for that day when we, the redeemed, will stand with Christ and sing this song that no one else knows. Yet, today, our lives must reflect His glory as the One Who redeemed us, as the Author and Finisher of our faith if we hope to stand with the Lamb (Rev. 14:4-5; Heb. 12:1-3). *“On Zion’s glorious summit stood, a numerous host redeemed by blood.”*

## **Escaping Temptation** By Cody Westbrook

Temptation is a phenomenon to which everyone is subjected. It is not prejudiced, and it is certainly not convenient. Yet, though we know that everyone must deal with temptation, we have no need to sorrow because the Scripture tells us that, *“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of Judgment to be punished”* (2 Pet. 2:9). Through a study of God’s Word, we can properly arm ourselves with the tools to help us overcome *“the fiery darts of the wicked”* (Eph. 6:16). The following are some practical hints to help us escape temptation, and overcome its power.

### **Be Determined!**

The first key to escaping temptation is to make the decision to do it. I need to realize that, through Christ, I can overcome (Phil. 4:13), and I must be determined to do it no matter what! I need to emulate the example of Job and say, *“I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?”* (Job. 31:1). Instead of waiting until the moment of temptation, Job determined that he would not even entertain the thought of lusting after a woman. Doing this helped Job to minimize the difficulty of dealing with this temptation. If I determine to do what it takes to escape and overcome temptation, no matter what it takes, I will have already won half of the battle.

### **Run!**

One of the best ways to escape temptation is to get as far away from it as possible. When Potiphar’s wife tried to commit sexual sin with Joseph, he ran away so quickly that part of his clothing tore off in her hand (Gen. 39:12). Solomon said, *“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away”* (Prov. 14-15). There is no reason for me to handicap myself by intentionally providing ample opportunities for me to sin. If I know that a particular movie or television show will tempt me to use foul language or think evil thoughts, I must choose not to watch it (Matt. 5:8)! If I’m struggling to *“put to death”* a pornography addiction, I must take drastic measures, even if it means cancelling my Internet service or having someone monitor my activity (Col. 3:5-8). If something is tempting to me, I need to run away

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### **Television**

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)  
Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB  
In Search of the Lord’s Way  
Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB  
Gospel Broadcasting Network  
Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org and on Roku  
TV: Sunday @ 6:30 am on  
Dish: 267, DirectTV: 376

### **Radio**

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)  
Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

### **God’s Plan for Redeeming Man**

**Hear** Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).  
**Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)  
**Confess** Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)  
**Repent** of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)  
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)  
**Live faithfully** (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

### **Bible Study Schedule**

#### **Week 87**

#### **Psalms 39-44 & Ephesians 5-6**

Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.  
Also anyone interested can join us at 5 PM each Sunday in the fellowship hall to discuss the questions and answers.

*“...desire the sincere milk of the work, that ye may grow thereby;”* (1 Pet. 2:2)



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from it and not allow it to cause me to stumble (1 Cor. 6:18; 1 Tim. 6:10-11; 2 Tim. 2:22).

### Pray!

When Jesus found Peter sleeping in the Garden of Gethsemane, He said, *“Watch ye, and pray lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak”* (Mark 14:38). Prayer is a powerful ally for the Christian during the time of temptation. Jesus taught His disciples to pray, *“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...”* (Matt. 6:13). Perhaps prayer is one of the things that the Holy Spirit had in mind when He inspired Paul to write, *“God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it”* (1 Cor. 10:13). What better way to escape and overcome temptation than to appeal to the very one who is able to give us the victory?

### Lean on God’s Word!

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan, He was able to escape and overcome by using three simple words, *“It is written”* (Matt. 4:1-11). Jesus understood the value of Scripture in escaping temptation, and He was able to lean upon its Truth to expose and overcome Satan’s lies. You and I must also understand the value of the Word of God and use it to help us escape the various temptations that we face. David said, *“Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee”* (Psa. 119:11). If I commit Scripture to memory and make it a part of who I am, I will be able to recall the precepts of God when the battle of temptation is at its most crucial hour. God’s Word is able to give me the strength and guidance I need to escape and overcome each and every temptation that I face.

### Conclusion

Paul said that God *“is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”* (Eph. 3:20). Through prayer and careful study and application of God’s Word, we can be the victors and we can escape even the most intense temptation.

### Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week **34 contacts** were made.

#### Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars in advance:

- ◆ September 20-22: Annual Lectureship at 5th & Grape, “The Great Grace and Matchless Mercy of God”.
- ◆ October 3-5: Texas Ladies In Christ retreat; details and registration forms on bulletin board.
- ◆ October 20-23: Our Fall Meeting with Rick Popejoy.

### Something to think about....

“There are only two kinds of people we can call reasonable: either those who serve God with their whole heart because they know him, or those who search after him with all their heart because they do not know him.”

~Blaise Pascal

## Celebrate

*“Rejoice with those who rejoice...” (Romans 12:15)*

**August Birthdays:** Joe Dennis (09), Jessica Dennis (13), Don Smith (14), Royce Ford (16), Roy Dodson (29).

**August Anniversaries:** Kaci & Matthew Churchwell (15), Pam & Terry Teague (16), Darlene & Don Smith (29).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



## Records

	Aug. 11, 2013	Aug. 18, 2013
Bible Class	61	51
AM Worship	75	68
PM Worship	50	63
Wednesday PM	55	49
Contribution	\$1829	\$1874

# Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1)

This Week: 8/25/13		Next Week: 9/1/13		August 2013	
<b>Sunday AM:</b>		Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Song Leader: Mike Bannister	
<b>Greeters</b>	The Maninger Family	Jim Moore & Hank Wheeler		<b>Make Announcements:</b> Garrett Barnum	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Thomas	Don Smith		<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Tom & Carol Wilcox	
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith*, Caleb Dennis Ken Maninger, Kevin Wilcox	Allen Griffith*, Hank Wheeler Joe Dennis, John Barnum		<b>Clean Building:</b> Jim & Peg Moore	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Garrett Barnum	Gene Bannister		<b>Keep Grounds:</b> James Fuller	
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Caleb Dennis/Seth Smithey	Chase Churchwell/Xavier Martinez		<b>September 2013</b>	
<b>Sunday PM:</b>		Song Leader: Joe Dennis		Song Leader: James Fuller	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jim Moore	Billy Chism		<b>Make Announcements:</b> John Barnum	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Allen Griffith <i>Philippians 3:8-14</i>	Jim Moore		<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Gene & Barbara Bannister	
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	Allen Griffith		<b>Clean Building:</b> John Barnum Family	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Garrett Barnum		<b>Keep Grounds:</b> Ryan Smithey	
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	August 28 Garrett Barnum	September 4 Don Smith	September 11 Jim Moore	September 18 Joe Dennis	

## Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of August 25, 2013		Sunday Class ..... Titus 3	Wednesday Class ..... Redemption Through The Bible
<p><b>Christian Unity (Eph. 4)</b></p> <p>The great mystery that Paul now gets to proclaim is that all men can be united in Christ to the glory of the Father (Eph. 3). Now he presents the facts, means, and evidence of such a unity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Facts of Christian Unity (v1-6)</b> - the foundation of unity is set forth in these "seven ones". We are called to walk worthily of our Christian calling with the right attitude (Phil. 1:27; 1 Pet. 5:6), recognizing there is <b>one body</b>—the church (Eph. 1:22-23; Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:12, 13); <b>one Spirit</b>—the Holy Spirit that directs our lives through the revealed word (Rom. 8:14; 1 Cor. 12:4, 13); <b>one hope</b>—gospel produces one hope (Col. 1:23; Titus 1:2, 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:3-4); <b>one Lord</b>—Christ, the head, authority, and savior (Eph. 1:22, Matt. 28:18; Acts 4:12); <b>one Faith</b>—one system of saving faith (John 14:6; Rom. 10:17; Jude 3); <b>one baptism</b>—one means of accessing salvation (Gal. 3:27; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38); <b>one God</b>—author of life and every blessing (Acts 17:28; James 1:17; Matt. 4:10; John 4:23).</li> <li><b>Means of Christian Unity (v7-16)</b> - shows the spiritual gifts were for the purpose of bringing them to maturity and unity through the revealed word which is now recorded (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3; 1 Cor. 1:10; 13:8-10).</li> <li><b>Evidence of Christian Unity (v17-32)</b> — this unity ought to be shown in the way we walk/live as imitators of God (Eph. 5:1); there should be a contrast between those outside of Christ (v17-19) and those in Him (v20-32; Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:1-2; Rom. 6:17-18).</li> </ol>		<p><b>Fret Not (Psalm 37)</b></p> <p>Worry not over the perceived prosperity of the wicked for God abundantly blesses the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Counsel (v1-8)</b> — he advises not to worry or be envious over the wicked, rather concentrate on doing what is right in the sight of God (1:1-3; 34:12-14; 1 Pet. 5:7; Col. 3:2; Phil. 3:20, 1:20; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Cor. 5:9; Gal. 1:10; 1 Cor. 4:1-4).</li> <li><b>Explanation (v9-22)</b> — the reason for this counsel is because the Lord sees the ways of all men and He will reward justly; the righteous will be blessed but the wicked will perish (1:6; 34:13ff; John 5:28-29; Heb. 4:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:10; Luke 16:19ff—which one would you rather be?).</li> <li><b>Confidence (v23-33)</b> — the result of such a life will be pleasing to God, the psalmist has seen this in the past and knows it will be true in the future (34:8; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 3:8-9/Acts 26:18; 1 John 1:3-4; 2 Tim. 1:12; 2:12-13; 4:8; Acts 10:34-35; Mark 16:15-16; Rev. 22:14; etc.).</li> <li><b>Reward (v34-40)</b> — Ultimately the psalmist considers the end. Similar to Psalm 73, he learns not to envy those who will be cut off and have their only reward in this life; but rather to look to the righteous as an example and trust in God who saves (Rev. 21:7-8; Heb. 12:1-2, 11:13-16; Phil. 3:17; Matt. 6:1-4, 25-34; 25:46; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Pet. 1:3-9).</li> </ol>	