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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
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The Truth in Love

World Bible School

Uplifting Worship

Many times we find ourselves going to worship services without the proper motivation for doing so. We have gone to "church" all our lives and thus we feel we should go to "church" at least on Sunday morning. We are not motivated to being there for any other reason than simply that "it's just something I feel I must do," rather than wanting to.

David was a man who enjoyed worship. He felt uplifted by it, so he said, "*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'*" (Psalm 122:1).

What was the secret to his eagerness towards worship? Read carefully what he wrote in Psalm 5:7, "*But as for me, by Thine abundant lovingkindness I will enter Thy house, as Thy Holy temple I will bow in reverence for Thee.*" Within this short verse we find four things that made David's worship worthwhile. They will make ours more meaningful as well.

1. **David considered uplifting worship to be a personal responsibility.** Notice the phrase, "*but as for me.*" David did not depend on others to make his worship worthwhile. Worship is what you make of it. Unfulfilling worship is due to how little the participants put into it.
2. **Worship is driven by gratitude.** David came to worship considering, "*Thine abundant lovingkindness.*" Worship and thanksgiving go hand in hand. Perhaps our zeal for church has come about because we simply are not as thankful to the Lord for all that He has done as we should be.
3. **The secret to heartfelt adoration is the fear of the Lord.** David worshiped "*in reverence for Thee.*" The secret is not in new innovations or "contemporary" worship services. The "fire" behind real worship is deep-seated awe at the wonder that is our God!
4. **God is the object of our worship.** David said he would worship "*as Thy Holy temple.*" The worship trends the religious world follows today are geared toward man, not God. Jesus tells us Who to worship and How to worship in John 4:24: "*God is spirit; and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

Every church that applies David's methods to its worship service will notice positive changes. The singing will be more joyful. The Lord's Supper, done with more meaning. Christians will pray more fervently and give cheerfully. Sermons will be more inspiring. It's worth a try, isn't it?

Rick Austin (Cross Plains church of Christ bulletin)

"Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ... And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love."
1 Corinthians 13:8-10,13



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

Baptism Is Not Enough!

The late James Bales, in his book *The Hub of the Bible*, entitled the fifteenth chapter as “Baptism Is Not Enough.” To a church that is continually stressing the need to be baptized for the remission of sins, it might be puzzling to consider that there is something more that is needed. Nonetheless, more there is and blessed are those who realize this fact.

In the second chapter of Acts, Peter and the other apostles preached the first sermons of the Christian era. Their Spirit-guided words pricked the hearts of the crowds concerning guilt and sin so that they asked, “*What shall we do?*” (2:37). As we know, these believers were told to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (2:38), along with many other words of exhortation and instruction (2:40). Many heeded the Divine commands and about three thousand became Christians that day. But they were not through!

Baptism may be called the “door of the church.” It is the portal by which one goes from outside to inside the church. Belief and repentance are the stoop and porch leading to the house of God. Paul told the Galatian brethren that they had been baptized into Christ, indicating that they were now inside the house of God (Gal. 3:27; 1 Tim. 3:15). Under this figure, do we now wander aimlessly about with no purpose nor plan? When we’re tired of being inside, no longer thrilled with the experience, do we walk back out the door? Surely there is something for the newborn in Christ to accomplish which suggests that being baptized into Christ is not an end but a beginning.

Being “born again” is a phrase which does indeed suggest a beginning. When we are converted, we put off the old man of corruption and put on the new man which is created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:22-24). While we may feel like the same person (and undoubtedly in many respects we are), there must be some aspects of our lives that are different, indicated by our willingness to repent as a part of conversion, a term indicating change from our old ways to God’s new ways. It is necessary that we learn how to live as a part of God’s family, for we rise from the watery tomb infused with neither great knowledge nor wisdom. But we can rise with great desire.

Baptism was not enough for the converts on Pentecost. It is not enough to begin a godly life, for one must continue. The writer noted that these 3,000 converts “*continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers*” (Acts 2:42). Notice how these early Christians con-

tinued. It was not sporadically, or when they could slip out from work, or avoid confrontation with their spouses, etc. They continued their Christian journey steadfastly. First, they continued to learn from the apostles, gaining understanding of spiritual principles essential to form the Christian character. Later in life the venerable Peter said, “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby*” (1 Pet. 2:2). We must continue to learn God’s wonderful teachings, and let them influence our thoughts and actions.

Second, they continued steadfastly in fellowship. The term “fellowship” was used to express a relationship involving sharing and communing. Certainly the early brethren shared time in worship, shared material resources, and shared time in one another’s company. Each had entered fellowship with God, Christ and the Spirit, and so had entered fellowship with other Christians. They were a part of a spiritual family! We should so see ourselves. The Hebrews writer said that we should not sin in forsaking the fellowship of the spiritual family found in our worship assemblies on Sunday mornings and evening, and Wednesday evenings. More, we should seek opportunities to be together outside the worship assemblies, sharing our lives and common pursuits.

Third, they continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread. I know of no one who does not continue steadfastly in the breaking of bread for nourishment, so that is not what the record emphasizes. They continued to acknowledge the death, burial and resurrection of the Savior through the Lord’s Supper.

Fourth, they continued steadfastly in prayers. Since prayer is our means of communicating with our Father, these brethren, no doubt together and individually, actively continued this practice. There are proper and improper ways to pray, so the child of God would do well to consider the prayers of Jesus and the apostles in order to know what to pray for, and how to frame acceptable prayers.

When the brethren today continue steadfastly in these particulars, they continue the journey begun at conversion, and they continue to be influences for Christ in their homes and communities. When brethren fail to continue steadfastly in these particulars, they cease to grow spiritually and to be a blessing to others. Baptism is not enough!

Sam Willcut (www.churchofchristarticles.com)

Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord’s Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:30am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

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 Reading Schedule

Nov. 8	Matthew 25
Nov. 9	Matthew 26; Mark 14
Nov. 10	Luke 22, John 13
Nov. 11	John 14-17
Nov. 12	Matthew 27; Mark 15
Nov. 13	Luke 23; John 18-19
Nov. 17	Matthew 28; Mark 16
Nov. 15	Luke 24; John 20-21

“*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*”
(2 Timothy 2:15)



In The News This Week

A ruling by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights requires every public school district in the country to give transgendered students unrestricted access to locker rooms of their choice. The November 2, 2015 decision resulted from a suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of an unnamed Illinois student who "identifies" as a girl, though genetically and anatomically he is male.

The school district had tried to accommodate the student by allowing him to use a separate changing facility outside the locker room, and by installing privacy curtains on stalls in the locker room he uses. However, the student claimed this made him feel "like I was not a 'normal person.'" According to Catherine Lhamon, Assistant U.S. Secretary for Civil Rights, the school was disobeying the law. The DOE gave the school thirty days to comply with its order or face consequences which could include the loss of millions of dollars of federal funds.

We do not doubt that the student may "identify" as a girl. We should not hate him, despise him, or abuse him in any way. Neither should we encourage or accommodate his delusion, which obviously is not normal! Instead, let us love him enough to supply the mental help he needs to overcome it. And we certainly ought not to subject our daughters to the humiliation and embarrassment of exposing their own nakedness to a naked boy, whether in the locker room shower or anywhere else.

The God-given function of civil government is to serve the people for good (Romans 13:4). That most assuredly does not include allowing, much less forcing, young girls to shower with boys! If there is any good to come from this inane ruling, perhaps it will be to awaken the citizens of this once-great Republic to the ridiculous and dangerous extremes the secular progressives have foisted upon us. Millions of parents ought to rise up in holy horror and demand that our elected and appointed officials not only call a halt to this politically-correct madness, but roll it back!

Joe Slater (www.justinchurchofchrist.com)



Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

November Birthdays: Susan Bridges (1), **Tammy Rudloff (8)**, **Emilee Evetts (13)**, Juanita Barnum (15), Randy Huckaby (15), Marcia Turnbull (24), Kevin Wilcox (27).

November Anniversaries: Gene & Barbara Bannister (6), Jack and Judie Turner (18).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Oct. 25, 2015	Nov. 1, 2015
Bible Class	56	48
AM Worship	64	64
PM Worship	53	54
Wednesday PM	56	55
Contribution	\$2,003	\$1,832

Privileged To Serve

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

Next Week: 11/8/15		Next Week: 11/15/15		November 2015	
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		Make Announcements: Don Smith	
Greeters	Jessica Stultz / Hank Wheeler	James & Cindy Fuller		Prepare Communion: John Barnum Family	
Opening Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Gene Bannister		Clean Building: M. & P. Bannister / L. Greer	
Communion	Ken Maninger*, Chase Churchwell John Barnum, Allen Griffith	Don Smith*, Ryan Rudloff Hank Wheeler, Tom Wilcox		Hostess Committee: Laura Huckaby's group	
Closing Prayer	James Thomas	Ken Maninger		December 2015	
Attendance Cards	Jaceten Evetts	Caleb Dennis		Make Announcements: Joe Dennis	
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		Prepare Communion: Churchwell Family	
Opening Prayer	Randy Huckaby	James Fuller		Clean Building: J. & T. Barnum / J. Barnum	
Scripture Reading	Don Smith	Allen Bland		Hostess Committee: Cindy McCaghren's group	
Communion	Ken Maninger	Don Smith			
Closing Prayer	Hank Wheeler	Allen Griffith			
Wednesday Devotionals:	November 11 Don Smith	November 18 Joe Dennis	November 25 Allen Griffith	December 2 Prayer Night	

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 November 8, 2015

Sunday Class Acts 15:22ff
Wednesday Class Ezekiel 25

<p><u>A 1 Corinthians 13 Christian – Lesson 4 of 4</u></p> <p><i>"But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way" (12:31).</i></p> <p><i>"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy" (14:1).</i></p> <p>Love is to be desired and zealously pursued.</p> <p>I. Love is Eternal.</p> <p>A. Miraculous gifts of the 1st century have ceased (13:8-10).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There were nine of these special gifts (chapter 12). They came from each member of the Godhead. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Spirit (12:4), Lord Jesus Christ (12:5), and the Father (12:6). The HS determined who received which gift (12:7-11) – through the laying on of the apostles hands (Acts 8:14-25; 19:6). <i>"But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away" (13:8-10).</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notice the words "fail," "cease," "vanish away" and "done away." When? With the coming of "that which is perfect". When the NT was fully revealed – miraculous gifts ceased. <p>B. In contrast to miracles – "love never fails" (13:8).</p> <p>II. Love is Fundamental – <i>"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (13:13).</i></p> <p>A. Faith is great – but love is greater (13:13).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Faith is a fundamental of Christianity. But love is greater – without love, there can be no obedient faith. <p>B. Hope is great – but love is greater (13:13).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hope focuses our thoughts on tomorrow. But love is greater – without love, there is no obedience – without obedience, we "have no hope." <p>We are commanded to "pursue love" (14:1).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is to be our way of life. It is to be a goal for our lives. 	<p><u>John 16:16-33</u></p> <p>II. ROUND TWO (16-28).</p> <p>A. The confusion (16-18): The disciples do not understand when Jesus says, <i>"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me"</i> (16).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>You will not see Me</i> – a spectator, observe with one's physical eyes. <i>You will see Me</i> – w/ wide-open eyes, not only physical but spiritual. The apostles do not understand. <p>B. The clarification (19-22).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> His explanation (19). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>"You won't see me anymore"</i> (19a): A reference to his death, which will bring about great grief. <i>"You will see me again"</i> (19b): A reference to his resurrection, which will bring about great joy! His example (20-22): To illustrate the way their sorrow will turn to joy, Jesus refers to a woman giving birth. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This all relates back to v. 16. <i>You will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice</i> (20). <i>You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.</i> An illustration (21). The explanation (22). <p>C. The comfort (23-28).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Jesus says that the Father will give them all they need because of the Son</u> (23). <u>Jesus says the Father loves them dearly</u> (24-28). <p>III. ROUND THREE (29-33).</p> <p>A. The disciples speak (29-30).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>"Now You are speaking plainly"</i> (29). <u>"We believe that You came forth from God"</u> (30). <p>B. The Savior speaks (31-33).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The bad news (31-33a): <i>"In the world you will have tribulation."</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Do you now believe? – Do your really believe?</i> <i>That in Me you may have peace.</i> The glad news (33b): <i>"Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 1 John 5:4.
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