

Larry's Lines

What Do You Expect in Worship

It's Sunday. You have made your way to the assembly of the saints. You enter the door, find a seat, and wait for the service to begin. Is this just going to be a way of killing an hour, or would something more important happen? Geoffrey Wainwright in his book *Doxology* has given me food for thought by listing eight "attitudes" which typically occur in Christian worship.

1. **Adoration:** There is the acknowledgement of God's transcendence. Our response is: "Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Psalm 95:6).
2. **Confession of sin:** How can we be in the presence of the Holy One without acknowledging our failed potential and missed opportunities? There should be penitence in our hearts and the confession of sin upon our lips.
3. **Proclamation and thanksgiving.** The address of proclamation is to the world; the address of thanksgiving is to God. Yet these things are closely related because proclamation and thanksgiving typically recite the mighty acts of God on behalf of humanity and His benefits bestowed on us.
4. **Commitment:** We are offering ourselves to God in obedience for His service.
5. **Intercession:** God's commitment to the world is shown by His very creation of it, by His continuing preservation of it, and by His redemption of it through Jesus Christ. But human intercessions are addressed to God from within our hearts, pleading with God to have mercy on our souls.
6. **Expectation:** "I will lift up my eyes..." (Psalm 121:1). When the believer looks to God he is expecting help.
7. **Absence:** The sense of God's absence implies a relationship. This leads toward a search for God and a positive response to His call. God is never really absent from a creation which he never ceases to love.
8. **Wrestling:** Human wrestling with God in prayer. Remember Jacob's night-long wrestling at Penuel (Genesis 32).

I hope we will examine ourselves today and see how many of these eight "attitudes" we find present as we worship. To properly worship God we must prepare our hearts to do so. This means putting aside the cares and concerns of the world to focus our thoughts on God. It also means that we will make every effort to be on time for the start of our worship service. We must likewise remember that when the congregation is called to order at the start of our service, we should cease our visiting with one another and focus our thoughts on our purpose for assembling together-

TO HONOR AND WORSHIP GOD.

Have a Great Week! Larry

Upcoming Events

Tonight we will have a guest speaker from Truth for Life Today, Eddie Cloer.

Youth Led Services have been moved to Sunday, May 6, 2018. Young men, please let Jeremy or David Shew know if you would like to participate.

Mission Sunday will take place May 6, 2018. All contributions collected that day will benefit both of our Honduras Mission Trips.

Carvers Coloring Crew will be collecting unused coloring books, colored pencils, crayons and other art supplies during the month of May and June. Start watching for the boxes and place your donations in them. The more we collect, the more we can help the children at the Arkansas Children hospital have a moment of happiness during a dark time in their lives. See Lexi Cobb for details.

The LTC Banquet will take place May 6, 2018 right after evening services. Please plan to attend this event and support our kids as they receive their awards for all of their hard work this past year.

NOTICES

Today all contributions will go to our building fund.

TEACHER SIGN UPS: Going On Right Now: Next Quarter Begins June 3, 2018.

Threads of Love are making microwave bowl pot holders for a donation of \$5.00 or more. All proceeds go to the Green Valley Renovation Fundraiser. Please pick out the one you like and give your donation to Dixie Dalrymple, Mary Hutton, Janice Thomas, or Barbara Parsley. You need to hurry, they will only be making them thru June.

Pantry Items needed: Peanut Butter and Jelly

More information about these and other events can be found on the Events board in the foyer.

Happy Birthday

April 29th

Teena Cobb

Ty Brunkhardt

May 2nd

Laura Hughes

Vada Loker

May 3rd

Shirley Gross

May 6th

Carissa Knapp

Drake Bradford

C.R.E.W. is cancelled for May. The next meeting will be in June.

Check the **Events** board as there are many events going on right now. This board is updated daily.

VBS is now underway. Save the date of June 25-27. If you would like to help in anyway, see Jeremy Myers.

Teen Notices/Events

Youth that went to the **ARK Retreat** will be returning this morning by the end of morning services.

Uplift is June 9-14, 2018 at Harding University in Searcy, AR for youth in 7-12th grade. Deadline to sign up is May 1, 2018.

Happy Anniversary

May 5th

Jim and Linda Allen

Online Registration is now open for Green Valley Bible Camp. Register at www.greenvalleybiblecamp.com.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits:

Those with recent health issues:

Pearl Couch has been admitted to WRMC room 4307, **Delores Jeffries** (mother in law of Carrie Davis) had hip surgery, **Shirley Hester** is having health problems, **Kim Williams** (Megan Bassing's Aunt) cancer has come back, **Helen Friend** is in the hospital, **Parker Kholer** (Shirley Hesters great grandson) was hit by a truck and is in the hospital with a broken pelvis, **Larry Culbreath** will be having surgery on his shoulder the 30th of April at Physicians Hospital. **Henry Hickman** (brother of Lisa and Roy Lewis) is in stage 5 of kidney failure, **Bonnie Cherry** is now at home recovering. **Jessica Carey** is going through a tough time.

Those who have lost loved ones: Ruth Turner and the family of Bessie Richey.

Those on Hospice: Millie Hood and Oma Leta Smith

Those fighting Cancer: Keith Montgomery, Leslie Cones and Darvil Tester (Pam Hill's step-father).

Those who need your continual prayer and consideration!

Arlie Pennington, Pearl Couch, Emmett Windham, Shirley Bates, Roger and Shirley Gross, Norma Williams, Roy Howard, Betty Jordan, Geneva Montgomery, Vada Loker and Kendra Phillips.

The leaders of our community, our state, our country, as well as our Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas.

**All names submitted to the prayer list will appear for four continuous weeks. After that time, they will be removed unless further updates are received. You can always resubmit a name should they need continual or additional prayers.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTH OF May 2018

Lord's Table

Josh Fortenberry
Easton Wolfe
Mike Mitchell
Matt Bassing
Virgil Harmon

Bradon Wolfe
Jonathan Martindale
Heath Huffmaster
Doug Goodpasture
Dustin Mayhew

Ushers

Terry Wilson
Alan Fortenberry
Chesley Martin
Jesse Shefelbine

Greeters

Randall Harriman
Janice Jones

Ruby Wall
Larry Dalrymple

Announcements

Joe Harriman
Matt Bassing
Heath Huffmaster

Deliver Communion

Dustin Mayhew

Prepare Communion

Tracy Scott
Jordan Scott

Nursery Attendants

Pam Hill
Amy Scott

Audrey Hill
Maya Scott

P.A. System

Larry Lloyd

Song Leader

Brad Harriman

If you would like email reminders of your service assignment, please provide the office with your email address.

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**THE LORD'S DAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

WELCOME

Announcements
Virgil Harmon

Song Leader
Marc Wolfe

Hymn 57
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn PP Only
While on the Sea

OPENING PRAYER
Bruce Casada

Hymn 287
There is a Redeemer

Hymn 314
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:3-6
Terry Huffmaster

Communion Prayer
Chesley Martin

LORD'S SUPPER
Offering

Hymn 267
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:24-27
John Cobb

**Sermon by
Larry Culbreath**

*"The Cost of
Being Lost"*

Invitation Hymn 708
Reach Out to Jesus

Closing Hymn 722
Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen

Closing Prayer
Bobby Hill

Welcome Visitors!
We are so happy to have you, and consider you our honored guest. If we can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask any of our members. We would love to help make your visit a pleasant one.

May Events

May 4th
Gospel Meeting at South Hill Church of Christ

May 6th
Combs Street Church of Christ

Revival
Deacons Meeting
LTC Banquet

May 8th
Threads of Love

May 10th
Elders Meeting

May 13th
Mothers Day
C.R.E.W Fellowship (Cancelled)

May 20th
Jar Sunday

May 22nd
Threads of Love

May 24
Elders Meeting

May 26th
Teen Devo at the Mayhew's

May 27th
4th Sunday Fellowship
Mexican/ 40's and 50's

*Johnson church of Christ
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COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday: 9:30 AM
Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Morning Worship: 10:20 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.
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Church Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesdays, and
Thursday 8:30 – 4:30
Wednesday 8:30-6:30
Friday 8:30 – 2:30

MISSIONARIES

Marco Antonio
Herbert Chukwu

ELDERS

Alan Fontenberry
Virgil Harmon
Joe Harriman
Terry Huffmaster
Kevin Murray

DEACONS

Jim Allen
Pete Ball
JP Bradford
David Cherry
Jared Cobb
Josh Fontenberry
Doug Goodpasture
Randall Harriman
Richard Hutton
Heath Huffmaster
Chesley Martin
Steve Martindale
Michael Marvin
Dustin Mayhew
David Shew

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

April 22, 2018

Bible Study: 197
Morning Worship: 416
Evening Worship: 123
Wednesday Night: 143
Chapters Read: 221
Contribution: \$8377.00

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday Evening

April 29, 2018

Song Leader: Jonathan Martindale
Prayer:
Guest Speaker: Eddie Cloer
From Truth For Today
Announcements: David Cherry
Closing Prayer:

May 2, 2018

Wednesday Evening

April 29, 2018

Song Leader: Mike Mitchell
Opening Prayer: Steve Martindale
Devotional: Terry Huffmaster
Announcements: JP Bradford
Closing Prayer: Matt Johnson

May 6, 2018

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Joe Harriman
Song Leader: Brad Harriman
Opening Prayer: Larry Scott
Communion Scripture: Randal Harriman
Communion Prayer: Virgil Harmon
Scripture Reading: Phillip Sanders
Closing Prayer: Ty Brunkhardt

**Welcome to Johnson
Church of Christ**

THIS IS THE DAY
THAT THE LORD
HAS MADE; LET US
REJOICE
& BE GLAD IN IT

PSALM 118:24

April 29, 2018