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Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Tuesday Benevolence 9:00 -10:00am

January 13, 2019

God's Worship

Kevin Cauley

We read within the Bible that Christians assembled together upon the first day of the week to worship God through His Son, Jesus (Acts 20:7). When they met together, they studied God's word, prayed, sang hymns of praise, gave of their income, and partook of the Lord's supper. We have examples for each of these practices within the New Testament (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 14:15; 16:1-2). We see in these simple, yet powerful, actions of worship, how God desires to be worshipped in the name of His Son, Jesus.

The worship observed within the churches of Christ is one of the biggest differences that are noted by those who are not members of the church of Christ. Many want to know where the "music" is. Many want to know why the Lord's supper is observed every Sunday. Many want to know why such emphasis is placed upon Bible study. Many want to know why we do not "tithe." The answer is really quite simple, though many do not accept it. We seek to worship God upon the terms and conditions that God has set for worship within the New Testament.

One will not find the word "tithe" in the New Testament. One will not find the use of mechanical instruments of music in the worship of the church in the New Testament. One will not find the Lord's supper being observed once a quarter, or month in the New Testament, but every Sunday. One will not find within the New Testament "self-help" motivational speaking, but rather the preaching and teaching of the word of God. It is our desire to worship God in the way that God would have us worship Him, not in the way that makes man feel good. We seek to serve God in our worship, not to serve self.

We worship God not to gain an emotional experience, but because God is worthy of our worship. Revelation 4:11 states, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." The reason for our very existence is to give pleasure to God; it makes no sense for God's creation to fashion worship practices which give pleasure to the creature rather than the creator.

Indeed, who ought to determine how we are to worship? The one who worships? Or the one who deserves to be worshipped? Certainly, the creature has no right to tell the creator how he/she is going to worship Him. God Himself must tell us what we may do to worship; we dare not approach God with our own righteousness (Romans 10:1-3).

Jesus said that God desires to be worshipped in spirit and in truth. Spiritual worship is worshipping God out of a humble, respectful, and subservient attitude. Truthful worship means to worship God according to His word, for God's word is truth (John 17:17).

So as we worship together this day, let us focus upon God as the one toward whom we are worshipping; let us acknowledge His wishes in the way in which He would have us to worship Him; and let us be content to satisfy God in our worship as opposed to satisfying ourselves.

How Have You Loved Us?

Useless Excuses – Part 1

Malachi**New Year's Resolutions** (How are you doing?)

- Bible men: Would _____! Yet, would get back up
- The problem arises when we go on sinning “_____” (Hebrews 10:26)

Nehemiah – Built the wall around Jerusalem

- Not only did they restore security to the city... they restored a _____ nature!
- Signed a document pledging several things
 - _____ with God (10:29)
 - No _____ marriages (10:30)
 - Keep the _____ Day (10:31)
 - _____ properly (10:32)
- Nehemiah leaves, returns to find that several had _____ the promises

This context in mind: we go to Malachi

- _____ times the people come up with _____ - “But you say...”
(1:2, 6, 7; 2:14, 17; 3:7, 8, 13)

**Today's Useless Excuse:
“God doesn't love me” (1:2)**

Despite their actions, He still revealed His love to them

1. He _____ them (1:2)**2. He _____ them (1:2b-3)****3. He _____ to continue showing them****God's Invitation (Chapter 4)**

- Issues a _____
- Issues a _____
- Issues a _____

Fear
Exodus Series**God's Commission to Moses:** I will _____ you

- Do we understand the weight of this commission?
- He brought MANY excuses
 - Excuses in Malachi: Motivated out of _____
 - Excuses of Moses: Motivated out of _____

1. Who am _____?**2. Who are _____?****3. What if they don't _____ me?****4. Have You _____ me?****5. Don't You have _____?**

Moses' own existence is a tribute to many _____

- When Moses feared _____
- These _____ feared _____

Back to God's Responses**1. I will be with you!****2. I AM the _____ One****3. They will _____ you****4. I will be with you!****5. _____ with a solution****Remember a _____ with a _____**

Winter Retreat
 Grades 6-12 Friday Jan. 18 - Sunday Jan 20
 \$40 per camper Fort Parker, Mexia, TX

FOUNDATIONS




**Habitat
 for Humanity®**
 of Navarro County

(sign-up on back table)



Let's build together on January 26, 8a-12p.



**LADS
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 LEADERS**
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 BUILDING GODLY LEADERS

February 1-2, 2019

Mr & Mrs

Couples Retreat

WesthillWORKS!

Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
 Habitat for Humanity
 Food for Fitness
 Forever His

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
 In Search of the Lord's Way
 Bear Valley Bible Institute
 Brown Trail Spanish Preaching
 The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*
 WVBS *school.wvbs.org*
 La Poynor Prison Ministry

Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program
 Cameroon Preacher Training Program

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 David Shastid - 903.257.6464
 Jose Sosa - 903.872.0535
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Shepherds

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Ministers

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 Brandon Watson - 903.771.6359 (Family)
 Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Prayer List

Faith Beamon has been approved to go to My Children's House in Dallas for further treatment.

Billy Roughton's uncle, Ray Jones, has been placed on Hospice Care.

Earleen Denton is feeling better, but will remain in ICU for a few days.

Beverly Heathcote's dad, Lee Nevill, has pneumonia and has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Ruth Ann Watson, Trey Billingsly, Debra Woodcock, Pat Wheat, Hagan Webster, James Welch, Bobby Compton, Jan Ross, Teresa Jenkins, Randy Daw, Connie Benishek, & Henry Wooten

Announcements

2019 Budget has been printed for your review. It is available on a table at the back of the auditorium.

Please turn in your **Westhill Works Involvement card** to the office if you have not done so.

Youth Devo 6-12 Grades at Brent & Lanette Stewart's home **tonight** after services. Boys bring drinks & girls bring desserts.

Youth Winter Retreat - 1/18-1/20 (leave Fri. at 5:29pm)

Habitat for Humanity - 1/26 (sign-up on back table)

Potluck Lunch Sunday - 1/27

Couples' Retreat - 2/1 - 2/2

Lads to Leaders - practices start 2/3

T-3 Youth Event - 2/15-2/16 (sign-up on back table)

Westhill- Our family is so thankful for the continued prayers and support of the Westhill congregation for Faith! The prayer gatherings, the visits, transportation, and the many burdens that have been lightened by the touch or encouraging word of a brother or sister in Christ have been so uplifting. We are grateful and humbled by your love. **-In Him, Lee Beamon**

Westhill Family- Thank you for all your prayers, cards and visits which were so uplifting, and special thanks to the ones who stayed with us in the hospital during the long surgery. That meant so much to us. Because of your prayers the surgery was a success. Please continue praying for the upcoming chemo and radiation.

-With all of our love, Bobby & Dianne Compton

Westhill- Thank you so much for all of the love you have shown me over the loss of my sister, and your kindness and sweet words for my recent birthday and the happy holiday wishes. Your words mean so much to me! **-Love, Christine Garner**

Beamon Fund - There has been a Go Fund Me account set up as well as an account where donations may be made at Community National. If you prefer to donate through Westhill, please give your donations directly to the office or to an elder, and earmark funds for the Beamons.

Birthdays This Week

January 12 - Tiffany Hendrix

January 14 - Raquel Orona, Bronny Watson, & Ruth Ann Watson

January 16 - Veran Barrett, Annalee Olsen, & Billie Thomas

January 17 - Dilynne Newman & Bobbie Roberts

January 18 - Ty Gibson

January 19 - Sandy Perryman

Records for January 6, 2019

Bible Class	184
AM Worship.....	260
PM Worship.....	128
Wednesday.....	
Contribution	\$8,392.77

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Zach Drain
Opening Prayer	Eric Olsen
Communion Leader	Don Ivy
Communion Servers	
George Schmidt	Bronny Watson
Millard Dowdle	Wade Braly
James Horn	Nate Haden
Luke Baumgartner	Larry Rowden
Nicholas Tooley	Mark McWherter
Collin Barham	Danny Driskell
Dan Gibson	
Scripture Reading	David Mahoney
Closing Prayer	Percell Milton
Nursery	Lee Owens & Emily Roughton
PM Song Leader	Brandon Watson
PM Opening Prayer	Jose Sosa Jr.
PM Closing Prayer	Dale Hill
Wed. Song Leader	Michael Jones
Wed. Invitation	Tim Cooke
January Contact Elder	Don Ivy