



First Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....10:30AM

Jr/Sr High Youth Activities.....6:00PM

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How Do You Respond?

As Christians gather to worship and hear the teaching from God's Word there seems to be a wide range of response from the congregation to the preaching of the word. Some quite vocal and even animated in their responses, while others will not even move a muscle or utter a sound for fear of breaking some kind of meditative code of conduct. I don't want to pass a judgment on anyone's worship to the Lord, only say that we are to not be a distraction to the body, but to edify and an encouragement to each other however our praise be shown. There have been many a speaker who upon making some point which is considered powerful, will then incite the body by saying: "And all the people said, 'Amen.'" This speaking of the word "Amen" is to say: "Let it be so," that is the meaning.

I want to take a moment and look at some Biblical examples of this kind of demonstration. This statement from the people, or one similar, occurs 16 times in the Bible and they are all found in the Old Testament. Of the 16 statements, 12 are found in just the book of Deuteronomy 27:14-26. In this section of scripture the people of Israel were responding after the pronouncement of curses on those who committed various sins. Their exclamation of "Amen" showed their agreement with the judgment. Here is the last curse: "Cursed is he who does not confirm the works of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'" (Deut. 27:26).

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King David spoke to the people declaring his thankfulness for the return of the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem and the people responded at the end of his speaking this way: *“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. Then all the people said, ‘Amen,’ and praised the Lord.”* (1 Chr. 16:36). When the Israelites were allowed to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall, there was delay in getting the wall completed. So Nehemiah rebuked some of the people because of their covetousness and he gave them a warning of God’s judgment on them if they didn’t repent. The people responded with this statement at the end of Nehemiah’s exhortation: *“...And all the assembly said, ‘Amen!’ And they praised the Lord. Then the people did according to this promise.”* (Neh. 5:13). After the wall of Jerusalem was rebuilt, Ezra was called to read the book of the law of Moses to all the people, and as they began we read this: *“Then Ezra blessed the Lord the great God. And all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen!’ while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.”* (Neh. 8:6). The last statement comes from the book of Psalms. It is found in Ps. 106 that speaks of Israel’s disobedience and God’s deliverance. At the end of this Psalm it says this: *“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And let all the people say, ‘Amen.’ Praise the Lord!”* (Ps. 106:48).

How you choose to show praise and worship, in spirit and in truth, to God is a personal decision. From some Biblical examples it can be seen that whenever God’s Word is read or spoken to a congregation, whether in speaking out against sin or thanksgiving for blessing and revival, or maybe just simply as praise to the Lord for His eternal goodness, there is nothing inappropriate for the people to respond with a heartfelt “Amen” or dare I say even a “Hallelujah” from time to time.

In His service,

Doug

UPCOMING	EVENTS:
March 16 6:30PMWalk Through	March 23 6:30PM Walk Through
March 17 . . .Leadership Reports Due . . .	March 25 6:00PM . .H.F.B.S./Carry-In, DVD at the church
March 19 10:00AM . . . Ladies Ministry meeting	March 27 9:30AM Will Walls to speak (Christian Missionary Fellowship)
March 20 FAMILY SUNDAY 6:00PMFamily Movie Night	March 30 6:30PM Walk Through
March 21 7:00PM Leadership meeting	

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Ladies Meeting

The Women's Ministry will meet on Saturday, March 19th at 10:00AM.

Family Sunday

Sunday, March 20th is a Family Sunday and is also Family Movie Night. Come and join us at FCC for a movie and popcorn. Starts at 6:00PM.

Leadership Meeting

Next meeting is Monday, March 21st at 7:00PM. Jeff Boyer will lead devotions from the book "Simple Church", pages 94 through 105.

Home Fellowship

We will meet here at the church on Friday, March 25th for a Carry-In and Bible Study. We'll eat at 6:00PM and DVD will start at approximately 7:00PM. All age groups welcome. Please come and be a part of our fellowship!

Missionary Visit

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 27th. Will Walls with Christian Missionary Fellowship will be here to give us an update during Bible School Hour. We will meet in the Sanctuary. This is an opportunity to learn more about one of our many Missions that we support.

Western Buckye Service Camp

Chuck Glunt has scheduled a couple of days next month for camp work days. If you can help with getting Camp Christian ready for the kids, please see Chuck. Camp Work Days are Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th. Camp Dates for all the age groups are posted on bulletin board.

List of Names

If you know of anyone who will be graduating from high school or college in 2011, please turn their names into the office as soon as possible. Also, we need a list of college students and their addresses so we can send "care packages" or boxes that the Women's Ministry will be preparing on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00AM.

Work Day

The Building and Grounds Ministry has a work day scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. Please mark your calendar. More information will follow later.



Good Friday

Coming up next month there will be a Community Good Friday Service, April 22nd at the school at 7:00PM.

Prayer Concerns

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Nelson Collett; Heather Good; Jerry Harris;
Karmen Kellams; Joe & Eula Newland

Our Missionaries including:

Chris & Nicki Chambers—Chris is no longer physically able to continue his work with Pioneer Bible Translators

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

Bob Bretzinger—Sandy Thornburg's brother
Pamela Cole—Charlie & Ruth Cole's daughter-in-law
Janice Dill—Bob Thornburg's sister

Assisted Living and/or Nursing home:

Modoc Group Home:

Rochella Newland

Pine Knoll:

Mary Norris

Randolph Nursing Home:

Virginia Frazier
Alice Hartley

Summers Pointe:

Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

Please keep Jeff Boyer and Family in prayer in the loss of his father, Jerry Boyer.

These names and concerns have been reported or updated to the church in the last month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.

Serwant Spotlight *by Rebecca Glunt*

Ecclesiastes 12:9-10 says, "Not only was the Teacher wise, but also he imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. The teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was up-right and true (NIV)." As the head of the Library Ministry, Joan Pike does try to find just the right words, books, videos, and music for the library for a variety of different audiences. She wanted to make sure to convey that she is very grateful for everyone who has helped with the library.

Joan has been a member since 1998 and has been involved in the library ministry since 2001. This was a natural progression for Joan, since she graduated in 1961 from Indiana University with a degree in English and Library Science. Joan grew up in this area. When she was a young girl, she contracted Polio in 1949. Joan was baptized in 1958, one week before she and Joe were married. Joe Pike was an intern at First Church of Christ when he was a student at Butler. The Pikes had two sons and have four grandchildren – one girl and three boys. Joan also has one very adorable 2 ½ year old great granddaughter. Joan and Joe Pike were married for 49 years and 5 months, until death parted them.

Over the years, Joan has also been a part of Sunday School classes and Women's Bible Studies. She has also been a part of the Bible Study Fellowship for 15 years starting in Irving, TX and then later in Richmond. Joan's interest in a library ministry began at the Story Road Christian Church in Irving, TX when she and another woman began exchanging books of their own and then decided to begin a library ministry at the church there, from their own collection. Joan also had retired from Dallas Public Schools as an elementary school librarian after approximately 26 years of service. Her interest in the library began even earlier when she was in high school and worked at the Washington Township (Lynn) Library for 8 ½ hours on Saturdays and earned \$1.50 per day.

When this writer asked if Joan had a favorite Bible verse, Joan said that, "For the majority of my life I have been eager to know the Bible." Her favorite verse is one that we all can live by and one that we can all do more of with the library ministry. Joan's favorite verse is found in II Timothy 2:15 which states, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth....(KJV)."