



## JOIN THE TRIUMPH

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*"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." ~ Romans 15:5-7*

**Worship.** A powerful two-syllable word in our English language derived from an Old English word, *worthscipeor* "worship". The two roots, worth and ship, tell us a lot about what worship is. "Worth" refers to worthiness, giving worth to something and "ship" means "to shape." Essentially, our worship shapes us by what we attribute worth to be. If we worship money and material possessions, then we will be shaped by those things. If we worship our career, our career in turn becomes a defining factor in our lives. The same is true of God. As

we worship God, God can (and does) shape us.

In Hebrew, the seven most common words used to describe worship include, *barak* (kneel/bow), *halal* (praising with your lips), *shachah* (fall down flat), *tehillah* (sing a new song), *todah* (thanksgiving), *yadah* (extend/hold out the hand), and *zamar* (touching the strings or parts of a musical instrument). Every single one of these words has a very physical, very active meaning. There is no "state of being" in this definition, but a very real description of the ways in which we

are to act toward God. These words infer movement, action, interaction, and relationship. God used the greatest songwriter in all history, David, to write 150 of the greatest songs which are found in the book of Psalms. He instructs us to "enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!" (Psalm 100:4). Psalm 95 says, "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. As believers in

## Prayer Focus: Worship

We are told to worship God "in Spirit and in Truth"

### In Spirit

With Reverence: fear, awe, respect for God as our creator and Authority

With Purpose: focusing on who God is, in character and power

With Totality: giving to God all we are, not just our physical acts. God demands everything from every part of us

### In Truth

With Purity: holding nothing else equal with God in our lives

With Authenticity: as we are, and willing to grow. Humble and true.

With Honesty: coming to God in our current circumstances and honest emotions.

Let us Pray

### Elder Meeting Notes

- Discussed reorganization and restructuring of church tasks
- Prayed sincerely for the needs of the church
- Considered new safety guidelines

### Prayer Focus Night: Worship

**Friday, September 16 @ 7pm**

*Join us in worship as we gather together in praise to our Creator, our Redeemer, our Helper, our Great God in Heaven. We will sing, we will pray, we will join together in one Spirit, under one Baptism, to praise our one and only God.*



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and to make Him known*

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## *Fall Family Breakfast*

**Sunday Sept 18 @ 9.30**

Let us gather together to break bacon and enjoy fellowship as we jump into fall with our Annual Fall Family Breakfast. As Sunday School, Sunday Night, and Ezekiel kick-off again we celebrate the end of summer break and the return to our busy season by eating our full and reminding ourselves that we are a family, gathered together to worship our Father in heaven.

## Join the Triumph (cont.)

Christ, we are instructed to sing, make a joyful noise and come into the House of the Lord with songs of praise.

When we gather weekly together at FBC, we do not gather for "us" or for what we can get or gain. We simply gather to **celebrate Christ**. As believers, we have a unique opportunity to give back to Him through worship. Our service commences with songs of praise. This is the time where we can connect with God through song and look at what He's done for us and praise and celebrate Him freely. As the worship team leads us in song, this is when we can praise Him with one voice and give this as an offering to God. We are all

together in this and we have an "audience of one"- our Almighty God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We can block out the many obstacles and trials life dishes out to us and just concentrate on praising God for He is worthy and deserves this worship.

So, let's ask ourselves, with what God has done in our lives, how does He deserve to be celebrated? The truth is God has given us more than we can ever possibly have dreamed of. He sent His one and only perfect son Jesus to die for us. And on that cross He carried with Him all the sins of the world. He took our place and we can now have a second chance made possible through the ultimate sacri-

fice of Jesus. By confessing our sins, repenting, and believing Jesus is the one and only true God, we now have a new life and the gift of His Holy Spirit living in us. Let's celebrate Him the way He deserves to be celebrate by singing with all that you have, raising your hands in honor of Him, and clap like He deserves to be applauded! Let's worship God in spirit and truth, with hearts of gladness and joyful faces! "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

*#Worship...Join the Triumph!*



## **FAITH FOR FOREVER**

Adult Sunday School will be discussing 1&2 Thessalonians. Often skimmed or skipped, these first letters of Paul bring great news of endurance and faith as well as challenging verses about future events. Join us @ 10 as we discuss this underappreciated book.

## **JESUS IS GREATER**

Sunday Night @ 270 Colonial starts up again on 9/25 @ 6.30pm with a verse-by-verse treatment of Hebrews. This amazing treatise on faith sweeps the scope of the Old and New Testament and brings to light the work of God from beginning to end, all the while pointing to the supremacy and worthiness of Christ over all.

## **WATERLESS CLOUDS**

To perceive what is not obvious, to examine carefully, to weigh and measure, to know what is right and wrong. Discernment is wisdom made real. All women are welcome to come Thursday nights @ 7pm starting Oct 6th as Laura Giorgio leads a study inspired by Justin Peters on discerning the Spirit of God from the spirits of man and darkness.

*Samuel said, "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams." ~ 1 Samuel 15:22*